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Out of season

UNL sophomore Sudarak Seephai, left, and senior Hock Peng Ong brave the cold weather Tuesday morning. About eight inches of snow fell on Lincoln.

Peer

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tutions of their state, some would be land-grant universities for their state and others would be both principal public and land-grant universities for their states.

•The institutions in the source group would be as geographically, demographically, academically and fiscally comparable with UNL as possible.

•No more than two institutions from one state would be chosen, although exceptions might exist.

•Comparability of programs and missions of institutions would be more important than monetary comparability, such as average faculty salary figures.

•Choosing the source group and the actual peer group would be substantiated by available data.

The report stated that with these

guidelines in mind, the advisory group chose 19 institutions for the source group.

They are: Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Iowa State, Ohio State, Colorado, Colorado State, West Virginia, Purdue, Kansas, Kansas State, Arizona, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Arizona State, Arkansas and New Mexico.

The advisory group then used data on the nature, mission and accomplishments of those universities to narrow the list to 10 institutions.

In choosing the 10 universities, the advisory group favored institutions that were the leading public research universities and/or the land-grant institutions for their respective states, the report stated.

At the NU Board of Regents' April 11 meeting, the advisory group said it made certain the 10 schools were geographically, demographically and fiscally comparable to UNL.

The newly proposed peer group added four new schools to the origi-

nal group, which was established in 1975 and consisted of Ohio State, Purdue, Iowa State, Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri.

Colorado State, Colorado, Iowa and Kansas were added, while Maryland, Penn State, Wisconsin and Michigan State were dropped from the original peer group.

Some major dissimilarities exist between UNL and some universities on the list, the report stated, including size and base of support.

But those schools were included because they shared other factors that needed to be represented, such as similar functions, missions, academic strengths and programs.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said the decision to choose a new peer group for UNL lay with the regents.

And because the advisory group will present its report to the regents at their May meeting, Rowson said, the issue may be addressed as soon as June.

Osborne

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that's a matter that needs to be addressed."

Osborne said he was not angry with Venditte or the Omaha Police Department — a point he said he made clear in his letter to Skinner.

"I can understand how frustrating it can be for the police to arrest someone, then see them let go," he said. "But I felt a person in a law enforcement position would respect the rights of the accused, and would want to find out what the problem was."

Osborne said athletic departments at other schools, and even Nebraska's, had helped athletes with similar problems in the past, and that this practice

was common.

Nebraska athletic department officials have waived admission to Saturday's annual Red-White football game in Memorial Stadium, and are asking fans attending the game to donate what they would normally pay for tickets — \$3 for adults, \$2 for children — to a fund for Simanek.

Contributions will be accepted at the game upon entering the stadium.

Snow

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"It is, indeed, a very rare thing to happen," he said.

But the storm, with 25- to 35-miles-per-hour winds, was judged bad enough to close down the campus, Mulnix said.

Administrators did not want to risk students' safety, he said, especially those who must travel a long distance to reach campus.

Only essential personnel were required to report to work Tuesday, Mulnix said, including those in charge of lighting, heating, snow plowing and food service.

Most UNL administrators and deans came to work, he said, although they are not considered essential personnel.

Nebraska Union staff defied Mother Nature and showed up for work as well.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union, said the union was open Tuesday because it had opened its doors about the same time the announcement that UNL was closed was made.

The union is not required to stay

open, he said, but union employees voluntarily decided to stay.

The information desk and main offices of the union remained open all day, but the bakery closed at 1 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. Businesses within the union — NBC Bank, Little King and Burger King — also remained open.

But the majority of union offices, such as Greek Affairs and Career Planning and Placement, were closed, Swanson said.

Ray Kozoil, operations manager of the East Campus Union, said the union remained open all day.

The recreation center and business offices were open all day, Kozoil said, while the bakery and bookstore were closed. The cafeteria was open until 1:30 p.m.

Love Library was open Tuesday, but closed early at 6 p.m. because of the weather. C.Y. Thompson library was open but also closed early at 5 p.m. Smaller UNL libraries were closed.

Forecasts project warmer weather for the remainder of the week — in the 50s and 60s with a chance of showers — so Nebraskans can put away their winter clothes and drag out their rain coats to get ready for spring, at least for a few days.

Michelangelo topic of Renaissance lecture

From Staff Reports

Michelangelo's new look in the Sistine Chapel will be among the topics of discussion as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln plays host to this year's Central Renaissance Conference Thursday through Saturday at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

The conference begins 8 p.m. Thursday at the Nebraska Center auditorium with a lecture and slide

presentation by Kathleen Weil-Garris Brandt of the Institute of Fine Arts and New York University. Brandt will speak on "Michelangelo's Colors in the Sistine Chapel."

Geoffrey Parker, a history professor at the University of Illinois, and Linda Woodbridge, an English professor at the University of Alberta, are also slated to speak Friday and Saturday, respectively.

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