

# Daily Nebraskan

Wednesday

**WEATHER:**  
Wednesday, partly sunny with increasing cloudiness in the afternoon, 20 percent chance of rain, highs in 70s, SE winds 10-15 mph. Wednesday night, scattered thundershowers, 50 percent chance of rain, low in 40s. Thursday, breezy, highs in lower 70s.

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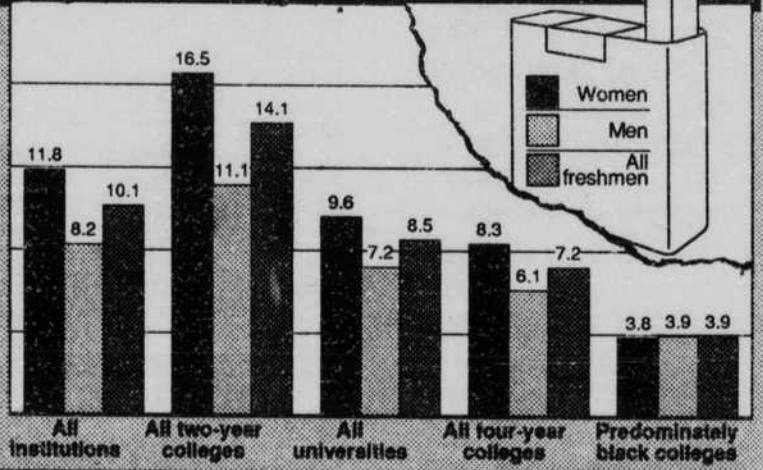
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Percentages of freshmen who smoked in the fall of 1988



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## More freshmen are smoking; UNL in step with the nation

By Larry Peirce  
Senior Reporter

Joe Lutes made it through high school without smoking, but began lighting up as a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"I got through the peer pressure years," he said. "I just picked it up for some reason. I'm not at all sure why."

Lutes, a senior political science major, was sitting at a table Tuesday in what smokers refer to as the "smokers' prison," in the north end of Nebraska Union's main lounge with John Crofton.

Crofton, a junior English major, said he started smoking as a freshman in high school, but has since cut down, quit and started smoking again.

The two students are among the 12.3 percent of UNL students who smoke, according to a 1988 survey done by UNL's Bureau of Sociological Research.

Statistics compiled by the bureau indicate that smoking by UNL students is consistent with smoking trends at colleges across the nation.

A fall 1988 survey of college freshmen done by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles shows that the decline in the number of freshmen who smoke has stopped.

The survey showed that the percentage of freshmen who smoke has

increased for the first time in 22 years.

The institute reported that nationally, in 1966, 16.6 percent of freshmen smoked. That percentage decreased to 8.9 percent in 1987, but rose to 10.1 percent among freshmen who entered college last fall.

At UNL, 10 percent of freshmen smoke, according to a survey done by the bureau, said Greg Barth, information systems manager at the University Health Center.

One UNL professor who has studied smokers' behavior said he isn't surprised that more freshmen are smoking.

The increase in perceptions among high school students that tobacco is harmful leveled off in the early 1980s, said Ian Newman, a UNL health education professor.

According to the bureau's survey, 12.3 percent of all UNL students smoke. The survey showed that 8.5 percent of male UNL students smoke, while 15.4 percent of female students do.

Those numbers are consistent with the UCLA survey, which shows that more college women than men are smoking.

The higher percentage of women smokers shows where tobacco companies are pushing their products the most, said Chuck Stepanek, regional director of the American Lung Association in Lincoln.

One example of tobacco compa-

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## Free immunizations continue as measles claims another victim

By Larry Peirce  
Senior Reporter

A fourth University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was diagnosed with rubeola measles Tuesday, and the University Health Center has expanded its disease control program to include some faculty and staff members.

The fourth victim, a female undergraduate, contracted the disease from an off-campus source, said Dr. Ralph Ewert, chief of staff at the University Health Center.

Ewert said the victim works in the Telecommunications Building on East Campus. She works from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, he said, and was at work when she was contagious.

The fourth measles victim also attended the following classes Monday while infectious: Childrens Literature 216A, Section 010, 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. in Andrews 102; and Physical Geography 150, Section 003, 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. in Avery 22.

