

Difficult drives still ahead for UNL motorists

By Matthew Waite
Staff Reporter

Road construction on Vine Street, R Street and the 10th Street viaduct project continues to make driving on campus difficult for University of Nebraska-Lincoln motorists.

Al Imig, deputy city engineer, said 10th Street between R Street and Avery Avenue would be open next Friday. He said the last piece of pavement was laid Thursday.

The 10th Street bridge, however, will not be open by Thanksgiving as scheduled, Imig said. The city does not expect the viaduct to be finished until Christmas, Imig said.

Imig said weather had caused delays in the construction of the bridge.

Larry Blake, facilities manage-

ment project manager at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the construction on R Street in front of the Nebraska Union was connected to UNL expansion.

Blake said UNL owned the Union Insurance Building on 14th and Q streets, which currently is being remodeled. Two-thirds of the building will be permanently occupied by UNL Press, and the other third will temporarily house departments displaced by building constraints, Blake said.

He said some College of Business Administration faculty, who were displaced by remodeling, already had offices in the former insurance building.

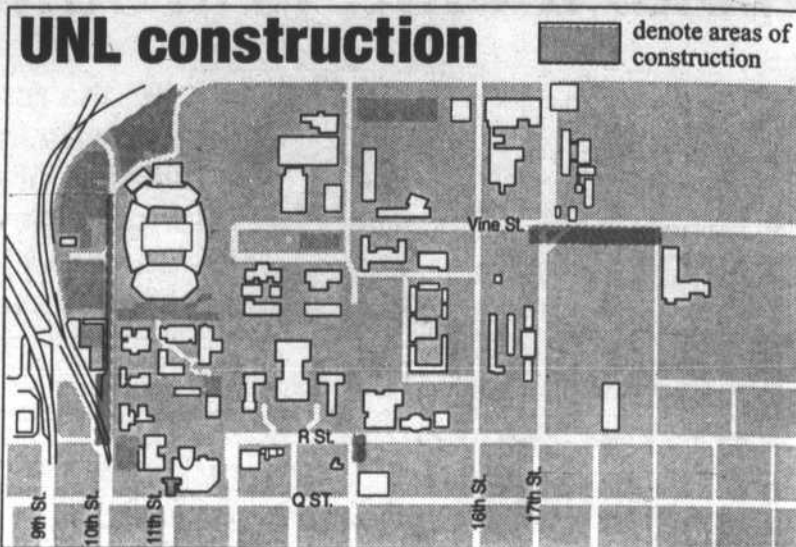
Blake said construction was connecting the building to UNL utilities

plants. He said workers were extending chilled water pipes and a data line — a 4-inch, fiber-optic conduit connecting the building to the university computer network.

"We're expecting the work out on R Street to be done in the next couple of weeks," Blake said.

Clark DeVries, a project manager at architectural and engineering services, said the project on Vine Street from 16th to 19th streets was similar to the project on R Street.

DeVries said the project was extending utilities to the Beadle Center through a tunnel running from 16th to 19th streets. The \$1.5 million Beadle Center project still is under construction.



DN graphic

Sorority members vacate after addition fails fire test

By Mike Lewis
Staff Reporter

Twelve members of Chi Omega sorority moved into their sorority house's new addition last month, but they didn't have a chance to get comfortable.

The women had to move out of their rooms and into a motel last week after a fire inspector declared the house's addition unsafe.

Eric Schoen of the Bureau of Fire Prevention inspected the Chi Omega house last Thursday and found construction of the addition was incomplete.

At the time of inspection, Schoen said, the main smoke alarm system and sprinklers had not been activated, and the stairwell had no hand railings.

Also, he said, construction items left in the stairwell would have hindered people trying to get out of the house during a fire.

Chi Omega also had failed to get the occupancy permit required for the addition, Schoen said.

"It just wasn't a safe place to live," Schoen said. "We hated to (tell them to move out) because we understand they're overcrowded."

Janet Ehlers, president of the Chi Omega Corporation Board, said she hoped the women would be able to move back in after another fire inspection Friday.

The smoke alarm system and sprinklers have been activated, she

said, and all fire doors and emergency lights have been installed. The stairwell railings should be installed by Friday, she said.

