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WEATHER:

Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer, highs in 60s, S winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, lows in mid-40s. Wednesday, 30 percent chance of rain, highs in 70s.

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Third student may have rubeola measles

By Larry Peirce
Senior Reporter

A third University of Nebraska-Lincoln student is suspected of having rubeola measles, and the University Health Center is continuing its disease control program, said Dr. Gerald Fleischli, medical director of the health center.

Fleischli said a married female graduate student who lives off campus has a "highly suspicious" case of what could be rubeola measles.

Physicians monitored the victim's condition during the weekend, but stopped short of diagnosing her disease as rubeola because she didn't have contact with other confirmed cases at UNL, Fleischli said.

Two Abel Hall residents were diagnosed with the disease April 20 and 26.

At first, the victim's rash didn't resemble that of rubeola measles because it was confined to her face, and her temperature was too low, he

said. "I was less suspicious on Saturday than I am today," he said.

Because the victim's rash spread from her face to other parts of her body, Fleischli said, it is more likely that she has rubeola measles. She had not been immunized, he said.

Even though it is not yet a confirmed case, health officials decided it was best to be safe and notify members of the victim's classes, he said.

Classmates of the victim who need immunization shots can get them in the health center lobby Wednesday from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Fleischli said health officials had considered ending the free immunizations, but because many students were still showing concern, officials decided to continue the immunizations until the end of next week.

"The phone kept ringing," he said.

Forty students came in for immunization shots Monday morning, he said.

Officials decided to publicize the hours students will be immunized rather than allow a staff member to answer calls from concerned students, he said.

Students who need immunization shots or need to check their immunization information should come to the health center's administration office. If they need a shot, an appointment will be made for them, he said.

Shots will be given Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"It would be a real shame if we've gotten so close and one kid who wanted to be immunized got it (measles)," he said.

The health center won't be holding a mass immunization during the next two weeks, but will be giving shots "in a more intense way than we routinely do," he said.

Fleischli said some students missed last week's mass immuniza-

Class schedule for the third student who has a suspected case of measles

Consumer science & education	421/821		
1:00-2:15	TR	Home Economics	121
Speech Pathology	251		
10:30-11:45	TR	Barkley	131
Speech Pathology	385		
2:00-2:50	MWF	Barkley	326

Source: University Health Center.

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tions for various reasons. Some students said they were out of town or simply didn't know the immunizations were being held, he said.

About 6,000 or 27 percent of UNL students still are not known to be adequately immunized, Fleischli said.

"We would like to see it lower, but that's an excellent response," he said.

Fleischli said 629 people who were processed last week were faculty and staff members and students who weren't on the list.

The total cost of vaccine and manpower to administer the immunization program will be known in two weeks, after the program is over, he said. However, the cost of vaccine alone is easily in the "tens of thousands" of dollars, he said.

New photo IDs may cause more policy enforcement

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

Students who attempt to sell their season football tickets this fall may find it harder because of a new all-purpose student photo identification card.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the new student photo IDs would make it easier to police the policy of non-transferable season tickets, but that a decision whether to have tighter control on the tickets has yet to be made.

"The Athletic Department Ticket Office has explored some options, but we haven't reviewed them yet," Griesen said.

If a decision is made to change the student season ticket policy, Griesen said, he hopes it will be done by the end of this week.

"Admittedly, we haven't policed them a lot in the past," he said.

In the past, ticket-takers at the gates of Memorial Stadium allowed individuals into football games if the names on the student tickets matched the names on the student IDs.

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Employee Serena Moench records business junior Frederick Warner's image for his new photo student ID in the University Bookstore Monday afternoon.

Most fountains OK

Drinking water being checked for lead

By Brandon Loomis
Senior Reporter

Several university buildings and residence halls contain a model of drinking fountain that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has listed as having unsafe concentrations of lead, according to university officials.

Del Weed, University of Nebraska-Lincoln environmental health and safety officer, said about 15 fountains of the suspected type have been found in university buildings, along with an unconfirmed number in residence halls.

The fountains have a lead lining in their coolers, Weed said, which puts lead in direct contact with the drinking water. High concentrations of lead have been determined to damage nerve tissue, he said.

Weed said his office took water samples from six of the suspected fountains Wednesday and sent them to the State of Nebraska Health Laboratories. He said he will know the

results from those tests by May 10. "Our plan is to do random sampling and see what turns up," he said.

Richard McDermott, director of the UNL physical plant, said the buildings having the fountains in question include Love Library, Nebraska Hall, the Grounds Building, Agricultural Hall and Kiesselbach Crops Research Lab.

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Weed said fountains from Neihardt and Sandoz residence halls also were tested.

McDermott said the fountains with the greatest potential for danger were tested, so if the samples turn out negative for lead, the rest are probably safe.

"If it doesn't show up in the worst

case it's certainly not going to show up in the others," he said.

Weed said he doesn't expect much lead to show up in the samples. Water in Lincoln is "generally neutral," Weed said. It is not likely that it has corroded any of the lead lining, he said.

"In some areas where the water is more corrosive, it leaches the lead out of the lining into the water," he said.

The model of fountain in question is a Halsey Taylor, he said. It includes both wall-mounted and free-standing metal fountains with coolers. But not all Halsey Taylor fountains have lead in their coolers, Weed said.

"We have a lot of that make on the campus, but they make a lot of models," he said.

Any of the wall-mounted porcelain fountains on campus probably are safe, he said, because they use unrefrigerated tap water. The only possible danger of lead in tap water would be if lead solder was used in the pipes, he said.

"We haven't used lead solder for

many, many, many years," Weed said.

If the tests show dangerous lead concentrations in the fountains, Weed said, the university would at least replace the coolers, using a lead-free material.

"We'd probably just replace the whole units," he said.

The EPA has recommended that universities test their water fountains, Weed said, but does not require it.

Fountains containing lead are harder on children in elementary schools than university students, partly because elementary school students drink more from water fountains, Weed said.

"They'll be drinking water with longer exposure."

Weed said he is waiting for a report from the housing department to see how many questionable fountains are located in residence halls. But, he said, there probably are no more than 15 in classrooms and buildings.

"We have canvassed at least 90 percent of the classrooms," he said.

UNL students charged in case

From Staff Reports

Six University of Nebraska-Lincoln students were arraigned Monday in Lancaster County Court in connection with the early Friday morning robbery of a 31-year-old California man.

Charged with one count of robbery were John Mikkelsen, Ward Elliott, Leodis Wiley, Todd Zimmerman, Mitchell Hope and David Kuszaj, Deputy County attorney Jan Lipovsky said.

The six students reportedly attacked the man after he allegedly invited them to his room at the Cornhusker Hotel, said Lt. Albert Maxey of the Lincoln Police Department.

Maxey said a ring valued at \$23,000 was reportedly stolen from the man. Also reported stolen were a briefcase, a watch and \$115 in cash. The ring and watch were recovered, police said.