The health center has been authorized by the state health department to give free immunization shots to faculty and staff members who have been "in close proximity" to infectious students, said Kunle Ojikutu, administrator of the health center.

Anyone who was working during the weekend at the same building as the victim should come to the health

center for a shot if they are not known to be adequately immunized, Ojikutu said.

As in the first three cases, classmates of the victim are urged to make sure they have been adequately immunized. Classmates of the fourth victim who need shots can come to the health center this week.

Ewert said the measles virus could have remained in the air at the building for hours after the victim left.

The victim was in contact with another measles victim in Lincoln about 10 days ago, he said. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department reported last weekend that there were three "suspect cases" of measles in Lincoln that were not connected to the first two victims at UNL.

County health officials are making immunization shots more available and have extended hours at 19 health stations.

About 7,500 students have been processed -- either given shots or provided immunization dates -- since the outbreak began two weeks ago, Ojikutu said. About 5,000 remain, he said, and the health center staff is trying to get the highest level of immunity possible at UNL.

"If we don't get them this time, we'll get them next semester," he said.

The health center will continue to provide free immunization shots to

students who need them on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Staff Assistant Dee Layman said the health center is still busy giving shots to students. It takes students about five minutes to complete the entire process, she said.

The health center is following the same guidelines established last week for giving immunization shots, Ewert said. People who were immunized before 1969 or immunized before 15 months of age should be re-immunized. People born before 1957 are considered to have natural immunity because measles epidemics were common before that year.

"If anyone is not sure, we want them to come in," Ojikutu said.

Contrary to rumors around campus, Ojikutu said, the health center will not give out class excuses to allow students to miss final exams because they fear catching the measles.

"That's wishful thinking," he said.

Ewert said the health center will follow its usual policy for excuses for missing class. Only students who are ill will be able to obtain excuses from physicians.

The third victim, a female graduate student, was diagnosed as having rubeola measles, Ewert said. Dr. Gerald Fleischli said her case was "highly suspicious" on Monday.

## Students propose downtown development

By David G. Young  
Staff Reporter

Redeveloping downtown Lincoln to give it a stronger cultural identity highlighted a city redevelopment plan unveiled by University of Nebraska-Lincoln students Tuesday, said Rich Parks, a graduate architecture student.

About 15 students and faculty members attended the presentation, culminating a 10-week study by students in Architecture 855. The class focused on urban design issues, Parks said.

"As a general plan we ultimately want Lincoln to have a cultural identity," he said. "We already have the retail; cultural development is a place we have a good future."

The first phase of this development would involve an expansion of a 12th Street cultural and entertainment zone surrounding the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, the Temple Theater and the Sheldon Art Gallery, said Scott Sullivan, architecture graduate student.

This would include an expansion in Sheldon's floor space, construction of low- to middle-income student housing, and the location of more restaurants and bars in the area, he said.

The completion of the first phase would help link UNL to the downtown area, drawing more students to downtown businesses, he said. The focus of redevelopment then could be directed to problems existing in the remainder of the downtown area, he

said. Parks said these problems include a scattering of buildings caused by previous redevelopment efforts.

"The lack of infill has really ruined the urban core," he said. "Buildings are becoming isolated islands rather than a continuing street frontage."

A future addition would be the construction of the Lincoln Convention Center south of the Centrum between L and N streets, Sullivan said. This location would provide increased traffic for the downtown mall, and is centrally located between the three main hotels, he said.

Other highlights of the plan include the creation of an open-air,

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## No aquaculturalist for university

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

An amendment that would provide \$50,000 for an aquacultural specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was voted down Tuesday by the Nebraska Legislature.