The corporation board, made up of Chi Omega alumnae, is paying the motel bill.

"It's been no cost to the girls," she said.

Ehlers said she thought the motel bill would be more than \$1,000.

Ehlers said the corporation board decided to let the women move into the addition before an occupancy permit was obtained.

"We were caught in a bind," she said.

The board was unable to put the women in residence halls because the halls were full, Ehlers said. Because the women had nowhere else to live on campus, she said, they were allowed to move into the addition early.

The rooms in the addition were finished, and the women wanted to live on campus, she said.

The addition seemed safe, Ehlers said. Two of its three exits had lighting and were completely accessible, she said.

The addition was supposed to have been finished Aug. 12, Ehlers said, but summer rains prevented crews from meeting that deadline.

After school started and the addition became enclosed, "work proceeded at a slower pace than what we'd hoped," Ehlers said.

Festival celebrates diverse Asian cultures

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"A Night in the Orient," a semi-formal banquet to celebrate diverse Asian cultures, will be Saturday in the Nebraska Union.

Nancy Wolf of the University Programs Council said the UPC-sponsored event would include of a meal of Asian cuisine. Students will present cultural performances from different Asian countries.

A dance will follow the banquet and performances.

"A Night in the Orient" will be in the Centennial Ballroom at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 for students and \$12 for non-students.

Wolf said the event sold out last year and only a few tickets remain for this year's celebration.

Wolf said the event demonstrated how much Asian students wanted to express their culture.

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itself appeared to be accidental.

Calls to the fraternity were referred to the house's attorney, who could not be reached Thursday night.

Scott Bunz, president of the UNL Interfraternity Council, said he had no comment on the incident other than to say that it was under investigation.

Nursing Supervisor Sandra Keefover at Lincoln General Hospital said Knoll's condition was fairly stable Thursday. She said Knoll had facial fractures and a closed head injury after falling on his head and shoulders.

Keefover said doctors were waiting to see what happened with Knoll's head injury. Doctors are reluctant to predict the chances for a full recovery too soon after this type of accident, she said.

Family members reached at the hospital said they had no comment.

Griesen said violations of the Student Code of Conduct leveled against fraternity members could include alcohol possession and dispensing, haz-

ing, physical abuse and dangerous conduct.

"It could go as far as them losing their charter," he said.

Hazing also is a violation of state law, Griesen said, and investigation reports will be forwarded to the Lancaster County Attorney's office. Individual fraternity members and the organization itself could be brought up on criminal charges, he said.

Hazing, Griesen said, is defined by state law and UNL regulations as acts that cause harm or create risk to the physical or mental health of any member of a group.

Griesen said it was not yet known how many members were involved in the incident. City and university investigators will try to determine which individuals were responsible for the apparent hazing of Knoll and what degree of collective responsibility the house shares, Griesen said.

Cable said the investigation would not be completed until Knoll's medical condition improved enough for him to talk to police.

Griesen said student conduct violations would stand even if police found Knoll cooperated in the hazing.

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UNL vice chancellor for student affairs

that's not a defense," he said.

Alcohol also was involved in a 1989 rape at the Fiji house, police said. A former UNL student was convicted of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl, and the fraternity was put on probation until the spring of 1990.

Griesen said that while the fraternity members did not intend for Knoll to suffer such an injury, they should have known their conduct could lead to physical harm.

"We extend to the greek living units certain rights in return for their pledge to abide by university rules and regulations," Griesen said. "There's an agreement of responsibility that we hold them accountable for."

Trial

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the brain.

Goos asked Okoye if he had chemically analyzed any samples of the wounds to determine whether they contained blood.

Okoye said he did not analyze samples because he was satisfied "within a degree of medical certainty" that his examination concluded the injuries occurred before death.

"You only do that examination if you are not sure," he said.

Okoye also showed jurors a slide of Harms' broken hyoid bone from her neck.

"This is compatible with manual strangulation," he said.

Okoye told the jury the strangulation, along with multiple gunshot wounds, killed Harms.

"These wounds altogether substantially caused the death," he said.

