

# Flood

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"We thought we'd be right back in," Kathy Hay said. Roy Hay said the flood turned out to be more serious than anticipated because of extreme weather conditions that thawed things during the day and froze them at night.

The flood was caused by an ice jam 1.5 miles long that started five weeks ago near Ashland's Thomas Lakes and now fills the Platte River.

Hay said if the original jam would have been blasted earlier, it would have saved his house and others from damage.

He said Sarpy County officials probably were concerned about liability and wanted to wait for the jam to thaw. But more people were hurt by delay.

"They wiped out Linoma Beach, our area and the water to Lincoln," he said. "What else could they have done?"

Roy Hay said the Ashland area did not get attention until the Lincoln water supply was threatened by the ice jam that damaged two of the city's water-supply pipes. That left only one 36-inch pipe supplying water to Lincoln.

Work on constructing a dike in Thomas Lake in Saunders County began Wednesday. Lincoln Mayor Mike Johanns will hold a press conference today to update the progress of the diking process, which would decrease Lincoln's water threat by taking pressure off the 36-inch pipe.

Meanwhile, Sarpy County officials continue their efforts to break up the ice jam with blasts of dynamite. The explosions started Tuesday and continued throughout the day Wednesday.



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"Anyone want a 7-Up?" asks Roy Hay of Ashland while checking out his mucky kitchen Wednesday. Flooding filled his lakeside home with three feet of water last week.

# Seating, sound system to be changed at stadium

By Andrea Kaser  
Staff Reporter

UNL Athletic Director Bill Byrne addressed members of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Wednesday, telling them



about several changes students could expect in the next few years.

On top of his list was student seating at Memorial Stadium.

Byrne said he had met with several student groups to get their input. All of them wanted 50-yard-line seats, he said, but they understood that was impossible.

The proposed designated areas for students would be in sections 9-14 in the east corner of the south end zone, he said. That plan is the same as several other schools, he said.

One complaint from nontraditional students, he said, was that they would like to sit in the student section, but where they don't have to stand for the whole game. Byrne said he was willing to accommodate various levels of enthusiasm.

Also in the wings for Memorial Stadium are a new sound system costing \$560,000, two instant-replay screens, skyboxes and televisions at concession stands, Byrne said.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, student senators again showed their support for Campus Recreation's requested increase in repair and improvement funds, but ASUN President Andrew Sigerson said he would pocket veto the bill in his last eight days.

"If it was \$4.50, I'd be willing to sign it," Sigerson said.

But members of ASUN voted 25-1 in support of a 99-cent-per-student increase in Campus Recreation's repair and improvement fund, raising the fee to \$4.99.

Senators expressed frustration at Sigerson's persistence. Sen. Craig Strong of the Graduate College said he respected Sigerson for upholding his promise to students in keeping student fees low, but it was time to let the senate decide and take the burden for the increase.

"We're willing to be held accountable for this," Strong said.

Sen. Patrick Kroese of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources said he took an informal poll last week on the Rec Center track. Of 24 students, 22 said they were willing to pay for the increase, and two said they didn't really care, Kroese said.

But Sigerson remained unswayed. After the meeting, he said he still planned to pocket veto the increase.

Senators were confident that the increase would go through despite a pocket veto, either with an override or by the intervention of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen. Griesen said he would uphold the senate's opinion, said Sen. Andrew Peshek of the College of Business Administration.

Stan Campbell, director of Campus Recreation, said he was pleased with the strong show of student support, but said he wasn't confident yet. "The whole scene has to be played out...in parliamentary procedure," Campbell said.

# Addition of fine arts college delayed

By Michelle Leary  
Senior Reporter

The organization of a proposed UNL fine arts college has been delayed by Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Patsy Martin, communications coordinator for the commission, said the committee postponed making a decision on the proposal at a meeting earlier this month because of inadequate information about the new college's financing.

"Members of the committee said it wasn't clear where the university would get the money to start a new college," Martin said.

