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Correction: In Monday's Daily Nebraskan, the Greek Shop was incorrectly identified as the printer of "South of the Border" party T-shirts. Dier's Screen Printing printed the shirts. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

WEATHER

Today, partly sunny, southwest wind 5-15 miles per hour becoming northwest at 10-20 miles per hour in the afternoon, high in the mid to upper 60s. Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 40. Friday, partly sunny, high in the lower 60s.

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Greenhouse renovation flowering

By James P. Webb
Staff Reporter

Progress Wednesday in the delayed renovation of UNL East Campus greenhouses was good news for researchers as falling temperatures began to threaten plants vital for research.

After a 30-day delay, workers began installing the glass roofing on 20 greenhouses on East Campus Wednesday, said Tom Johnson, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources facilities coordinator.

The progress was welcomed by three University of Nebraska-Lincoln IANR departments that have been displaced from the greenhouses since July, especially as the temperatures dipped below freezing Tuesday night.

The bankruptcy of one of the material suppliers caused the 30-day setback, Johnson said. The deadline for completion of the \$1.9 million project now is Dec. 3, he said.

Alan Moeller, assistant vice chancellor for IANR, said that if the renovation schedule slips further, alternative space will have to be found.

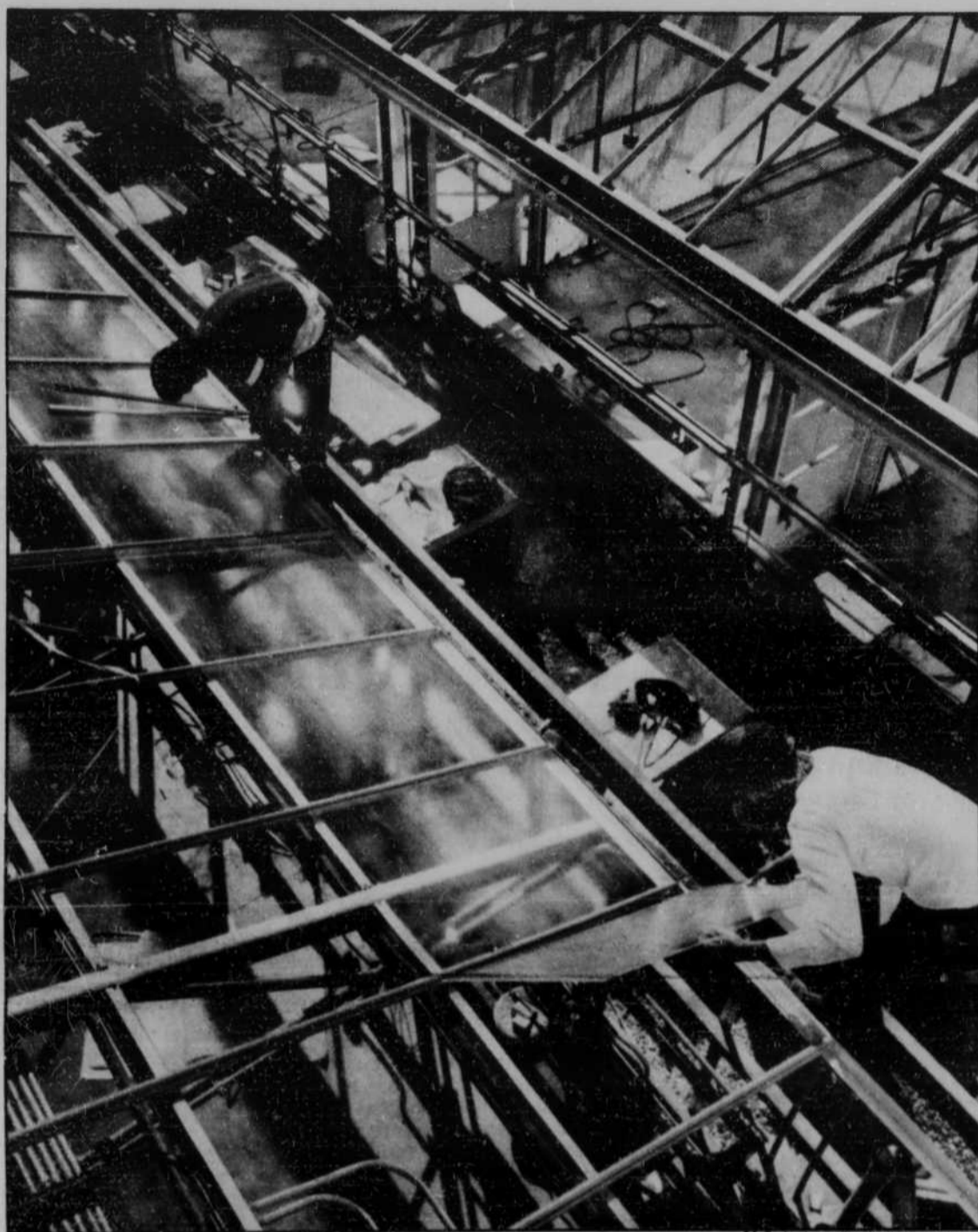
"We cannot afford to lose research," Moeller said.

Robert Shearman, head of the agronomy department, said the department's biggest component of research, the wheat breeding program, so far has not been affected by renovation delays or freezing temperatures.

"We're concerned about the delays but we're optimistic that if the Dec. 3 deadline is met, our needs will be met, and we will be able to conduct our research with very limited effect," Shearman said.

