

Cauble: Weather kept fight from snowballing

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

Four University of Nebraska-Lincoln students were arrested and two others were treated for injuries at the University Health Center after a snowball fight late Tuesday night on 16th Street, north of the Neihardt Residence Hall.

Lt. Ken Cauble of the UNL Police Department said one police report indicated there were 150 to 250 people involved in the clash.

Damage reports are estimated at \$400 to \$500, Cauble said. But some damages still may be unreported, he said.

"The damage total is less severe than other years, but the problem is still there," Cauble said.

Kunle Ojikutu, administrator of the University Health Center, said two students were treated for minor lacerations.

Ojikutu said the number of injuries in this year's snowball fight were fewer than in previous years.

"The students should be commended," Ojikutu said. "Hopefully, there won't be any next year."

Cauble said he did not know how the snowball fight started, but the police department received their first call at about 11:30 p.m.

All four students arrested were cited with disturbing the peace, Cauble said.

Cauble said cold temperatures and high winds may have prevented the snowball fight from gaining momentum.

"It's kind of depressing," Cauble said. "I can't figure out how people can have fun tearing and destroying other people's property."

Cauble said he was uncertain how many police officers responded to the snowball fight.

"There were officers from both the city and UNL police departments," he said.

Although the UNL police department did

not make special preparations in anticipation of the snowball fight, Cauble said, they had prepared to handle any fights Wednesday night.

Eric Raasch, a senior finance major and member of Theta Chi fraternity, said at least eight windows were broken in his fraternity house and a number of spotlights were knocked out on top of the house.

"Our house was getting hit pretty hard," Raasch said.

Raasch estimated damage to the Theta Chi fraternity was about the same as previous years, even though he thinks the snowball fight was milder than last year.

Petersen says early snowfall destroyed 'great' anti-fight plan

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Griesen added, "We got caught before we were ready."

"I guess we should have been (ready), but we weren't," he said.

Griesen said he has met with police officials to coordinate efforts in case another fight developed Wednesday night.

"We would like to get down there fast and disperse crowds, and be there to arrest the first person who starts something," Griesen said.

"We've got to let people know they can be arrested, they can be thrown out of school," Koubsky said.

Petersen said he thinks the police are "ready and waiting" should another fight happen.

On the positive side, he said, the fight apparently was smaller than last year.

Nedrow said she doesn't think prevention efforts haven't worked since the fight was not as large as last year's fight.

About \$10,000 in damage occurred during last year's fight, which was after Thanksgiving, compared to estimates of \$500 for Tuesday's fight.

Smith said the Interfraternity Council has encouraged members to "stop and think" and he said he thinks the policy has been effective. However, he said he isn't sure exactly what happened Tuesday night.

Students posed different solutions to the problem.

Petersen said a strong statement to stop the fight from happening again needs to be made.

"I'd just as soon see the administration kick people out for things like this," Petersen said.

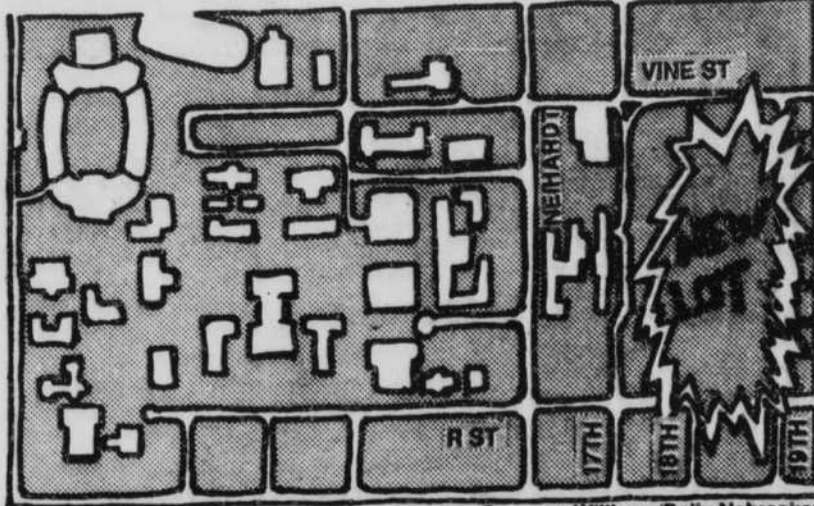
Griesen said as a blanket statement, expelling everyone involved was extreme.

"I think every case has to be looked at on its own merits," he said.

Griesen said the four people cited Tuesday night by Lincoln police in connection with the snowball fight may also be disciplined by the university judicial system, which could involve expulsion.

Koubsky said he thinks the only way to stop the snowball fights is to "eliminate negative feelings between residence hall and Greek students."

"And that's going to be hard to do," Koubsky said.



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670-stall lot will open soon

By Jeff Beals
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A new student parking lot on 19th Street between Vine and R streets should be completed by the end of this week, said Ron Fuller, office supervisor for parking.