By tabling the motion, she said, the commission staff would have an opportunity to meet with the university staff to clarify any misunderstandings.

Committee members assumed UNL would have to shift about \$140,000 from various programs to fund the new college, but this was inaccurate, said Joan Leitzel, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"We don't know where they came up with that number, but we have corrected that misunderstanding," Leitzel said. "In actuality, there will be no additional cost for the reorganization."

Leitzel said the fine arts college would add no new programs, employees or salaries.

The funds that would be used to

create the college currently support the Department of Art, the Department of Theatre and Dance and the School of Music, Leitzel said.

Those three divisions would make up the new College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Also affiliated with the college would be the Center for Great Plains Art Collection, the Don and Velma

lege and their recommendation was forwarded to and approved by the UNL Academic Planning Committee.

The recommendation also was approved by the University's Council of Academic Officers, and finally by the NU Board of Regents in 1991, subject to the approval of the postsecondary education commission.

After its last meeting, Leitzel said,

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— Martin, communications coordinator

Lentz Center of Asian Culture, the Lied Center for Performing Arts and the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

Leitzel said the purpose of the reorganization was not to establish new instructional degree programs.

"The purpose is to give more visibility to the fine and performing arts," Leitzel said.

The proposal is a request to reorganize the administration of the art departments within the College of Arts and Sciences and make a separate college structure, she said.

In 1990, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier established a committee comprised of 23 faculty, administrators and community representatives to study the arts units at UNL.

The committee members recommended the formation of a new col-

lege and their recommendation was forwarded to and approved by the UNL Academic Planning Committee.

According to the letter, Commissioner Randolph Ferlic said he expected the Program Review Committee to recommend approval of the proposal at the next commission meeting.

Dr. Ferlic, an Omaha cardiologist, is the chairman of the program review committee, which is a subcommittee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Once the reorganization is fully approved, Larry Lusk, associate dean for fine arts in the College of Arts and Sciences, will be made dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Martin said the commission would meet to make a decision on the proposal later this month or early April.

# Brock

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referring to the scene as a "popularity contest."

But while Williamson never has held an office, politics has interested him most of his life, he said. He has no specific political heroes, but Williamson said he wished he had John F. Kennedy's oratory skills.

"I need charisma," he said with a laugh.

Williamson said he wasn't running to make friends or money. He said he was running because he wanted to be able to look back someday and say, "At least I tried to do something."

But trying to accomplish something may affect his academic

future and push his education back a bit, he said.

City Council members serve four-year terms, spending two and a half days a week on the job.

"If I win, I won't graduate next year — Mondays at the City Council chambers would limit classes."

But Williamson said that was a sacrifice he was willing to make, because time was something he could afford.

The cost of a campaign is a different story, however.

Williamson, who works at Super Saver, 5460 S. 56th St., said he had little, if any, cash for running a campaign. That could be a problem,

he said, because he was running against "people with bank accounts."

Undaunted, Williamson said he was relying more on word-of-mouth than billboards and yard signs. His friends are planning to silk-screen signs themselves, and he said he hoped that would be enough.

Getting on the ballot was the easy part. The filing fee for candidates was only \$25, he said, and candidates were required to obtain 150 signatures.

"Anybody could do that, and only seven people in town took the time to run for office," he said. "That's something I want to change."

# POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Tuesday

11:30 a.m. — Vandalism, Whittier Building, 19th and Vine streets, \$20.

12:07 p.m. — Person transported to detoxification center, parking lot at Abel Hall.

3:12 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Oldfather Hall, \$20.

4:15 p.m. — Burglary, Alpha Chi Omega sorority, 716 N. 16th St., \$25.

8:59 p.m. — Intoxicated person, Nebraska Union.

10:18 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Andrews Hall, \$30.

10:32 p.m. — Pizza stolen, University Terrace, \$28.

11:25 p.m. — Items stolen from car, parking lot at 21st and Vine streets, \$35.

11:42 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Bessey Hall, \$10.

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