

Quake

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he had friends living and attending school there.

As of Tuesday night, he said he had not been able to get through because of damaged phone lines.

"It's terrible," he said. "A lot of people have died."

Hayashizaki said he was worried about his friends and would keep trying to get through.

Chiho Inamasu, who is from Tokyo, said she had not tried to call her

family yet. She said she was sure they were safe, but would be calling late Tuesday or tonight.

Inamasu said she also had friends in Kobe but had not been able to contact them.

Miki Takahashi, whose family lives in Tokyo where the quake was barely felt, said she had not contacted her family yet and was not worried that her family might have been hurt in the quake. But when the first news came, she said she was scared.

"I saw the pictures of crashed buildings and I thought it was Tokyo," she said.

When Takahashi and Inamasu learned that the quake had hit Kobe, they said they were relieved.

"But at the same time I thought that next it would be Tokyo and my family will die," Takahashi said.

Both Takahashi and Inamasu said they were worried because a large earthquake hit the capitol city about every 70 years.

Takahashi said that fact brought one thing to mind.

"I thought, 'I have to get back to Japan.'"

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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NET is caught in a Catch-22.

If the cuts are made, Hull said, the network would have to turn to private individuals and foundations for support. However, he said, without prime-time programs, it would be difficult to attract private donors.

"This is the most serious situation the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has ever faced," Hull said.

NET, a non-profit organization, relies on government funding instead of commercials, Hull said, and its minimal corporate sponsorships are diminishing.

"People should support PBS because in this republic there should be one television and radio service for the American people that is not driven

by profit," he said.

Non-commercial, non-profit programming allows creators to take an idea that has merit and bring it to the audience, Hull said.

"I'd like to quote JFK, who said we're not going to be remembered in 1,000 years for the wars we fought or the battles we won," Hull said. "It's what we did for the human spirit."

"If they take away this funding and spend it on defense, then we've all been betrayed."

Hull said the issue involved more ideology than money. The new Republicans in Congress want to cut funding for CPB, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities — all of which are viewed as liberal organizations, Hull said.

"If they cut funding here, they can go to the American people and say,

'We've downsized the government,'" Hull said. "They've cut all these organizations that have been seen as providing a liberal bias and can satisfy their constituents this way."

Hull said he was in favor of necessary cuts, but that they should be across-the-board and not targeted at a few agencies.

All hope is not lost, however. If the federal government cuts funding, Hull said, the network could turn to the state.

U.S. Reps. Bill Barrett and Doug Bereuter and U.S. Sens. Bob Kerrey and James Exon traditionally have been supportive of NET, Hull said.

Support at the state level, he said, has a lot to do with being tied to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"We're tempered by this great liberal arts institution," he said. "We're very fortunate to be tied to UNL."

Clinic

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"We are concerned with its effect on the neighborhood," Dominic Pynes said. "This is not a business we need in Lincoln."

Mary Kay Pynes said that since they distributed the letter, they had received responses in support.

"People are concerned with violence both in the clinic and outside of it, such as protests," she said.

Dominic Pynes said neighbors were concerned about their children

playing near the site. About 25 children live on the street near that location, he said.

That area also has a golf course, basketball courts and a Dairy Queen that children and their families use often, he said.

Mary Kay Pynes said they would continue to oppose the new site, and would start a petition to stop the abortion clinic from being built.

Pam Tabor, president of Lincoln Right to Life, said the creation of an abortion clinic would have no place in Lincoln.

"Lincoln is a family town, and many people don't want it," Tabor

said. "I don't think women in Lincoln would use it."

Tabor said she did not oppose the addition of a second Planned Parenthood site, only the abortion service.

To show its opposition to the site, Tabor said Lincoln Right to Life sent a letter in December to contractors. The purpose of the letter was to inform the contractor that Planned Parenthood would have an abortion clinic at the sight.

Tabor said that although Lincoln Right to Life had no immediate plans, it would do more in the future to show its opposition.

Peers now will decide student parking appeals

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Students will be treated more fairly when appealing parking citations starting Thursday, a UNL parking administrator said Tuesday.

Tad McDowell, manager of parking services, said the current appeals board would split into separate student and faculty appeals boards. The nine-member student board was appointed by the student government, he said.

Two faculty groups will head up a separate faculty appeals board, along with an at-large faculty representative, he said.

"It will do away with the fairness issues and should make students happy," McDowell said.

Andrew Loudon, student government president, said a number of complaints had been voiced against the old appeals board.

A unanimous vote is needed to grant an appeal, he said, and such votes were often blocked by faculty. But an all-student board doesn't mean all appeals will be granted, he said.

"We would never in our wildest dreams lobby for something like this," Loudon said. "I never thought the administration would be this kind."

Paul Carlson, interim vice chancellor for business and finance, said the appeals committee change was a natural solution.

The parking appeals committee answers to Carlson, and McDowell said his office would also monitor appeals.

Both faculty and students were on past appeals boards, Carlson said, but

getting enough faculty to sit through two and three-hour hearings was difficult.

With most appeals coming from students, he said, the committee figured splitting the responsibility would be more time efficient.

At the student training session Tuesday, McDowell said he had doubts at first whether an all-student board could work.

Vi Schroeder, acting assistant vice chancellor for business and affairs, was at the parking advisory committee meeting. She said the change was temporary and experimental. If it works well, the process would be formalized, she said.

"By jumping into it and allowing it, we can see how well it works," Schroeder said.

The change was approached differently, she said, because it would be enacted so quickly. She said it was different from most university actions that were researched and considered for so long.

"We might get into trouble for it, but it's a novel idea," she said.

A member from parking services will continue to serve as an adviser to the boards, but will not be a voting member.

At its meeting, the Parking Advisory Committee approved plans to pave at least one gravel lot this summer. The lot on Vine Street between 18th and 19th streets will be paved in May.

The committee had discussed paving other gravel lots at 10th and V streets and 21st and Vine streets. The university couldn't improve those lots because they are city property.

The committee also discussed fees for motorcycle parking. McDowell said a motorcycle permit would probably sell for half the cost of a car permit. The committee will vote on a solid proposal at the March meeting.

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