

NEBRASKA'S STATE CAPITOL building stands strong over Lincoln. The city was devastated by heavy, wet snow that ripped trees limb from limb, tore power lines from their poles and imprisoned people in their homes. About 25,000 people were without power Sunday.



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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will remain closed today as snow-covered tree limbs and power lines continued to fall across the Capital City Sunday night and into Monday morning. Melvin Jones, UNL vice chancel-

Melvin Jones, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, said he canceled all classes and closed university offices to protect the safety of students, faculty members and staff. The other NU campuses will have classes. More than a foot of snow fell late Saturday and early Sunday in Lincoln, snapping trees and power lines citywide and causing millions of dollars in damage.

Acting Gov. Kim Robak declared a state of emergency and called in the National Guard to help hundreds of stranded motorists and the tens of thousands of citizens without power. Gov. Ben Nelson is in China on a trade mission.

More than 25,000 homes in Lincoln and more than 100,000

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RYAN SODERLIN/DN FRANK WILLIAMS scoops out his Buick Regal at 22nd and Dudley streets after the blizzard that hit Lincoln Saturday night. Williams said he was trying to get to his job at Howard's Pantry.

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