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UNL junior Amy York looks over one of the gingerbread houses on display at the Cather-Pound-Neihardt cafeteria Wednesday evening during the holiday dinner.

## Staff makes gingerbread houses

By Chad Lorenz  
Senior Editor

Imagine a house 2 feet tall, a foot and a half wide and 2 feet deep — covered with 45 pounds of white frosting.

Such houses can be found at the Cather-Pound-Neihardt cafeteria. The gingerbread houses were on display during the holiday dinner Wednesday night.

Clarice Martin, production manager for Cather-Pound-Neihardt food service, said she made gingerbread houses almost every year. The past four have been made in the Abel-Sandoz food service bakery.

This holiday season, she made three: two have plastic foam frames,

the other is made from true gingerbread.

The genuine gingerbread house, a 3-foot cross section of Santa's workshop, stands two stories high. A dozen 4-inch frosting elves surround an 8-inch frosting Santa. Candy and toys are scattered about. Log-shaped Tootsie Rolls sit in the fireplace, lit up with a white Christmas light.

Reindeer poke their flaming heads through the window of the stable as they munch on hay (made of shredded wheat cereal). M&Ms form a cobblestone sidewalk up to the door, and mounds of white frosting cover the roof and ground outside.

"All this is icing, and it gets hard, so you can build stuff with it," Martin said.

The two white frosting houses were decorated with cracker shingles, a candy cane doorway, gum drops, jaw breakers and candy mints.

Ann Johnson, a fellow baker, made six chocolate houses to add to the display. The 6-inch tall log cabins were sprinkled with white powdered sugar and circled by ponds made from shiny mirrors on trays covered with fluffy cotton.

Martin said that after the houses had been displayed, she would take them somewhere where they would be appreciated. Last year, she took them to the Lancaster Manor nursing home. Martin said she might take them to the children's museum this year.

## Flu season starts ahead of schedule

By Chad Lorenz  
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High fever, chills, physical fatigue, painful cough, sore throat and nausea are symptoms UNL students have felt during an early outbreak of the flu.

Mary Lutz, a University Health Center physician, said her staff had treated 30 to 40 cases of influenza since students returned from Thanksgiving break two weeks ago.

"People are really stopped in their tracks by this stuff," Lutz said.

The outbreak has come a couple weeks earlier than expected, she said. Flu season usually doesn't start until mid-December and lasts until March.

Students who didn't get flu shots need to be careful of the virus because of upcoming final examinations, Lutz said.

"It's something not conducive to studying," Lutz said.

Students should try to avoid the virus and get early treatment if they

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**MARY LUTZ**

Health Center physician

notice symptoms, she said.

Amantadine, a prescription antiviral drug, can help fight the flu if taken within 48 hours of the first signs of symptoms.

The drug also can be used as a prophylaxis to prevent others from catching the flu, Lutz said.

Students whose roommates have the flu should come to the health center and get a prescription for amantadine, she said.

They should take one dose a day until the virus subsides in their roommates, Lutz said. They also should avoid sharing drinking cups or silver-

ware with their roommates.

Students who have already caught the flu should try ibuprofen medicines, such as Advil, Nuprin and Motrin, to help relieve symptoms, she said.

Lutz said infected students should get plenty of rest and drink fluids. To accommodate the outbreak, the health center's urgent care center is open until 10 p.m.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department issued a statement confirming the outbreak. At least 23 schools have reported 10 percent of their students absent because of flu symptoms.

## Maintenance worker activates alarm

By Melanie Brandert  
Staff Reporter

A UNL maintenance worker accidentally set off a fire alarm in Manter Hall Wednesday afternoon while working with a torch in a basement laboratory.

David Bolan of the Facilities Management Department said a worker was melting plastic with a propane torch to seal a linoleum floor together. The plastic created enough fumes to drift upward to the smoke detector on the ceiling and activate the fire alarm.

Bolan said maintenance workers were instructed to call their supervisor before using a torch so that the supervisor could shut off the fire alarm.

"We can disable the area that they're doing construction in, but they

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**BOB KING**

Deputy Chief of the Lincoln Fire Department

don't always make a phone call or don't know who to call if it's a new guy on campus," he said.

Bolan said one of the workers had left to make the call when another started work with the torch.

Deputy Chief Bob King of the Lincoln Fire Department said that type of incident occurred often at the university and that it was a "real problem."

"They should cover the (smoke) head or take it out of service, but they

don't seem to do it," he said.

King said the department was dispatched to the scene at 1:34 p.m. A UNL police officer also responded to the call.

King estimated between 40 and 50 people were evacuated from the building. They were allowed back inside the building a few minutes later, he said.

No damage was reported, King said.

## UNL building garden to honor alumnus' wife

By Melanie Brandert  
Staff Reporter

A garden commemorating the wife of a UNL alumnus is being built south of C.Y. Thompson Library on East Campus.

Wilbur Dasenbrock, director of Landscape Services, said the garden would honor Jeanne Yeutter, wife of UNL graduate Clayton Yeutter. Clayton Yeutter served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under former President Ronald Reagan.

Dasenbrock said the project was proposed last year when Yeutter asked UNL Landscape Services about building a memorial on East Campus. He said Kim Todd, campus landscape architect, proposed a site, and Yeutter accepted.

Dasenbrock declined to say how much it would cost to build the

garden, to which Yeutter has given money.

He said most of the earthwork for the garden has been completed. The area has been raised to form a slight hill to add to the overall design.

Jeff Culbertson, East Campus supervisor for Landscape Services, said sidewalks for the garden have been completed, but much of the project still is in planning stages. He said various shrubs and low-growing flowers still needed to be added. Limestone that lines the sidewalk has been added to most of the area.

Dasenbrock said a memorial plaque also would be placed in the garden.

The garden will cover about two acres when it is completed sometime next spring. It will be dedicated in May in a private ceremony.

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