The 670-stall lot, which will have a crushed-rock surface, might not be opened until next week, however, if bad weather continues, Fuller said.

Students who hold permits for

Areas 1 and 2 will be able to use 200 of the new spaces, Fuller said. The remaining spaces will be for commuters (area 20 permits).

"Hopefully the new lot will spread out cars in Area 20 lots," Fuller said. "Commuter students will easily find parking in the new lot if they're willing to walk."

"We're always trying to plan for more parking," he said, "but sometimes it's hard to approve it (through the Board of Regents)."

Student sells snowball fight shirts

By Victoria Ayotte
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One University of Nebraska-Lincoln student plans to make some money from the annual snowball fight by selling long-sleeved T-shirts.

Kelly Loneman, a freshman business major, said he has "tons of orders" for the shirts, which depict a student being hit by snowballs.

The back of the shirt says "Fraternities vs. Dorms (It's a Riot!)"

Loneman said he placed posters advertising the shirts in some fraternities and at Harper Hall where he lives.

He received 24 orders Sunday, the first day of sales, Loneman said.

"I'll probably do 100 shirts just right off the first order," he said.

Loneman said Nate Geisert, first vice president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, and Doug Zatechka, director of university housing, disagreed with

him about the purpose of the sales.

Zatechka said Loneman is violating the law by selling something on state property without permission.

Zatechka said Loneman's T-shirts promote snowball fights. He said he won't give Loneman permission to sell the shirts in the residence halls, although he has given permission for other shirt sales.

"I think that's part of what could promote a snowball fight," Zatechka said.

"If orders continue to be taken, I will have to do something," he said.

Zatechka said he would contact university attorneys and police if Loneman continues to sell the shirts.

Loneman plans to continue the sales, but might handle the sales from an off-campus phone number in order to prevent further problems with university officials.

Loneman said he will remove the posters, but make the private off-

campus number accessible to students.

"I don't think the shirt promotes the fight," Loneman said. "I'm going to keep doing them because I've got tons of orders."

CBA students to gather today

From Staff Reports

A College of Business Administration student action rally is scheduled for today at 5:30 p.m. at the top of the NBC Center Building. Shennen Saltzman, CBA student advisory board president, said he expects 200 to 300 students to attend. Administrators and state senators are also expected, he said.

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In his opening remarks, Warner attempted to clarify the amount of surplus revenue the Legislature will be responsible for appropriating next year. He said the perception that the state has more than \$170 million to spend is wrong.

By law, the state is required to reserve 3 to 7 percent of that amount, which leaves only \$40 to \$50 million for appropriation, he said. Also, required expenses such as social service programs and a 5.5-percent salary increase to state employees will take up part of the surplus, he said.

Warner said there is great competition for the remainder of the funds, but said he would like to see the money used to support existing needs such as salary increases for UNL faculty.

Barrett said he would approve the continuation of the salary improvement package if it remains within budget limitations.

Other issues concerning UNL

discussed at the forum included the improvement and expansion of the current NU telecommunications system as a means of serving the citizens of the state better.

Massengale said the current ground-based telecommunications system is inadequate because it does not permit the transfer of information to other areas of the state. A satellite-based system would better serve the interests of the entire state, he said.

UNL was labeled as the "flagship" university within the state, but "Not everybody can come to UNL," Massengale said.

For that reason, better telecommunications would be an asset, he said.

Barrett agreed that a better system is necessary, especially for the improvement of the research and development aspect of the university which he said he thinks has been neglected in the past.

The improvement will be of increasing importance as a long-term goal if the state is better able to use

its technology, he said.

Emphasis on long-reaching and not just short-term goals has been a bigger issue over the past eight years as decentralization has made state government the place of action, Barrett said.

He said a long-range plan called "New Horizons for Nebraska" has been implemented to ensure that legislation will be effective for more than just one year.

"The perception in public life is becoming more and more focused on the importance of higher education," he said.

Increased awareness of the importance of higher education has led to discussions about creating another university within the state, Barrett said. But UNL should remain as the flagship institution, he said.

Warner said if another university system is created, it would be necessary for that system to be cooperative, not competitive, with the existing university system.

Changes will lower fees, Petersen says

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would diminish the influence of experienced staff members. But ASUN must achieve or fail as a student-oriented body, he said, not as a body that relies on non-students.

"It's got to be a student government," Petersen said. "It's got to be the students doing the job."

GLC Chairman Bryan Hill agreed. Although the loss of a paid coordinator will challenge GLC, he said, more student control and the financial benefits make it worthwhile.

"I have total confidence that a student can do this (the coordinator's) job," he said. "It's within their grasp."

In other business, senators passed a bill that instructs the Campus Life Committee to work with the Parking Advisory Board to study the possibility of adding more metered parking on East Campus.

Sen. Jeff Gromowsky of the College of Business Administration introduced the bill. He said more metered stalls are needed to make parking more convenient for visitors and students.