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WEATHER:

Today - Mostly sunny & clear. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight - Mostly clear. Low in the mid 30's.

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KLKN news anchorman Rod Fowler and anchorwoman Michelle Bandur rehearse at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at the new station's studio on South 10th Street.

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A new wave

Lincoln station gets ready to sign on

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

Lincoln soon will fall from a No. 1 ranking.

The Capital City, the largest city in the nation with only one broadcast network, will greet its second, KLKN-TV, when it goes on the air March 25.

Randal Stanley, news director for the new ABC affiliate, said hitting the airwaves would be the climax of an eight-year dream for Phil Lombardo, owner of Citadel Communications Company.

Lombardo, who owns stations in Des Moines, Iowa; Sioux City, Iowa; and Rockford, Ill., wanted to give Lincoln viewers

another choice of local television, Stanley said.

The only other station in Lincoln, KOLN/KGIN 10/11, has dominated the local market since 1953.

"I think there's a hunger for an alternative," said general manager Steve Dant.

That hunger, Dant said, will attract a lot of Lincoln viewers to KLKN from their familiar viewing habits with KOLN.

"I think we're going to be sampled by a lot of people real early in the game," Dant said. "And it's up to us to keep them watching."

Viewers are curious about the new station because it's been the biggest change in Lincoln's television market, Dant said.

Stanley said KLKN would pride itself on

local news coverage. The sportscast will offer quality coverage of high school and college sports, he said, because that's what's most interesting to Lincoln viewers.

"Other stations try to cover the whole state. We'll be focused on Lincoln news."

The KLKN news team will be involved in the community and, therefore, will be able to keep up with the community's concerns, Dant said. For instance, the station is a media sponsor for the March of Dimes.

The reporters and anchors on the news team also will be in tune with Lincoln because of their Midwestern ties, Stanley said. Most of the anchors and reporters came to

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Prison denied more housing by Legislature

By Ted Taylor
Senior Reporter

One day after Nebraska lawmakers agreed on adding \$3.5 million to the state's budget for two 100-bed modular housing units at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, they rejected a proposal for one more.



The Nebraska Legislature, in a 17-22 vote, rejected an amendment Thursday that would tack on an additional 100-bed housing unit — and cost \$1.8 million.

Omaha Sen. John Lindsay told lawmakers the debate on his amendment would be a continuation of the day before — a prediction that proved to be accurate.

"Yeah, if you build them, they will come," he said. "But the problem is that we haven't built them, and they've already come."

"We have a duty to provide adequate space."

Lindsay said he realized that the modulars were only a "stopgap" solution and said he thought the only real adequate space was in a new prison facility.

But he said he also realized the Legislature was not ready to spend the \$60 million to pay for the construction of such a facility.

Court interaction and possible civil rights lawsuits from inmates awaited the state, Lindsay said, if proper housing was not offered.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha opposed the amendment and said the construction of buildings to incarcerate people was immoral.

Chambers accused senators of looking at the issue with blinds on.

"This plays right in the hands of those who don't like to look at the underlying factors that lead to crime," he said. "This is a wasteful expenditure of money."

In other business:

● Lawmakers again debated and amended a bill (LB1189) but did not advance the measure that would authorize the \$1.889 billion needed to run government next fiscal year.

● Lawmakers advanced from second round consideration a bill (LB923) to allow a free day of admission to state parks and free fishing without a permit or fee sometime between March 15 and Oct. 15 as determined by the state Game and Parks Commission.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Alumni adjust to Irish cultural differences

By Paula Lavigne
Corresponding Reporter

DUBLIN, Ireland — They used to watch the waves of Husker fans flooding Memorial Stadium. Now, Mark and Joanne Hoven Stohs watch the waves of Dublin Bay.

They cruise on the left side of the road and have learned to live without 24-hour conveniences in a country where multiple-choice exams are against tradition.

The Stohs have adjusted to life in Blackrock, an exclusive suburb here. From their shore-side apartment windows they can see the fishing village of Howth.

These two University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumni work at the nearby graduate campus of University College Dublin — Mark as a faculty member in the department of banking and finance, Joanne as a faculty member in industrial relations and business administration. She's also a lecturer on gender issues.

After receiving undergraduate degrees at Cleveland State University in

Ohio, the couple came to UNL, where Joanne earned her master's degree in human behavior and psychology in 1979, and Mark earned his doctorate in philosophy in 1980.

From Nebraska, the couple went to Chicago and then to the University of Wisconsin in the next 10 years. At Wisconsin, Mark received his second doctorate in finance.

Then they were ready for the biggest jump of their lives — a jump all the way across the Atlantic.

Mark heard about a position in Dublin from a graduate student at Wisconsin who was from Ireland. Joanne had always wanted to live in Europe, so Mark accepted the offer.

A year later, Joanne took a leave of absence and joined him.

First, it was the little differences. After growing up in the U.S., getting used to cars driving on the left side of the road took some time.

Joanne still calls the left-hand passenger seat the "suicide seat," and she said Irish drivers had a different concept of space than American ones.

"Where you might have feet be-

tween the cars in the States," she said, "here you have inches."

Mark didn't have a car for his first year and had to get used to "walking in the sometimes-not-wonderful weather."

When he did go out, he said, he had to adjust to the limited shopping hours. "Open 24 hours" isn't as big a trend in Ireland as in the United States.

Shopping, and the general cost of living, is about 40 percent higher in Ireland.

"I can hardly bring myself to buy clothes here when I think of the bargains back in the United States," Joanne said.

But what the Irish lack in low prices and convenient service, they make up for in friendliness, as the Stohs noticed during a bed and breakfast tour of Ireland.

"The owners would sit down and talk with you for an hour or more if you liked," he said. "There aren't many places like that in the States."

Aside from the day-to-day quirks obvious to a tourist, the Stohs had to

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Paula Lavigne/DN

Mark and Joanne Hoven Stohs, both alumni of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, are living in Dublin, Ireland.