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## WEATHER:

Friday, variable cloudiness, 40 percent chance of rain, high 70-75, NW winds 15-25 mph. Friday night, windy and cooler, 60 percent chance of rain, lows in mid 40s. Saturday, cooler, high mid 50s, 30 percent chance of showers in morning. Extended forecast, cooler temperatures with highs 50-60, chance of rain Sunday, dry Monday and Tuesday.

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Employees of the state health department and UNL Health Center load measles vaccines into syringes.

## Officials maintain close watch

By Larry Peirce  
Senior Reporter

Mass measles immunizations for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students ended Thursday, but health officials are keeping a close watch for further outbreaks of the disease.

No new cases of rubeola measles have been diagnosed since Wednesday, said Dr. Gerald Fleischli, medical director of University Health Center.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we got more, and I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't," he said.

On Wednesday 4,138 students came to the mass immunization sites for shots, and 2,441 had come by 3 p.m. Thursday.

Health officials Friday will compare a list of people who are still not known to be adequately immunized with the names of people who are at risk of infection by the two students who represent the first and second generations of the disease.

Fleischli said letters were sent Thursday to about 100 students who are in the second victim's classes to tell them to come to the health center for immunization shots from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today.

Students who were at risk of infection from the first case -- such as some ROTC members and other

classmates -- and students who were prevented from coming to the mass immunizations also can come to the health center Friday, he said.

Fleischli said only one student who lives on the same floor as the two victims has not been immunized. It will be one week before students will be out of risk from infection from the first generation of the disease, and two weeks before they will be out of risk from the second generation of the disease, he said.

Each case brings two more weeks of potential outbreak, he said, but the mass immunizations lessened the risk.

If more measles cases are diagnosed, health officials will continue to notify any high risk groups in each case, such as those possibly exposed in classes and living units. Those people will be contacted by letter, he said.

If two or three more cases show up by May 8, Fleischli said, another meeting of health officials would be needed to form a secondary plan.

When all the numbers are added up from the mass immunizations, health officials will study them to get a close estimate of how many students remain who are not adequately immunized.

Fleischli said some of the students who remain on the list are immune.

"They just haven't come in," he said.

Fleischli said the mass immunizations were effective.

"My guess is that we probably did as well as can be practically done," he said.

Students have cooperated with health officials' efforts, Fleischli said, but some students suffer from a fear of receiving shots.

"We try to handle them individually," he said.

Fleischli said staff members notified him Wednesday that a student was feeling faint because he hated shots. Fleischli said the student was taken aside and reassured that he would get the best care.

"I told him we would get the best nurse on it," he said.

Fleischli said the staff of university, city/county, and state employees and student volunteers who helped are exhausted after showing up Wednesday and Thursday at 5:30 a.m. and working four-hour shifts until 7:30 p.m.

When they started the immunizations Wednesday, he said, staff members were giving the shots standing up. By Thursday afternoon they were tired, and giving the shots while sitting.

The health center has focused only on more serious cases while staff members worked to defeat the measles, he said.

## Phi Mu to start over with 54 new members

By Roger Price  
Staff Reporter

Following a "tremendous response" to open rush at the Phi Mu sorority, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter will have 54 new members next fall.

Carmen Shively, a Phi Mu alumna who is helping in the chapter's reorganization, said the chapter had a list of more than 350 names from which to choose new members.

The 350 women were students who went through rush last fall, women who responded on their own to the open rush and women who were recommended by other sororities, fraternities and new pledges.

"The type of girl we were looking for was a type of motivated, leadership-oriented person," Shively said. "We found some very strong leaders."

Shively said the new pledges already have had one meeting and will have another before school is out. She said the new pledges will be going through a very condensed pledge period and will be initiated over the summer -- before fall rush begins Aug. 18.

Not having gone through a formal rush will not be a disadvantage to the new members of Phi Mu, Shively said.

"The group is so excited now, and by August they should be really excited -- it can only be to our advantage," she said.

Phi Mu will be able to add 40 girls during the fall rush, Shively said.

"If the girls are there, and they are quality girls, we'll take up to our quota," Shively said.

