

Chancellor encourages new students

By Angie Schendt
Staff Reporter

During a fireside chat Thursday in the Wick Alumni Center, Chancellor Graham Spanier encouraged a class of freshmen to get involved on campus.

"Get involved and really sink your teeth into activities that you really think you can make a difference in, or you have a deep personal conviction for," Spanier told the Chancellor's Leadership class.

The class is a group of freshmen who are chosen through their demonstration of leadership skills, academics and activities in high school. Some members from last year have become advisory board members this year to help out the new members.

"The goal of the group is to promote leadership on campus and at our old high schools," said Freshman Tami Schluns, who is an undeclared major.

The 42-member group meets about twice a month for a year to expand their leadership skills, said Denise Cradick, the assistant director for the Office for Student Involvement and administrator for the program.

The chat was the third meeting for the group.

"We have to go to 80 percent of the activities," said Freshman Angela Splittgerber, an undeclared major.

"It's not a big time commitment for me," said Trisha DeVries, a freshman elementary education major.

In addition to those seminars, they have one community service activity to do as a group per semester. Cradick said the group decided what they wanted to do. They also will go on a one-day retreat at Camp Calvin Crest on Saturday.

Spanier said each member gets a \$500 scholarship for the year, which is financed from the state budget.

A few times throughout the semester, the leadership class will meet again with Spanier to get to know him and to learn from him. They also will have dinner at his house.

Fall's here — cold may not stay

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

It's cold. It's wet. It's raining. It's windy. It's the first day of fall in Nebraska. Students scurried across campus in a blur of umbrellas, winter coats and gloves after a cold front moved into Nebraska early Thursday morning.

The predicted high for today is 56 degrees — about 20 degrees below normal — with light rain and northerly winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Fred Meier, chief meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Lincoln, said a storm front moved out of the Rockies Wednesday night and swept through the Midwest Thursday morning. The front should be in the southern states by Saturday morning, he said.

"We've got the coldest weather we're going to get," he said.

Temperatures may drop into the upper 30s Saturday morning as the front passes and the skies start clearing.

But Meier said the cold would not last long.

"I expect to rebound quite a bit on Saturday with highs in the 60s and 70s," he said. "It will be a mostly sunny day."

The cold, rainy weather agitated students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Shannon Novak, a freshman general studies major, stood outside the Nebraska Union fidgeting with her umbrella.

"I thought today was going to be the worst day," she said. "I hate rain."

Novak said her roommate reminded her to bring an umbrella.

"Otherwise, I'd be soaked by now."

Jenny Anciaux, a junior psychology major, spent part of her afternoon looking for an umbrella in the University Bookstore.

"The weather is depressing. It's from one extreme to another," she said. "It's hot, then it's freezing."

However, not everybody was depressed by the cold temperatures.

Joyce Campbell, an employee at The Bakery in the Nebraska Union, said she loved the cold weather, but her customers did not. Their No. 1 order was hot coffee.



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Ruth Ford, a specialist in UNL's Geography Library, makes her way across campus Thursday afternoon. The high temperature Thursday was 33 degrees lower than Wednesday's high of 82 degrees.

"They come in and say 'Brrrr, it's cold out there!'" she said. "But they keep coming in."

Meier said the record low for Saturday was 31 degrees, but it was unlikely the record would be broken this year. A light snow fell Wednesday night in Scottsbluff,

Meier said, but failed to accumulate.

Is the first day of fall a sign of a cold weather trend?

Not right away, Meier said.

"There will be more cold fronts as fall progresses," he said, "but it will be in a week or 10 days, near the end of September."

Cass County water unhealthy

From Staff Reports

Three of 10 water samples taken from the Cass County water district were found to be contaminated Thursday, a county health chief said.

The water supply became contaminated after a water main was damaged by a dynamited beaver dam, said Scott Holmes, chief of the environmental health division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Health officials issued a boil order Wednesday for area residents. The water district includes portions of eastern Lancaster and Cass counties, Walton, Prairie Homes Estates,

the Larsen subdivision and Woodland Hills Golf Course.

Holmes said he advised all water users in that area to boil water used for drinking or preparing food. Water can be safely used to bathe or to wash clothes.

Holmes said the district had been chlorinating the water supply since the damage occurred and would continue to do so until tests indicate the water was safe.

The water main was repaired, and the contamination should disappear with time, Holmes said. He couldn't predict how long it would be before the water was safe to drink but said the public would be notified.



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