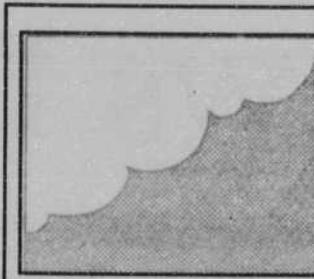


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## TODAY'S WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and a 40 percent chance of showers today with the high 55-60. Tonight, mostly cloudy with the low 30-35 and a 60 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy Saturday with the high around 50.

## Spring Breakdown

**DISTANCE FROM LINCOLN**  
 Fort Lauderdale 1600 miles  
 South Padre Island 1200 miles  
 Daytona Beach 1369 miles  
 Winter Park 551 miles  
 Cancun Unavailable in miles; takes 3 1/2 flight hours from Kansas City.  
 \*Distances approximate.

**COST**  
**Winter Park**  
 Skiing is \$32 a day. Lodging is \$60-\$70 a night or higher.

**COST**  
**South Padre Island**  
 Flight from Omaha to Harlingen, Tex. - \$393 midweek, \$443 weekend. (2 weeks advance notice). From Kansas City-\$182 midweek, \$202 weekend. (3 weeks advance notice). \*Motel rooms are more than \$70 per night.  
**Cancun**  
 Out of Kansas City packages: 3 night double downtown-\$269, 3 night double on the beach is \$339. 1 week double downtown-\$359.

**COST**  
**Ft. Lauderdale**  
 Flight from Lincoln-\$271 midweek, \$308 weekends. Minimum motel-over \$70 a night; damage deposit required.  
**Daytona Beach**  
 Flight from Lincoln-\$271 midweek, \$319 weekends (2 week advance notice).

**DRINKING AGE**  
 Fort Lauderdale, S. Padre, Daytona, & Winter Park: 21  
 Cancun: 18 on cruise ships around Mexico; Mexico does not have a drinking age.

**TEMPERATURE**  
 Ft. Lauderdale Upper 70's, low 80's  
 S. Padre Island 80's  
 Daytona Beach Upper 70's, low 80's  
 Winter Park 20 to 25  
 Cancun Upper 70's

Source: Good Life, Tour & Travel.

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## Cigarette tax funds battle lighting up

By Dionne Searcey  
Staff Reporter

**T**ough competition for cigarette tax revenues that NU is relying on for capital construction is putting a damper on prospects for building the George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research. The Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee will hear testimony today on about five bills vying for Nebraska cigarette tax revenues.

The University of Nebraska is requesting \$6 million from the state to provide matching funds for construction of the Beadle Center. The \$6 million is needed to match \$17.7 million in federal funds.

Gov. Ben Nelson said NU might have to use money within its own budget to finance the \$6 million in matching funds for construction of the Beadle Center, billed as a facility to give Nebraska foremost biotechnology research capabilities.

NU Regent Don Blank of McCook said Nelson was simply stating an "absolute worst-case scenario" and did not propose that the university use money from its own budget.

Blank said Nelson intends to "keep his options open" when deciding budgetary issues. Nelson has suggested that the cigarette tax funds be used for prison construction.

Marion O'Leary, director of the Center for Biological Chemistry at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the university could not finance the \$6 million for a utilities extension and a greenhouse for the center out of its own budget, because money in the budget is committed to departments, programs and people at NU.

O'Leary said that if NU does not receive the matching funds from the state, construction plans might be delayed. He said U.S. Department of Agriculture federal funds must be used this year or could be lost.

"If we did not get the \$6 million, we'll be in jeopardy," O'Leary said.

Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, agreed, saying, "You can't go back and ask for additional USDA funding if the state can't satisfy what you've already got."

The project's total estimated cost is \$37 million.

Omtvedt said questions have been raised about moving the center from its planned location at 19th and Vine streets to East Campus to reduce costs. But the building's architects have not given "serious consideration" to an alternative location, and therefore, do not know if this would reduce construction costs, he said.

## Spring Break

### Students seek fun, sun, snow, low air fares

By Trish Spencer  
Staff Reporter

**A**bout every four years, spring breakers set out in search of new destinations, and this year it's Mexico or bust, according to Lincoln travel agents.