But Shearman said the lack of

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Kevin Heaton, left, and John Gieski of Lincoln Builders Inc. lay glass windows Wednesday in one of 19 East Campus greenhouses. About 300 windows cover each greenhouse roof, Gieski said.

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Due process proposed for NCAA

By Dionne Searcey
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Following Nebraska's lead, a recently introduced congressional bill would play hardball with the NCAA, state Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said.

The federal bill currently in a House committee states that the NCAA could not investigate and issue penalties to member institutions without due process.

The state law, passed in early February by the Nebraska Legislature, requires due process for coaches, players and institutions sanctioned by the NCAA.

Mike Talisnik, legislative director to Rep. James Bilbray, D-Nev., said the federal bill doesn't call for abolishment of the NCAA's power. It asks that the NCAA, which controls intercollegiate athletics, abide by the recognized principles of due process, Talisnik said.

Earlier this year, a Supreme Court decision ruled that the NCAA was a private organization and did not have to abide by the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution when accusing athletes, coaches or schools of wrongdoing.

Chambers, who sponsored the Nebraska bill, said the NCAA's power needs to be reined in by a due process law. The NCAA can "use threats and intimidations to try and compel coaches and schools to knuckle under." The NCAA has been known to "use an unfair process to impose punishment," he said.

Al Papik, University of Nebraska assistant athletic director for administrative services and compliance coordinator, said the NCAA has the power to prevent nonconforming schools from participating in collegiate sports.

The organization can take action

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Planned location of homecoming dance out of business

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

Plans to hold Friday's homecoming dance at M.R. Ducks have been shot down.

Chrissy Hawkins, chairwoman of the Homecoming Committee, said she "heard it through the grapevine" last week that M.R. Ducks, 826 P St., had closed.

Hawkins said she had contacted

M.R. Ducks about holding the dance to "try something different." The dance usually is held on campus.

Hawkins said she tried to contact the owners but couldn't reach them.

"We went out of business," Ben Mientka, co-owner of M.R. Ducks, said. "I was really disappointed. I wanted to do this."

"I may have been mistaken in not contacting them soon enough, but I was kind of upset," Mientka said.

Mientka said that instead of business going up with the start of fall classes, it had gone down. The business closed Sept. 24, he said.

He said he would have carried out the agreement but "they shut off the electricity."

No money was involved in the contract, Hawkins said.

"They were not going to charge (a rental fee) and the music is free. M.R. Ducks was just going to charge a door

fee," she said.

When she didn't hear from the owners, Hawkins said, she made plans to hold the dance at Broyhill Fountain.

In case of inclement weather, she said, the dance is "not gonna happen."

The dance is scheduled to be at Broyhill Fountain from 7:30 to 9:30 on Friday night. KKNB/B104 will be providing the music for the dance,

which is free to the public.

The committee discovered M.R. Ducks' closing while the posters advertising the dance were being printed. "We couldn't do anything about it," Hawkins said.

No money was lost, though, she said, because Kinko's was printing the posters free of charge.

Parking meeting brings up issues

Consultants disappointed with forum turnout

By Mindy Wilson
Staff Reporter

Representatives from two consulting firms conducting a parking survey for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln were disappointed at the lack of attendance at a forum Wednesday, an official said.

Dick Kenney, a representative of Walker Parking Consultants, said the firms had anticipated a much larger crowd since parking had been a major issue on campus in the spring.

Walker Parking Consultants of Minneapolis and Chance Management Company of Philadelphia conducted the forum in the Nebraska Union main lounge. Lt. John Burke, UNL parking administrator, also participated in the forum.

Burke said he, too, was disappointed in the turnout. He said forum organizers had contacted several organizations that they thought

might be interested, such as the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska. No representatives from ASUN attended the forum.

ASUN President Phil Gosch said he did not attend the forum because he was in class. He said he could not speak for the other senators as to why they did not attend.

Gosch said he would be able to voice his concerns about parking on campus at a private meeting planned with the consultants.

Burke said he thought there was low attendance at the forum because the parking situation had improved since last year.

Five students and one staff member who spoke at the forum raised concerns about lighting, reserved spaces, the remoteness of student parking and parking meters.

Richard Halvorsen, a senior business major, said he thought student parking was moved farther from campus to accommodate staff and

faculty.

The city also took away parking, he said, when it put a crosswalk in front of Mabel Lee Hall, eliminating some parking spaces.

Eric Yeutter, a graduate student in teaching, said he thought hours should be extended on some parking meters.

"You could at least have a few meters that are more than two hours long," he said. It is too much trouble for students to go back between classes that are 10 or 15 minutes apart and put more money in a meter, he said.

Rasma Strautkalns, a secretary in the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, asked the panel why there is a need for 24-hour reserved parking spaces when those spaces are empty most of the time.

Kenney said that the 24-hour stalls probably are for people who have to leave campus a lot during the day.

The students' comments and other informa-

tion gathered during the study will be used in a report that describes the parking supply and demand, Kenney said.

The firms then will make recommendations to the Parking Advisory Committee, he said.

The firms have hired 25 people to poll commuter students, Kenney said. The poll asks the students if they drive, where they live and how long they stay on campus. A similar questionnaire also has been sent to 23 percent of the staff and faculty, he said.

Twenty-five people are counting cars in parking lots to see how many spaces are occupied throughout the day, Kenney said. Polling and parking lot counts were begun Wednesday and will continue today, he said.

The firms will conclude their second visit to campus on Friday, Barbara Chance of the Chance Management Company said. They plan to have the parking study finished by the year's end.