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CORRECTION: In a measles story (DN, May 3), the 4th case was a woman who works in the Telecommunications Center in Nebraska Hall. Also, the Nebraska Jazz Orchestra (DN, May 3) will perform tonight at 7 p.m.

WEATHER:

Thursday, lingering showers in morning, partly cloudy with highs 65-70, NW winds 15-25 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, lows in mid 40s. Friday, highs in 60s. Extended forecast, mainly dry Saturday and Sunday with highs in 60s, warming to 70s Monday.

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Members of Early Warning! feign death as the victims of a nuclear holocaust during testing of civil defense sirens Wednesday morning in front of Broyhill Fountain.

Students 'die' to raise awareness

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

As civil defense sirens blared Wednesday, about 10 students screamed "There it is. Aaahhhhh...!" and fell to the ground -- "dead."

A couple of minutes later, Joe Bowman, facilitator for Early Warning!, said "OK" and the students rose from their death beds and resumed their game of hacky sack near Broyhill Fountain.

The "die-in" was an attempt to raise awareness about the threat of nuclear war, said Bowman, a junior anthropology major.

Bowman said the "die-in" was

an "empowering thing."

"It makes you feel good," he said.

Before their "deaths" members of Early Warning! distributed fact sheets about civil defense which included a list of actions to take in the event of nuclear attack and a locator map for the fallout shelters in Lincoln.

Bowman said this event was staged because most people aren't well informed about civil defense.

Carl Klamer, a sophomore political science major, said he has been participating in "die-ins" for about four years and said he thinks "they are an effective means of

getting our message across."

Klamer said he and other members of Early Warning! have held "die-ins" at the state capitol, NBC building and the Federal Building in Lincoln, and the White House and U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

"I think most people don't even think about nuclear war; this shocks people into thinking," Klamer said.

Klamer estimated that less than 100 people saw the actual "die-in," but "they're going to talk about it to others," he said.

About 20 people watched the entire "die-in."

Health Center diagnoses two more measles cases

By Amie DeFrain
Staff Reporter

University Health Center officials diagnosed two more University of Nebraska-Lincoln students with rubella measles Wednesday, and another student is suspected of having the disease.

Dr. Ralph Ewert, chief of staff at the University Health Center, said the students, two males and a female, apparently contracted the measles from the first reported victim. All four students, he said, live on the seventh and ninth floors of Abel Hall.

Ewert said the student who is suspected of having measles has yet to be officially diagnosed because his rash may only be a side effect of his vaccination. The victim will have to stay in his room until the rash disappears.

About one out of every five people who are vaccinated will get a rash or slight fever that lasts from a few days to two weeks, Ewert said.

The three students, Ewert said, are considered contagious since last Wednesday.

They attended the following classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week and last week:

- Geography 150, 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. in 22 Avery Hall.

- Classics 180, 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in 104 Love Library.

- English 205, 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. in 121 Andrews Hall.

- Modern Language 100, 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. in 104 Love Library.

- Bio Psychology 101, 7:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. in 124 Henzlik Hall.

They attended the following Tuesday and Thursday classes this week and last:

- History 120, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in 212 Avery.

- Geography 120, 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in 110 Hamilton Hall.

- Physics 211, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in 211 Brace.

- English 102, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in 33 Andrews.

- History 100, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in B-5 Military and Naval Science.

Monday through Friday, a victim attended Math 107H, 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. in 208 Oldfather Hall. Tuesday, a victim attended Bio Science 101L, 2:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. in 121 Manter Hall. Wednesday a victim attended Physics 211, 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. in 113N Brace.

Ewert said those students living on the two residence hall floors and those in the victims' classes should get immunized at the health center as soon as possible.

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.

Until the state health department decides not to provide free vaccinations, Ewert said, the health center will continue to provide free shots on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Roughly 5,000 students still need to be immunized, he said. The number of faculty and staff members, who also are being provided free shots, is considerably less because many do not fit the guidelines, he said.

The total cost of the entire immunization drive, Ewert said, hasn't been figured. However, at \$11 a shot times the 7,500 people processed so far, he said, the cost can be estimated in the tens of thousands.

