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WEATHER: Tuesday, mostly sunny, high 65-70, winds S at 10-20. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, low 40-45. Wednesday, mostly sunny, high 70-75.

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Napping at noon

Michelle Penning, a sophomore mathematics major, gets a little sun as the temperatures climbed to 70 degrees in Lincoln Monday. Penning said she was relieving stress before taking a quiz.

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UNL charged with sex discrimination

By Victoria Ayotte
 Senior Reporter

The Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education has reopened a complaint against the University of Nebraska-Lincoln which alleges that dining facilities for male and female athletes are not comparable.

The complaint states that male athletes are served in the more contemporary Hewitt Center, which was completed in 1985, while female athletes have training facilities in the Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Complex.

Brad Munn, affirmative action/equal employment opportunity officer, said in a press release that the complaint was filed about three years ago when the federal government had no jurisdiction over programs not receiving federal funding.

The case was reopened as a result of congressional action this spring which mandated that any program or offering by a federal contractor must comply with civil rights legislation, Munn said.

Title IX of civil rights legislation states that programs for men and women athletes must be comparable.

Three investigators from the civil rights office visited UNL recently, Munn said, and interviewed members of the athletic department and himself.

There have been several routine compliance reviews at UNL during the past decade and each time the university has "fared extremely well," he said.

This is the first on-site investigation from a specific Title IX discrimination charge, he said.

Munn said he doesn't anticipate any problems at UNL.

Munn said he expects a decision on the case next spring.

Phony UNL band members soliciting candy door-to-door

By Brandon Loomis
 Staff Reporter

Door-to-door candy salesmen in Lincoln are posing as volunteers collecting money to buy new uniforms for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Cornhusker Marching Band, university officials said.

Jay Kloeker, assistant director of the marching band, said the UNL School of Music has received at least two calls in the past week from persons asking about the legitimacy of the uniform drive. He said he has not authorized a fund raising drive of any kind for the band.

"If anybody does come around," he said, "they are definitely not a part of university bands."

Kloeker said when the band does purchase new uniforms, all funds come either from the music department's tax budget or from indi-

vidual supporters.

"We never do any kind of door-to-door sales at all," he said.

Bob Bruce, UNL director of university information, said he periodically receives complaints that door-to-door salesmen are claiming to represent the university. He said the university never authorizes door-to-door sales drives.

Bruce said a group selling discount coupon books and claiming to represent the university several years ago was identified and asked to "cease and desist."

Kloeker said people claiming to represent the marching band once sold light bulbs door-to-door, but were never caught.

Bruce said the university has asked the Better Business Bureau to look into the current claims.

"At this point, that's the extent of the contacts we've made," he said.

Good News publicly apologizes for printing anti-Semitic picture

By Victoria Ayotte
 Senior Reporter

The UNL Good News publicly apologized Monday for a picture appearing in last Wednesday's edition that offended a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor who said it was anti-Semitic.

"We fully and sincerely apologize," said Nels Forde, publisher and faculty adviser of the Good News.

The picture, which illustrated a Halloween story, showed a man with twisted features. The words above it read "The Eternal Jew" in Dutch, according to Louis Leviticus, a professor of agricultural engineering.

Leviticus said the poster was used by the Nazis in the Netherlands during World War II to make Jewish people look bad.

As a child, Leviticus said, he grew

up with the posters glaring down at him, and the posters became a symbol of fear.

Forde said newspaper staff members did not know what the words said, since none of them can read Dutch or Hebrew.

