

NEWS BRIEFS

UNL publishes journal by Center for Great Plains Studies

The first issue of "Great Plains Research," a journal of natural and social sciences, was published this summer by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The journal is the second regu-

larly produced scholarly periodical of UNL's Center for Great Plains Studies.

The new journal complements the 11-year-old "Great Plains Quarterly," a publication devoted to

studies in the humanities. Unlike the "Quarterly," the new multidisciplinary journal will be published twice a year and feature original scholarly papers on issues of regional concern in the natural and social sciences.

Pulling wisdom teeth still a smart choice

By Rainbow Rowell
Staff Reporter

Although a new study suggests that U.S. dentists and oral surgeons remove too many wisdom teeth, many local dentists said early extraction is still the wisest choice.

The study, financed by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, is part of a federal effort to identify ineffective or wasteful medical procedures.

The study found that the nation might save at least \$150 million with no ill effects if surgeons only extracted those wisdom teeth that cause problems, rather than removing teeth prematurely, the New York Times recently reported.

Dr. J. Bruce Bavitz, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Dental College, said most wisdom teeth do not come into the mouth normally, which causes problems.

"Most people will have trouble eventually," Bavitz said. "It's preventive medicine to take the teeth out when it's most convenient."

He said the ideal age to have wisdom teeth removed is 17 or 18, when the roots are not completely formed and the bone is softer.

"If I could predict that the teeth won't ever cause any problems, I'd

recommend leaving them alone, but I can't do that," he said. "In most cases, the teeth will at some time be a problem, so it's best to take them out when the patient is young and healthy."

Dr. Larry Haisch, the department head of the University Health Center dental office, agreed.

"If the individual is in his or her late teens to 20s and it appears that there is a high potential for problems, I'd say, 'Have the teeth removed,'" Haisch said.

Impaction, which occurs when wisdom teeth come into the mouth abnormally, can cause recurring infection, pain and crowding. It may also cause the formation of cysts or benign tumors, which weaken the jaw bone and damage neighboring teeth.

Haisch said the development of wisdom teeth can be monitored by regular checkups, visual and X-ray exams and radiographs.

"If I see that they (teeth) are not impacting as they come in, I would leave them to see how they come out," Haisch said.

Tricia Beda, an undeclared freshman, had her wisdom teeth removed in July. Three of Beda's teeth had developed abnormally, but all four were removed.

"I had them all taken out, just in case," she said. "I'm glad I got it over with. Now, I'll never have to do it again."

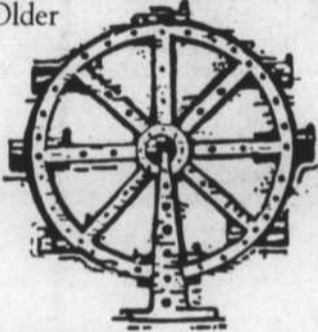


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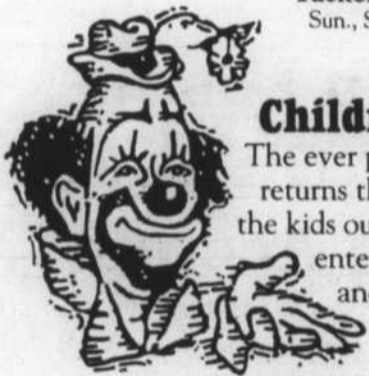


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UNL graduate student Scott Wesely, who is helping Holse, said he is also motivated by an opposition to censorship.

"There is also an issue of racism that needs to be addressed in a little more mature way than reducing everyone's rights, which is what the mayor and the City Council seem to be proposing," he said.

He said UNL students should get involved and tell the council that "there are a lot of people who do not agree with your simplistic methods of dealing with a complex issue."

David Grooman, Lincoln Ca-

blevision's community access coordinator, said the Cable Television Advisory Board will meet in Old City Hall on Sept. 4 to discuss the issue. The meeting is open to the public.

Grooman said the channel's future is "up in the air" until the meeting.

"Right now, I'm not too concerned about it," he said. "If it becomes an item on the City Council's agenda, then I'll be concerned."

If that happens, Holse will be ready. "When it comes up on the City Council, I'll be there with the petitions," he said.

Until then, Holse said he hopes everyone will "dial 471-CITY (the City Council) and say they want public access."

ROTC

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force a change.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco has ordered the Army to provide a rational basis for its exclusion of homosexuals from its ranks.

The Aug. 19 ruling from the three-judge panel stated that "private biases may be outside the reach of the law, but the law cannot directly or indirectly give them effect."

In its ruling, the appeals court returned Dusty Pruitt's suit against the Army to the district court, which will try the case again. Pruitt was a captain in the Army when she was discharged in 1986 for a 1983 article in the Los Angeles Times in which she revealed she was a lesbian.

Universities across the United States are also reviewing whether ROTC

programs are in violation of university non-discrimination programs.

Lt. Col. Doug Hart, a spokesman for the Department of Defense, said Rutgers University in New Jersey is the only campus to formerly request that ROTC programs leave campus.

Regents at the University of Minnesota are also considering action that would begin phasing out the ROTC programs in 1993 if the programs continue to deny access to homosexuals.

In response to letters from the presidents of the Big 10 universities about the ROTC policy, Christopher Jehn, assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel, invited the university presidents to Washington to discuss the military's position on homosexuals, Hart said.

Despite the growing concern on campuses, Hart said, the military has no plans to review or change its policy.



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