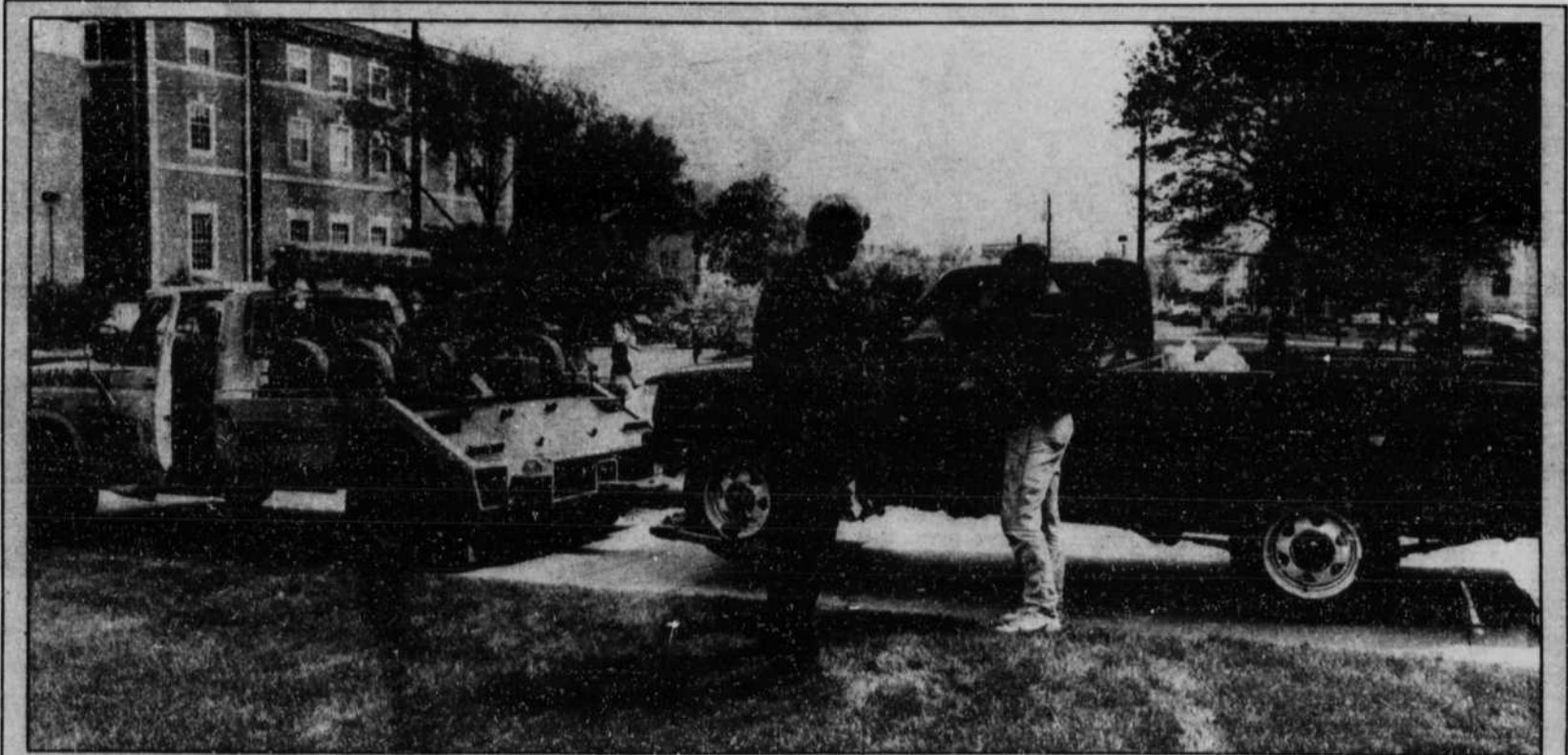
The Legislature, which spent Tuesday morning debating amendments to LB813, voted 20-18 not to fund the proposal despite assertions by some senators that the specialist is needed to help the state diversify economically.

LB813 is the state operations and state appropriations bill that provides funding for many of the operations at UNL.

The amendment, co-sponsored by Sen. David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte, would provide funding for a fish specialist to work with farmers in the state through the Cooperative Extension Service Administration of the University of Nebraska.

Bernard-Stevens said aquaculture is an industry that requires precise fish-raising conditions for success.

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Tow? No!

Todd and Tracy Stark receive the news that they will be required to pay the tow fine despite the fact that they were laying carpet for the financial aid office in the Administration Building Tuesday afternoon. UNL police said the brothers could possibly make arrangements for reimbursement later.

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