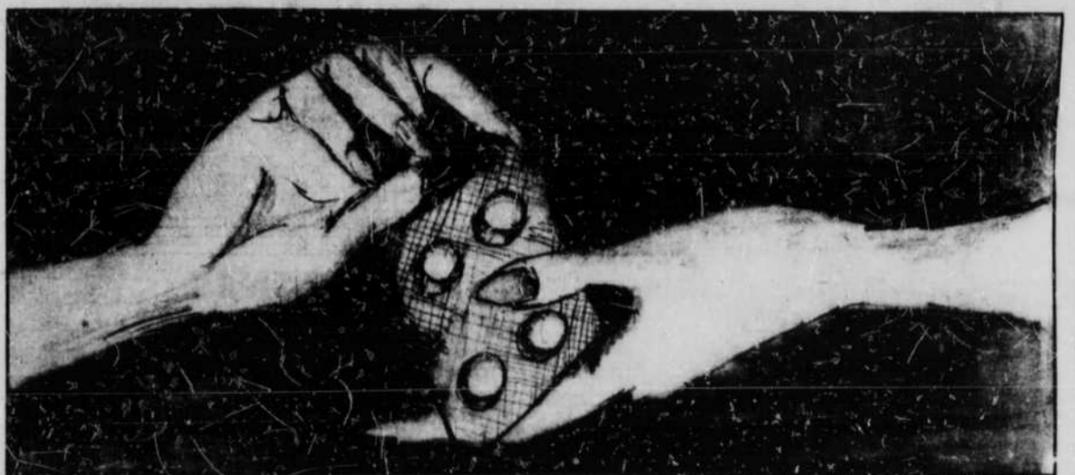
"It was done in innocence and ignorance," Forde said.

Forde said the picture came from a Halloween book and that "it was a bad choice."

"We wish to fully apologize for that picture and any expression of anti-Semitism it conveys," he said. "We are in no way anti-Semitic."

"I want so badly to make amends for any feelings this man (Leviticus) has suffered. Words can't convey it," Forde said.

Forde said the newspaper will print a full retraction in its next issue.



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U.S. won't see abortion pill yet

By David Holloway
 Senior Reporter

Some experts say a new abortion pill, called RU486 will not reach the United States in the near future.

C.J. LaBenze, an obstetrician gynecologist at Women's Services in Omaha, said he didn't think a company will try to promote the drug within the next five years because of negative side-effects.

LaBenze said the side-effects of RU486, developed in France, include hemorrhaging and pose a certain amount of risk of infection. He said having an abortion at a clinic poses less chance of infection than taking the new pill.

Jan Kennedy, director of Planned Parenthood in Omaha, said various anti-abortion groups will threaten to boycott any U.S. company that considers distributing the drug.

Joellen McGinn, a pharmacist at University of Nebraska-Lincoln Health Center, said any company that tries to introduce RU486 in the United States must be well estab-

lished in order to take the pressure from anti-abortion groups.

Kennedy said the new abortion pill is the future of abortion practices. She said the pill will change the public's idea of abortion because it allows women to get rid of the egg in the early stages of pregnancy.

"The pill will stop the kind of picketing and harassments that happens outside abortion clinics," Kennedy said. "Women will be able to get rid of the egg in the privacy of their own home."

LaBenze said he thinks women will still want to go to clinics because of the low risk factor.

LaBenze said RU486 is an anti-progestrone. He said progestrone is a female hormone that prolongs pregnancy time and allows the fetus to grow. He said the anti-progestrone pill causes the wall surrounding the embryo to shed. If the pill is taken shortly after intercourse, he said, it prevents a fertile egg implantation.

LaBenze said a woman must take the pill two to three days in a row and the abortion begins on the

third day. He said the pill is effective 42 to 45 days after a woman's last period.

LaBenze said the only way women can get the drug in the United States is to buy it on the black market.

"The (Food and Drug Administration) is making it illegal to bring RU486 into the U.S.," LaBenze said. "The FDA has not even been approached by a company in the U.S. to put the product on the market."

Kennedy said the drug is available in Europe. He said that increases the chances the drug will be accepted in the United States.

"The drug will be available in the U.S. legally or illegally," Kennedy said. "Women have always been able to get a hold of such drugs."

LaBenze said it could take another five to 10 years before the drug enters the United States.

"We've got groups that are still against birth control pills," LaBenze said. "It will be a long time before a pill such as a RU486 is accepted in the U.S."