

# Daily Nebraskan

Tuesday

## WEATHER:

Tuesday, sunny, blowing and drifting snow with NE winds 10-15 mph., high of 30. Tuesday night, clear and cold with slowly diminishing winds. Wednesday, high of 20, clear and cold. Thursday through Saturday, high of 30 on Thursday, upper 40s Friday and down to 30 again on Saturday. No precipitation expected.

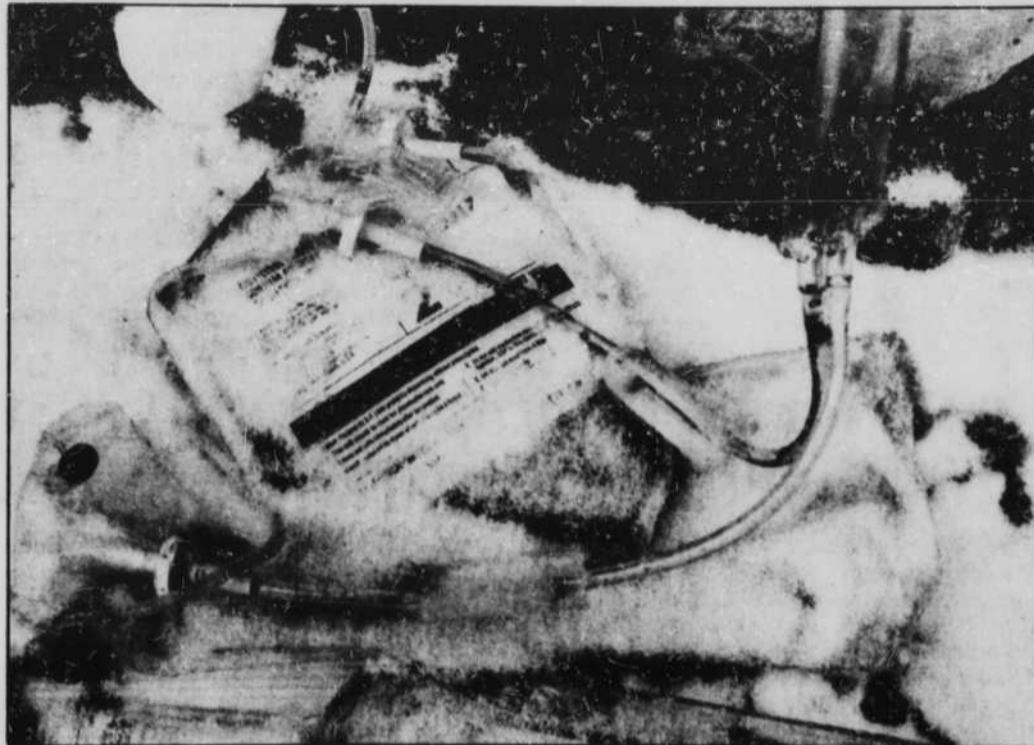
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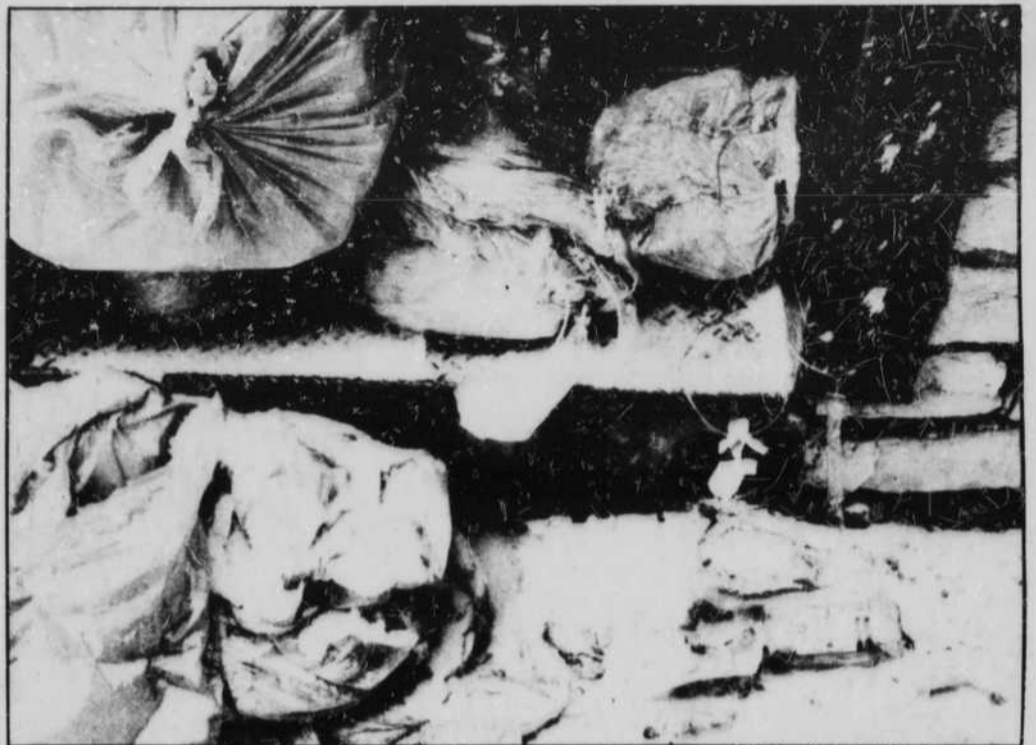
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Trash bags filled with blood donor and saline solution containers rest in the alley behind the Lincoln Plasma Corp. Sunday. The blood containers were