South Padre Island, Texas, has been the Spring Break hot spot for about 10 years, Laurie Clark of Younkers Travel Agency said, but this year students in search of warm beaches are headed for Cancun, Mexico.

Many of the flights to Cancun were booked before Christmas because of the low-priced flights students were able to obtain out of Kansas City, Mo., Leslie Randecker of

Younkers Travel Agency said.

The beach at Cancun is one of its main attractions, she said. In addition, students like the low prices they find in Mexico and enjoy being in a foreign country without traveling far from the United States.

Low prices also attract many students to skiing resorts in Colorado. Barb Ludwig of Lincoln Tour and Travel said Winter Park, Colo., is a popular Spring Break destination because students can take Amtrak directly there from Lincoln.

Florida and Texas still receive the main onslaught of spring breakers each year, but some students find it hard to vacation in Florida because regulations do not allow

anyone under age 21, or 25 in some cases, to rent a hotel room, Clark said.

Sgt. Bill Tillard of the Daytona Beach Police Department said the age restrictions were implemented to curb the problems caused by alcohol.

Only .5 percent of Daytona spring breakers actually are arrested, with most of the arrests for public consumption of alcohol, disorderly conduct resulting from alcohol and other liquor law violations, Tillard said.

The event, which Tillard compared to "hosting Super Bowls for eight weeks," takes a special task force to keep things

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## Former student jailed, harassed volleyball player

By Tabitha Hiner  
Senior Reporter

**A**Lancaster County District Court judge sent a former University of Nebraska-Lincoln student to the Lancaster County Jail on Thursday for harassing a Nebraska volleyball player.

Judge Jeffere Chevront found that David Brinegar violated an injunction order forbidding him from having contact with Janet Kruse.

Brinegar will be detained until Sept. 21 or earlier if he agrees to comply with a restraining order that was placed on him Feb. 20 and modified Feb. 26, according to the confinement order.

While he is imprisoned, Brinegar only can make phone calls to his attorney, the District Court clerk, his family and people who signify in writing they want to receive calls from him, the order states.

The phone calls are to be dialed by jail personnel, according to the order.

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## 'Right direction,' Papik says

### Report's in; NCAA making changes

By Michael Hannon  
Staff Reporter

**A**lthough the recommendations in the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics' report are basically sound, the NCAA already is working to achieve many of them, according to some University of Nebraska officials.

"In general, I support it (the report)," said Al Papik, Nebraska assistant athletic director for administrative services and NCAA compliance coordinator. "I think it is in the right direction, but it is the direction in which collegiate athletics has been going in the past three years."

The commission report, which was released Tuesday, suggested that college administrators have independent control of athletic departments and their finances.

Commission members also charged that collegiate athletics have become ruled by television network contracts and private fund raising.

Academic standards were suggested by the commission, including requiring student athletes to be scheduled to graduate within five years.

James O'Hanlon, University of Nebraska-Lincoln representative to the NCAA, said, "You have to be careful not to put requirements on student athletes that other students don't have to meet."

Current measures to enforce academic standards for student athletes are performing satisfactorily, O'Hanlon said, adding he had not read the report yet.

Papik said graduation rates and academic profiles of student athletes at UNL are the same as those for the general student population.

He said UNL's record is satisfactory. Other issues of concern now are being worked out, he said.

The commission suggested that institutions be subjected to outside audits to ensure compliance with the recommendations.

O'Hanlon said he agrees with the commission's recommendations for

independent audits of athletic departments but added that the policy resembles a program recently started by the NCAA.

The NCAA is beginning a program for the certification of athletic departments, O'Hanlon said, and UNL is among the institutions that have volunteered for it.

Papik said the commission spent \$2 million and 18 months to come up with suggestions that already are being discussed.

"I wasn't surprised by anything I heard," Papik said. But the report "will be an additional force that will put more pressure on college presidents to become involved."

Papik said he supports the commission's call for academic standards, fiscal integrity and certification and that athletic departments complete self-studies to indicate they are financially responsible.

NU Athletic Director Bob Devaney said he did not think the state of college athletics is as bad as the report indicated.