

UNMC chosen to engage in national AIDS study

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The University of Nebraska Medical Center has been chosen as one of six locations around the country to participate in a study of a new treatment that could prolong the life of AIDS patients.

Rita Lovely, clinical research coordinator at the UNMC Viral Syndrome Clinic, said the study will be for people who were diagnosed with acquired immune deficiency syndrome within the last 120 days.

The clinic "should be enrolling people at the end of the week" to participate in the two-year study, she said.

The study will combine two drugs, azidothymidine (AZT), a drug used to slow the growth of the HIV infection, and acyclovir, an anti-herpes drug. Lovely said the two drugs already are licensed by the Food and Drug Administration but have never been used together.

The study will divide participants into two groups. One will receive AZT and a placebo pill; the other group will take AZT and acyclovir.

The study is a double-blind study, meaning neither the patient nor the researcher knows which treatment the patient is receiving. Only

the pharmacist will know who gets what.

Lovely said researchers are not going to wait until the end of the study to review data. Because of the urgency of the disease, data will be analyzed every three months, she said.

If the group receiving both drugs is doing a lot better than the group receiving the placebo, she said, the study may be stopped so the placebo group also would benefit.

Lovely said the study will help people who participate because they will receive free drugs and lab work. The participants will not have to be admitted to the medical center but just take the medication and go in for regular examinations.

The study will help determine if an increased dosage of acyclovir may have an effect against different strains of the herpes virus family like herpes simplex and cytomegalovirus. Those forms of herpes appear in more than 50 percent of AIDS patients.

Lovely said UNMC probably was chosen to participate in the study "because we've been trying to get access to these research treatments" and experimental drugs. She said that if the study is done well the center may get access to other types of experimental drugs.

The center currently treats about 250 people with the AIDS virus, Lovely said. About 50 of them have contracted the disease.

up with that (parking rates)," he said.

Whether space allocations for faculty and staff members and students are arranged on "correct proportions" also will be part of the study, he said.

Burke said he does not have an exact figure for the cost of the study because it will depend on the firm UNL selects and the scope of the study.

Parking

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The firm will study parking rates at UNL and determine if they are in line with other peer colleges and if they correspond to parking availability, he said.

"We don't have a magical formula to come

Language

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eratures, had assistants for Spanish, French and German.

But students taking Japanese and Russian courses live on the floor, Steinbach said. She said she has been responsible for Japanese and Russian programs, but not enough students took part in them to warrant hiring more student assistants until this year.

The new assistants will be responsible for supervising the Neihardt language lab and organizing a weekly conversation in their language, a weekly activity such as a slide show and a study review session for finals in first and second semester language classes.

Doug Zatechka, director of hous-

ing, was responsible for providing the two new assistants, Steinbach said.

She said 54 students currently live on the floor, and if more get interested, the program may expand to another floor or move to a larger one.

Language majors and minors, business, arts and sciences and journalism students live on the floor, she said.

Students who are not language majors live on the floor because they know someone will be available to help them with language classes, she said.

The language floor is a good experience for anyone, she said.

"You have the opportunity to experience another language and culture in the Midwest," Steinbach said. "There's no way they could get that experience without going to that country."

Holocaust

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Holocaust remembrance ceremony. Respect for its victims and awe at the challenge it poses to follow through on its lesson.

People can't choose neutrality in times of crisis, he said, and must let moral and ethical values govern their actions.

"Bigotry of any kind must be stopped."

Others echoed those concerns.

People cannot be complacent about stopping bigotry and hatred, Lincoln State Sen. LaVon Crosby said, and must recognize the signals of anti-

Semitism.

"We need to recognize those signals and not let it happen again," Crosby said.

"Unless we do remember the horror, the slaughter... it could happen again," said Coleen Seng, city councilwoman. Seng presented a declaration from Mayor Bill Harris proclaiming May 2, 1990, as The Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust.

During the ceremony, seven candles were lit for the victims, one for the liberators of the Holocaust victims.

The ceremony concluded as the audience recited a benediction for remembrance to "love your neighbor as yourself."

in brief

NEWS

Friday last day for election voter registration

Friday is the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming primary election.

The election office at the County-City Building will be open for voter registration and absentee voting today until 5:30 p.m. and Friday until 6 p.m.

Residents also can register at East Park

Plaza 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and noon to 6 p.m. Friday; at the Centrum from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday.

The election commissioner's office will be open 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday for absentee voting.

UNL senior honor societies initiate new members

Members of Mortar Board and Innocents Society were initiated Saturday at the 101st anniversary of Ivy Day at Kimball Recital Hall.

Both organizations are senior honor societies. Honorary memberships were given

to Tom Osborne, Nebraska football coach, James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Barbara Wright, director of student programs and reunions and coordinator of the Scarlet & Cream Singers for the Nebraska Alumni Association.

police

REPORT

Beginning midnight Tuesday, May 1.

8:35 a.m. -- Car reported dented, Area 6 parking lot, Burr Residence Hall, East Campus, \$200.

8:38 a.m. -- Attempted burglary reported, window screen frame bent, Kappa Delta Sorority, 405 University Terrace, \$10.

11:15 a.m. -- Bicycle reported stolen, Pound Residence Hall bicycle rack, \$237.

1:35 p.m. -- One-vehicle accident reported, Area 15 parking lot, south of Temple Building, \$300.

1:45 p.m. -- Changer on soda machine reported damaged, lower level, Temple Build-

ing, \$400.

2:23 p.m. -- Four windows reported broken, Carpenter Building, 9th and U streets, \$45.

3:42 p.m. -- Library books reported stolen, Love Library, \$17.

5:07 p.m. -- Hit-and-run accident, metered parking lot, west of Memorial Stadium, \$250.

8:38 p.m. -- Two-car, non-injury accident, metered parking lot, west of Memorial Stadium, \$1,000.

9:21 p.m. -- Hit-and-run accident, Area 31 parking lot, north of East Union, \$500.

9:57 p.m. -- Television reported stolen from student's room, Smith Residence Hall, \$300

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