found near several dumpsters and in the alley. The name of the donor on the bag has been blacked out.

## Disposal of bloodied waste investigated

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter  
and Curt Wagner  
Editor

A janitorial service's disposal of bloodied waste products from a local plasma center may have violated health guidelines, a health official said Monday.

Jane Ford, director of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, said the department is investigating Lincoln Janitorial Service Inc.'s possible mishandling of used blood donor bags and other waste materials from the Lincoln Plasma Corp, 126 N. 14th St.

At least seven emptied blood bags, intravenous tubes and bloodied garbage bags were found in the alley between O and P streets and 14th and 15th streets Sunday afternoon.

Ford said she received a complaint about blood products lying in the alley early Sunday afternoon. She said this was the first time that she had ever heard any complaints about the plasma center's handling of their waste disposal.

"We'll take whatever action is necessary to ensure that it doesn't happen again," Ford said.

Scott Stanard, regional manager of the business which owns and operates Lincoln Plasma Corp., North American Biological Inc., said the improper disposal of waste products was not the fault of any of the center's employees.

Stanard said the trash was improperly disposed of by the janitorial service which is contracted to clean the plasma center.

Lincoln Janitorial Service Inc., 1201 O St., cleans the labs for the

Lincoln Plasma Corp.

An official from Lincoln Janitorial Service Inc. would not comment on the matter Monday.

One of the dumpsters in the alley had a tan plastic trash bag on top of it which was opened, exposing bloodied paper towels.

Blood bags and tubes were scattered on the ground further down the alley.

Seven garbage bags, some open, were found between the buildings housing Lincoln Plasma Corp. and the State Historical Museum. Used Fenway Blood-Pack Units, full and partially full 0.9 percent Sodium Chloride bags, tubes and Cliniswab Idophor-pvp scrub saturated swabsticks hung out of the trash bags and were on the ground near the bags.

The names of donors could be seen on some of the bloodied donor bags.

Stanard said he plans to contract another janitorial service to clean the plasma center in the future, and called the incident "unacceptable."

"We've never had a problem with trash disposal in the Lincoln area before," Stanard said. "We're just as upset as anybody else."

If another janitorial service is not found immediately, Stanard said, Lincoln Plasma Corp. will take responsibility to ensure that all the waste materials are properly placed in a locked dumpster.

He said the plasma center plans to cooperate with the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department "to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Ford said Monday that it appeared the center had violated some regulations. But she said she isn't sure what type of charges may be filed or if any fines will be issued.

An official from the health department cleaned up the debris Sunday, Ford said.

Gregg Wright, director of the State Health Department, would not speculate whether the plasma center had broken any guidelines because the plasma center is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration, not the State Health Department.

No FDA officials could be reached for comment Monday.

Ford said the debris will be examined to determine if they came from the Lincoln Plasma Corp. and if they were properly disinfected before bagged as trash. The debris will then be incinerated, she said.