Phi Mu is developing a social calendar for the reorganized chapter. Shively said the new members already have received calls from several fraternities and sororities inviting them to participate in their social events.

"We do appreciate all the help that everyone in the greek system has given us," Shively said.

Because new members are not familiar with each other's abilities and talents, Shively said, the chapter will run on a committee basis until November when it will hold officer elections.

The new members of Phi Mu also will receive help from their national headquarters and their alumnae. Shively said a chapter consultant from their headquarters will work with the new pledges until May 7, and several other national officials will visit throughout the next year.

Shively said the new chapter won't have to deal with debts incurred by the sorority before reorganization.

"Our pledges will not be penalized for anything from the past," she said. "That would not be fair to the new girls."

Shively said the former chapter's debts would be paid by a major fundraiser organized by alumnae to be held this summer.

## Enforcing Pell Grant stipulation will rest on government's back

By Shawn Schuldies  
Staff Reporter

Officials at the Department of Education last week disavowed announced plans to use investigators to enforce a law which states that Pell Grant recipients will lose their grant if they use illegal drugs.

According to an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Department of Higher Education announced earlier this month that it was going to send investigators to campuses to make sure students are drug free and schools are complying with the new law.

A law passed by Congress requires Pell Grant recipients to sign a statement saying they will not "engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance during the period covered" by their grants.

The plan to use investigators to enforce the policy was issued in a press release based on a speech by Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos.

However, Cavazos said, he had not approved the plan or its inclusion in his speech, the article stated. Although Cavazos removed the plan from his address, the press release was sent out unchanged, Cavazos said.

John Beacon, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, said the confusion in the Department of Education has him wondering how Cavazos will plan to enforce the policy.

"We too are waiting," he said. The people who should be making the policy aren't, Beacon said.

Beacon said that right now, the law is not enforced. He said the law achieves nothing unless the student refuses to sign an agreement not to use drugs.

If the department does decide to send investigators to campuses, like stated in the original plan, and take tips from the public, the department will be doing all the work, he said, and his office won't be involved.

All his office does is compile information from the Pell Grant forms, he said.

## Bill requiring minors to tell parents of abortion debated

By Jana Pedersen  
Staff Reporter

While the U.S. Supreme Court considered testimony that could overturn the landmark Roe vs. Wade case legalizing abortion, lawmakers debated a separate abortion issue Thursday on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature.

Continuing debate that began Tuesday afternoon, the Legislature considered first-round approval of LB769, based on similar legislation in Minnesota, that would require any woman under the age of 19 to inform her parents before having an abortion.

Ensuring that LB769 would be constitutional if passed was the focus of Thursday's debate.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha moved to reconsider an amendment that had been voted down during Tuesday's session.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Daniel Lynch of Omaha, would require that information be provided to the underage woman about a judicial bypass to the parental information requirement without her having to ask for it.

Chambers said the amendment would be a necessary addition to the bill to protect the rights of the underage woman.

The judicial bypass provided under the bill should be called a "heart bypass," Chambers said, because the bill has "no heart at all" where underage women are concerned.

It is unfair for sponsors of the bill to talk about protecting the rights of the unborn child when they fail to inform the underage woman

of her own rights, he said.

"A right which is denied a person who is to benefit from it is not really a right but . . . a mockery of it," Chambers said.

Sen. Brad Ashford of Omaha said he thought LB769 would not be constitutional without the addition of Lynch's amendment and other changes.

The judicial bypass was added to LB769 to ensure its constitutionality, Ashford said, but the bill also must guarantee the underage woman's right to know about the bypass.

The requirement that both parents must be informed also is unconstitutional, he said, because both parents may not be her guardians.

Ashford said the concept behind the bill isn't bad but it needs to be accomplished in a more "reasonable" manner.

Sen. Bernice Labeledz of Omaha, co-sponsor of LB769, said underage women could be informed of their rights under the bill.

Because the physician who is to perform the abortion is the one responsible for informing the underage woman's parents, Labeledz said, the physician will know the proper judicial procedures and be able to inform the underage woman about them.

But Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln said he didn't think the bill had anything to do with women knowing what their rights are.

"This is not a bill of the right to know. It's an attempt to take away the constitutional rights of women," he said.

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