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## WEATHER:

Monday, mostly sunny, high in mid to upper 50s, S winds 5-10 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy, low in mid 30s. Tuesday, sunny and windy with highs in 60s.

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## ASUN committee hopes to clear up Dead Week Policy

By Amie DeFrain  
Staff Reporter

By distributing Dead Week Policy flyers on campus this week, a student government committee will be striving to inform students and faculty members of the current policy which has confused many in the past.

The ASUN Dead Week Policy Committee's major goal, according to ASUN First Vice President Devi Bohling, is to make the students more aware of dead week rules.

"The major misconception of the Dead Week Policy," Bohling said, "is that finals can be given during dead week and finals week if the class unanimously approves it."

This is incorrect, she said. Bohling said the only exams that

can be given during dead week are laboratory practicals, make-up and repeat exams and self-paced exams.

Besides declaring that finals only can be given during finals week, the policy states that these exams must be given at the "regularly scheduled time as published in the Official Schedule of Classes or at another time during finals week" that the entire class has unanimously agreed upon.

Projects, papers and speeches to be completed during dead week must be assigned in writing by the end of the eighth week of the semester, the policy also states.

Bohling said few students report their professors or instructors when they don't follow the policy. Bohling said she believes students don't re-

port professors because they don't realize they can.

She said she hopes more students will fill out the complaint forms attached to the flyers and send them to the ASUN office. The self-addressed flyers will be distributed to all fraternities and sororities, residence hall front desks and in all classroom buildings this week.

Bohling said that although student signatures on the forms would be helpful, they are not necessary.

Last week, Bohling said, the ASUN office received five complaint forms from students.

According to Doug Oxley, one of the seven members of the Dead Week Policy Committee, the committee's drive to spread awareness of the current policy was sparked from personal experience.

He said ASUN senators had experienced many violations in their own classes. Many of which, he said, they themselves didn't even report.

"We could count more violations than what had been reported," Oxley said.

An estimated five to 10 complaint forms, he said, are received during the year.

He said a survey conducted by the Dead Week Policy Committee in January and February of this year also helped the committee decide to act on the problem.

The survey showed that the majority of the 486 UNL students surveyed supported some sort of change in the current policy. Eighty-five percent favored the suggested change that classes on Thursday and Friday of

dead week be eliminated so students could catch up or review their studies.

According to Bohling, the committee recently developed a proposal stating its suggested Dead Week Policy change along with other problems with the policy. This was given to the first of many committees, the Calendar and Examinations Committee of the Faculty Senate, last Thursday.

However, Bohling said, the approval of the proposal will not take place in the near future. She said the Calendar and Examinations Committee "warned" them that approving the proposal on all levels would take approximately two years.

Still, Bohling said, she has high hopes that the proposal will pass.

"I think that it's a very promising plan," she said.

## 3 possible cases found off campus

By Larry Peirce  
Senior Reporter

No new cases of measles have been diagnosed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since Wednesday, but city and county health officials are watching three "suspect" cases off campus and making immunization shots more available.

Three people who are from 19 to 25 years old have measles-like symptoms, said Carol Mitchell, communicable disease coordinator of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

If the suspect cases turn out to be measles, she said, the victims contracted the disease after the first victim at UNL did.

Mitchell said "no identifiable linkage" can be made between the suspect cases and the two at UNL, but officials are focusing on vaccinating 19- to 25-year-old people.

"That age group is most vulnerable," she said, because many of them were vaccinated before 1969.

The department will extend its hours for the next two weeks at 19 health stations to give measles vaccinations.

Dr. Gerald Fleischli, medical director of the University Health Center, said it's difficult to tie the suspect cases to the two diagnosed cases at UNL.

"The timing would say... there's another case that caused all of this that we didn't know about," he said.

University Health Center officials are working to get an exact count of students who still aren't known to be immunized after last week's

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### Model students

(From left) Anne Erickson, Steve Spurgeon and Bill Lorenz wait in the hall at the Departures 1989 Fashion Show Sunday at East Campus.

## Professor joins cold nuclear fusion race

By Brandon Loomis  
Senior Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln chemistry professor has joined the national race to achieve cold nuclear fusion spurred by the announcement of two successful attempts.

Reuben Rieke said about 60 labs in the United States currently are trying to mimic the experiment conducted by Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann at the University of Utah.

In that experiment, Pons and Fleischmann put palladium and platinum electrodes in a beaker of heavy water and applied electrical current. They claim the energy output was at least four times greater than the amount of energy put in.

But Rieke thinks he has a new twist. "I'm not going to try to duplicate Pons and Fleischmann," Rieke said. "... There's no point in doing that."

Rieke said he and one assistant began the experiments about two weeks ago. A second assistant will start work today, he said.

"Some institutions have as many as 50 people working on this."

Although Rieke has filed for patents on his experiments, he isn't willing to reveal his ideas just yet.

"I don't know if anybody has thought of the particular angles that I have," he said.

Rieke said if he goes public with his hypothesis before he is successful, someone else could patent a similar experiment and possibly horn in on the royalties.

"Lawyers can make very funny decisions," Rieke said.

But Rieke is willing to share one aspect of his experiments. He said he's looking for more efficient alloys and electrode configurations.

Which metals he is trying is not public knowledge, Rieke said.

"If and when we are successful, we'll let you know," he said.

Rieke won't speculate as to how much his experiments might cost, but he said he gets funding through the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

He said his laboratory is not equipped for the experiment, because much of the necessary

equipment hasn't even been invented yet.

The chemistry department's electronic and machine shops have been working to keep up with the demand, Rieke said.

"We're having to build new things and obviously we're having to invent new things. We're having to generate new technology as we go along."

If Rieke is successful and there are no similar patents filed, he said, the university has much to gain from royalties.

"It's a long shot, but should it (the experiment) hold up, the payoff to the university could be incredible," Rieke said.

"The benefits would be beyond description."

But Rieke is cautious.

"It all depends on how good the patent is," he said.

Rieke said he and his assistants will be working overtime trying to beat other researchers to new findings.

"There may be some important things happening in the next couple of weeks," he said.

Until then, Rieke's experiments will remain a mystery.

## Burglary, assault prompt arrests of UNL students

From Staff Reports

Six Abel Hall residents were arrested in connection with a burglary and assault of a Cornhusker Hotel patron which occurred about 1 a.m. Friday, said Lt. Albert Maxey of the Lincoln Police Department.

Items reportedly stolen included a briefcase, watch, \$115 in cash and a ring valued at \$23,000, Maxey said. The ring and watch later were recovered, he said.

The suspects reportedly attacked a 31-year-old California man after allegedly being invited to his room, Maxey said.

Prior to arresting the suspects, Maxey said officers observed three of the male students near a small fire on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Officers suspect contents of the briefcase were being burned, Maxey said.

According to a UNL Police Department report, university police officers helped locate the suspects an hour after the assault occurred.

Five of the suspects were arrested by the Lincoln Police Department later Friday morning and the sixth was arrested Sunday, Maxey said.