Blood products are disinfected by a process called autoclaving. Autoclaving combines extreme heat and

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## Decision may mean bigger hike

By Eric Pfanner  
and Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporters

University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty salaries may be raised because of a labor arbitrator's decision at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, members of the UNL Faculty Senate said Monday.

Richard Voeltz, associate professor in the UNL libraries, said he thinks the decision by arbitrator James McClimon will mean raises larger than what Gov. Kay Orr has proposed for UNL faculty.

McClimon decided last week in favor of giving UNO faculty members two annual pay raises of 9 percent.

The NU Board of Regents asked for a 9 percent raise at UNO and a 12.5 percent raise at UNL in its 1989-

91 budget request.

But Orr proposed a 7.5 percent increase in salaries at both UNL and UNO for the 89-91 biennium.

Since McClimon has backed the regents' UNO request of 9 percent, Voeltz said he thinks the Nebraska Legislature will raise UNL's in proportion. This could put the UNL salary raise at the regents' request of 12.5 percent.

John Russell, assistant vice president and director of personnel for NU, said the regents can appeal the arbitrator's decision to the Commission of Industrial Relations, a group established by state statutes to resolve labor disputes involving public employees. The regents have until March 15 to appeal the decision, he said.

The board may want to appeal, he said, because it does not have a guar-

antee that the Legislature will honor McClimon's decision.

If the Legislature does not give a 9 percent increase and the board has not appealed the arbitrator's decision, the board will have to finance the 9 percent increase for UNO salaries, Russell said.

Nancy Hoch, chairman of the NU Board of Regents, said the board has not considered the arbitrator's decision.

"I don't have enough information on it to make a comment," Hoch said.

The regents have not set a date to discuss the arbitrator's decision, she said.

Hoch said the regents will continue their commitment to bringing the faculty and staff salaries at all

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## Letters sent to UNL faculty tout full-time lobbyist position

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

The president of the University Association for Administrative Development said he has sent a letter to faculty and staff members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln asking for donations to get a full-time lobbyist at the Nebraska Legislature.

Glen Schumann, the association's president, said the money that is collected will be used to make the faculty senate's lobbyist a full-time position.

Schumann said the faculty sen-

ate already has a lobbyist, but he is not full time and works for the total salary request in the university's budget, not just faculty salaries.

The additional hours of the faculty senate's lobbyist will be used with the intention of trying to get the Legislature to approve the 12.5-percent salary increase that the NU Board of Regents has requested for UNL faculty and staff.

Although Schumann said UNL faculty members can phone and write letters to state legislators, a lobbyist will provide "something a little more direct."

"Anymore, lobbying seems to be the way to get things done in this country," Schumann said.

## Petersen signs Fund A fee allocations for next year

By David G. Young  
Staff Reporter

Fund A student fee allocations for 1989-90 were signed Monday by Jeff Petersen, ASUN president.

Student fees for Fund A, which are refundable on request, include allocations for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council. Fund A fees for next year now amount to \$337,663, or \$8.11 per student per semester. The overall increase is 3.81 percent from this year.

"I don't like to see student fees go up," Petersen said. "Quite frankly, I wish student fee users, specifically UPC, would submit smaller budgets."

The overall increase in student fees is the result of an additional \$22,464 allocated to UPC. A substantial part of this increase will offset new expenses of the Kimball Lied Performing Arts Committee. These expenses are connected with the opening of the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

Petersen said he would have liked to see more discussion of KLPAC's budget at last

week's ASUN meeting. This discussion was limited by lengthy debate over funding for the Committee Offering Lesbian And Gay Events, he said.

Despite this increase, UPC managed to submit a sound budget, Peterson said.

"I think Dave Madigan (UPC-City president) did an excellent job on the UPC budget," he said. "The point isn't that you should cut for the sake of cutting -- it's everyone's duty to ensure that they are being enhanced in the most critical way possible."

"I'm damn glad to see ASUN cut," Pe-

terson said. "It's a tough thing to do and that's why I'm so glad I did it. The best way to serve students is to be highly critical of yourself."

Petersen reduced ASUN's budget by \$10,000 from 1988-89. ASUN's budget for next year amounts to \$121,102, or \$2.91 per student per semester in student fees.

The Daily Nebraskan's \$39,193 fee allocation is will not change.

ASUN's recommended budgets must now be approved by James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"I'm glad it's over," Petersen said.