"That's a sizeable bill," he said. "We (the center) just keep our fingers crossed and just hope that those people that have been exposed, have been immunized."

Legislature reverses decision; funds UNL aquaculturalist

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

After voting Tuesday not to provide \$50,000 in funding for an aquacultural specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Nebraska Legislature adopted such a measure Wednesday morning.

Approval of the amendment came after Sen. David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte moved for a reconsideration of the measure during discussion on LB813.

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

Bernard-Stevens, co-sponsor of the amendment, said there are numerous individuals in western and central Nebraska who are interested in the

aquacultural industry.

Those people need a specialist, Bernard-Stevens said, who can assist them with the oxygenation, disease control and marketing needed for raising fish.

Aquaculture is a "budding new industry" that could have a large economic return for the state, he said.

Sen. Rod Johnson of Sutton said an aquacultural expert would help Nebraska develop a product that is in demand, such as catfish. The No. 1 cash crop in Louisiana is catfish, he said.

Sen. Rex Haberman of Imperial said aquaculture could help people in Western Nebraska as well the state by providing new jobs.

Haberman said he thinks \$50,000 is a reasonable amount to invest for a venture capital project.

"Who knows?" Haberman said.

Senators debate increasing tuition at KSC

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

An amendment designed to raise the tuition rate at Kearney State College to equal the tuition rate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha by 1990-91 drew serious discussion before it was withdrawn Wednesday.

"Some of these fish might be sold in Omaha sometime."

Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg said he thinks aquaculture would be a worthwhile industry for the Legislature to fund, "but the fact of the matter is you can't afford to do everything you want to do."

"It's as simple as that," Moore said.

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly also spoke out against funding the aquacultural specialist.

Warner said the Games and Parks Commission already has 12 management biologist specialists located

lost revenue.

Currently tuition at Kearney State is \$36.50 per credit hour for resident undergraduates. UNO's tuition is \$45.25 per resident undergraduate credit hour.

Moore said he offered the amendment to prompt discussion by senators on the Kearney State

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throughout the state who could assist those involved in the aquacultural industry.

Many of the specialists have expertise in the growing and cultivating of fish, Warner said, and it would be

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Debate to continue on bill requiring parental notification

By Natalie Weinstein
Staff Reporter

State senators continued heated debate Wednesday afternoon on a bill that would require minors who want to have an abortion to first notify both their parents.

Senators took no action on the bill and are scheduled to continue first-round debate this afternoon.

Sen. Bernice Labedz of Omaha, the bill's primary sponsor, said the bill will -- among other things -- protect "the minor from her own imprudent decision" and preserve "the

integrity of the family unit."

Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island said she thinks it will destroy as many families as it will help.

"This is a bill to harass those at the most traumatic time of their lives," she said.

Thirty senators have co-sponsored the bill. This is five more than is needed to eventually turn the bill into law.

Under the bill, the minor female can bypass parental notification by going before a judge or by telling the physician that she has been physically abused, sexually abused or

neglected. The physician then must inform "proper authorities" of the abuse or neglect, according to the bill.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said LB769 "will create untold misery."

Chambers proposed an amendment that would remove the section of the bill requiring that the physician inform authorities of abuse or neglect. His amendment was rejected 15-26.

Chambers said victims of abuse who escape to shelters are kept there in secrecy to protect them. The same

philosophy should apply to minors, he said.

Knowing that authorities will be contacted will cause even more stress for the young females who must deal with their pregnancy, he said.

Labedz said she wants physicians to be forced to inform authorities of abuse or neglect so the problem will end.

Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha said that without the section requiring notification of authorities, every female could lie in order to get around parental notification.

Sen. Brad Ashford of Omaha said

that in Minnesota where a similar law has been passed, a survey showed that about 75 percent of minors who were 15 or younger did inform their parents.

It is the other 20 to 25 percent of young females who come from "extremely dysfunctional families" and are least able to deal with their families who are hurt by the legislation, he said.

At the end of the day, Labedz moved to suspend the rules so senators could vote on the bill without further debate or amendments. Her motion failed 28-16. Thirty votes are needed to suspend the rules.