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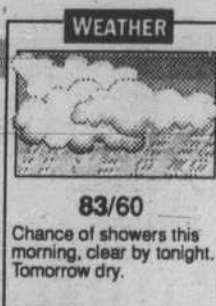


OPINION



SPORTS

NU defense warms up



WEATHER

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Chance of showers this morning, clear by tonight. Tomorrow dry.



Lincoln firefighters and paramedics treat 30-year-old graduate student Hann-Wan Guan, who was injured in a chemical explosion Tuesday afternoon in Hamilton Hall.

Travis Heying/Special to the DN

Deadline looms for NU-NCAA conflict

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Staff Reporter

Nebraska athletic department officials may have to violate NCAA regulations to avoid breaking Nebraska state law this Saturday in the Cornhuskers' football game against Utah.

The conflict has been forced by Legislative Bill 69, a state law requiring the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to allow all athletes eligible for need-based aid to receive it. LB69 went into effect June 1.

NCAA regulations prohibit universities from awarding more than 92 football scholarships a year. All need-based aid, besides Pell Grants or student loans, counts as a scholarship.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director in charge of compliance and administration, said 12 Husker football players were eligible for need-based aid and were not on scholarship. Of the 12, he said, eight were freshmen and would redshirt, meaning they won't play this year.

But four other players remain eligible for aid. If they accept the aid and play in a game, they will be counted as scholarship players and will put UNL over the NCAA's scholarship limit.

But under LB69, UNL cannot prevent the players from participating in games to keep them from being counted as scholarship athletes.

"We cannot deny them the opportunity to accept aid," Papik said, "nor can we curtail participation in athletics because they are recipients of aid."

Papik said he did not know if the four players intended to accept the aid. If they play Saturday, he said, he will determine if they received aid and put UNL in violation of NCAA regulations.

He said the athletic department sent a last-minute request to the NCAA Monday requesting instructions on how to proceed if UNL was pushed over its scholarship limit.

"We are waiting for a directive from the NCAA on how to proceed if a violation occurs," he said. "We asked for an immediate response because if anybody participates Saturday, that puts us over the limit, and we want to

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Explosion injures chemistry student

Man listed in fair condition with cuts, burns

By Erik Unger
Staff Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln student suffered burns and cuts Tuesday after an explosion on the sixth floor of Hamilton Hall.

Hann-Wan Guan, a 30-year-old chemistry graduate student from Taiwan, was taken to Lincoln General Hospital and later transferred to the St. Elizabeth's Community Health

Center burn unit, where he was listed in fair condition.

Authorities said Guan was working alone in the lab when the explosion occurred about 4:15 p.m.

Guan was burned by the chemical explosion and cut by glass, but the exact cause of the accident and the extent of the injuries were unknown.

Students and faculty members on the scene speculated that Guan was performing a routine chemical procedure involving distillation of a chemical in the lab, said Phyllis Larsen, coordinator of news and information for UNL's Office of Public Relations.

Nate Peachey, a chemistry graduate student, was working on the fifth floor of Hamilton Hall when the explosion occurred.

Peachey said he heard the explo-

sion and the sound of glass shattering and ran to the sixth floor. Other students were already trying to extinguish the fire.

"Guan came staggering out of the room," Peachey said. "He was bleeding from his mouth, chest and throat."

Guan's hair and eyebrows also were singed, Peachey said.

Peachey said Guan was coherent and talking, but seemed dazed when he reached him.

"He asked me if his face was burned and if he was bleeding," Peachey said. "I told him, and he was asking for compresses for the bleeding."

Peachey said the blood didn't seem to bother Guan.

"He spoke profusely, but in Chinese" to three students also on the scene, Peachey said.

Although Peachey said he supported Guan, the injured man exited the building using his own strength.

Charles Kingsbury, safety director at Hamilton Hall, said he was at the scene of the explosion in a matter of seconds. Smoke filled the hallway and destroyed the lab, he said.

He said Guan was able to walk, but was cut badly and was bleeding profusely.

Kingsbury said he didn't know what caused the chemical explosion.

Peachey said Guan was doing research on non-linear optics when the accident occurred.

Four or five other students were on the floor, Peachey said, but Guan was working alone in the room. Peachey said graduate students routinely work without faculty supervision.

Crime statistics unrepresentative, official says

By Shelley Biggs
Senior Reporter

Campus crime statistics often are unrepresentative of the colleges and universities they represent, UNL officials said.

As of yesterday, campuses nationwide must disclose their crime statistics to comply with the U.S. Campus Security Act of 1990.

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said crime statistics depend on a campus's location — if it is close to a large city — and the system students use to report crime.

Cauble said there were several discrepancies in the way crimes were reported.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, for example, is the only campus in the University of Nebraska system that has a commissioned police force, he said.

Cauble said it was difficult to compare UNL's statistics with those of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska at Omaha

and the University of Nebraska Medical Center because those campuses lack their own police forces. Thus, crimes occurring on those campuses most likely will be reported to local police instead of to the university.

And local police may not choose to release those reports on a regular basis, Cauble said.

"Sometimes municipal police departments will not share their statistics with campuses if they don't have a good relationship with them," he said.

Unlike many other campuses, Cauble said, the Lincoln Police Department is willing to release information to UNL Police.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at UNL, said he did not want to see the university's crime statistics used as a recruiting edge.

Griesen also said it was unfair to compare UNL's statistics to those from schools that do not have their own police forces, such as Creighton University in Omaha.

From Aug. 1, 1991, to July 31, 1992, Creighton reported six burglaries, while UNL reported 74.

Griesen said he believed Creighton's reported crime statistics were lower because the Omaha university reported campus crime to the local police department.

"It is a reflection of the fact that we have our own police force," he said. "Creighton would be wrong to say they have a safer campus because they don't have a police force."

A campus's location also plays a role in the crime statistics that are compiled, Cauble said.

The University of Kansas in Lawrence, for example, has about the same number of students as UNL, Cauble said, but Lawrence has a much smaller population than Lincoln.

"Where KU represents about one-fourth of the 66,000 people in Lawrence, UNL represents about one-tenth of the 193,749 people of Lincoln," he said.

Campus crime

Data as reported to campus police 1989 to July 1992

Homicide	0
First degree sexual assault	4
Second degree sexual assault	0
Third degree sexual assault	4
Robbery	5
Aggravated assault	3
Burglary	266
Larceny/theft	2620
Motor vehicle theft	25

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