One slide prosecutors showed the jury revealed a bruise on the back side of Harms' right hand, which Okoye said occurred during an attempt to fight off an attacker.

Some of the slides revealed three patches with many small cuts on Harms' left breast and similar ones on her right upper arm. The cuts ranged in size from 1 millimeter to 8 millimeters.

Those cuts, Okoye said, also occurred before death. The size and shape of the cuts, Okoye said, led him to believe they were made by a small sharp instrument, such as a small pocketknife.

Okoye, who arrived at the scene where the body was found at 134th Street and Yankee Hill Road, said he determined animals fed on some or-

gan tissue and that some tissue decomposed naturally.

Parts of the head and shoulders were covered with soil, Okoye said, but the rest of the body was protruding from the ground.

Okoye said another cut on the upper left forearm occurred after death. That cut, he said, could have been made by a shovel.

Dismissed juror

A former juror denied Lancaster County District Judge Donald Endacott's assertion that the juror had been released from the trial because of "personal hardship."

Endacott told the court that juror Jack Ellis was dismissed Wednesday afternoon because "it was a deep and substantial personal hardship for him to serve on this case."

The judge said Ellis had done nothing wrong and had performed his jury duties well.

But Ellis said in a telephone interview, he thought he was removed because he had called his nephew, a Lincoln police officer, to help start his car.

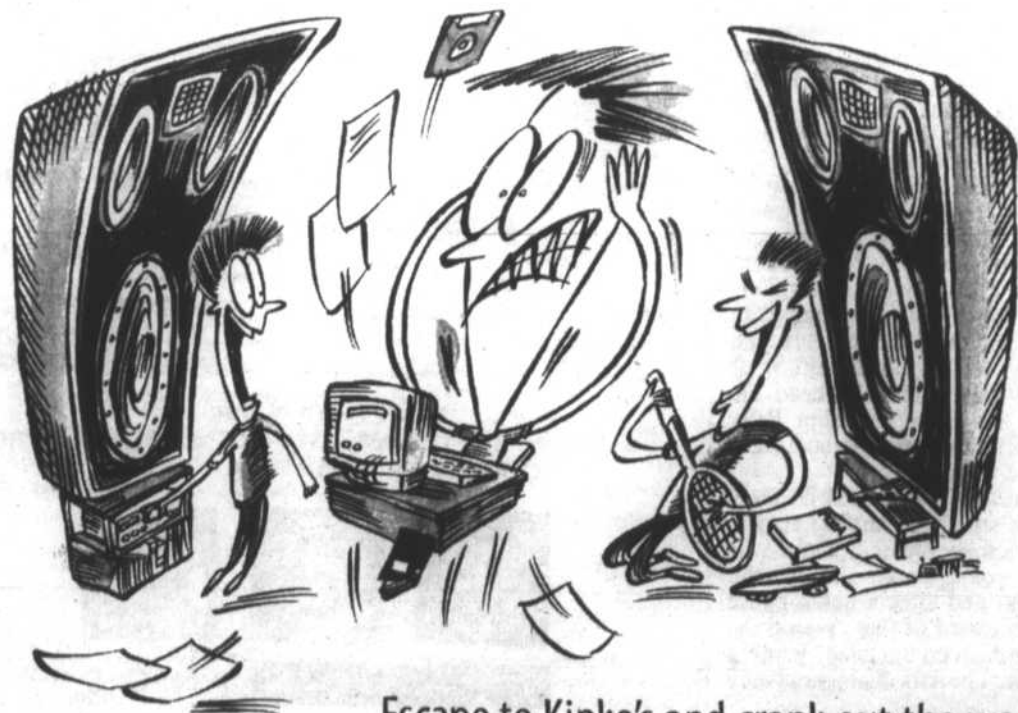
"The only hardship I had was that I had car trouble," Ellis said.

Ellis' car failed to start Tuesday night, he said, and no other juror had jumper cables. So he called his nephew Wednesday morning.

That afternoon, Ellis was replaced by one of four female alternate jurors. Endacott said lawyers on both sides of the case agreed Ellis should be released from the trial.

"They never told me why I was dismissed," Ellis said from his home in Sidney. "I assume that phones were tapped, and they monitored all calls in and out. I really don't know."

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