



Rain and Wistrom

NU senior defensive end Grant Wistrom said he enjoys playing in rainy weather, which might explain his performance against KU. PAGE 7



Pansy power

World-seasoned travelers Pansy Division locally performs its brand of pop rock tonight at Duffy's Tavern. PAGE 9

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Mostly sunny, high 46. Partly cloudy tonight, low 27.

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SENIOR SEAN MORRISON, left, senior Matt Siglinger, background, and alumnus Ben Bare play a board game to help pass the time Sunday night. The house has been without heat or electricity since Saturday night, and the temperature in the house has dipped below 45 degrees, Bare said.

Bad conditions cancel classes for second day

BY ERIN GIBSON AND JOSH FUNK
Daily Nebraskan Reporters

For the first time on record, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will cancel classes for the second day in a row today because of dangerous conditions on campus.

Students should stay off campus, where the weekend's unprecedented, early season snowstorm snapped hundreds of trees and turned once green, leafy branches into snarling hazards.

But the university will officially remain open, and all faculty members and staff should come to work, Chancellor James Moeser said.

"I'm a firm opponent of closing school. I said I would never close it, but I think it's the right thing to do," he said. "Campus isn't safe for people to walk around."

Thirteen inches of snow blanketed Lincoln Saturday night and early Sunday. Its weight tore down power lines citywide and ripped branches off broadleaf trees — some more than 100 years old — that still held their summer leaves.

Monday night, many limbs still clung tenuously to the trees, threatening to fall at the first gust of wind.

Damages reach into the millions of dollars in Lincoln and several hundred thousand dollars on the UNL campus.

"It looks like a tornado flattened the whole city," Moeser said.

Landscape Services employees worked until dusk Sunday removing

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fallen tree branches. They began again at 4 a.m. Monday so they could plow snow from the streets and sidewalks of the university.

The monumental task of cleaning campus after the storm could take three years, they said.

Right now the priority for Landscape Services is to clear the sidewalks and thoroughfares of both City and East campuses for classes, East Campus Landscaping Manager Jeff Culbertson said.

University police have barricaded the most dangerous areas, said UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble.

Several officers were injured by icy sidewalks and debris in the aftermath efforts, Cauble said.

Landscape officials asked students Sunday to avoid similar injury by

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7,000 residents still lack power

BY ERIN GIBSON AND TED TAYLOR
Senior Reporters

More than 36 hours after a record-breaking snowstorm ravaged the Lincoln landscape, more than 7,000 residents remained without electricity.

Another 3,000 residents had no telephone service Monday night, and others suffered from a water shortage in Air Park and the Highlands.

Police report scam artists have begun to prey on storm victims.

The disaster resulted in 512 emergency calls to report fires, crimes and

medical emergencies in Lincoln within 36 hours.

It could be as late as Friday before power is restored in some areas, Lincoln Electric Systems Administrator Terry Bundy said.

Bundy said as of about 3 p.m. Monday, 7,000 to 8,000 Lincoln residents scattered citywide remained without electric power.

All major electric lines were repaired by Monday afternoon.

The excessive tree damage to the area has crippled the Lincoln utility company in its efforts to restore residential electric service, Bundy said.

Most service will be restored by

Wednesday, but those with major tree damage could wait until Friday.

Many people — mostly in older areas where larger trees have fallen — have been without power or heat since Sunday night.

"It's been very slow," Bundy said.

Lela Kelahur, Aliant Communications spokeswoman, said about 30,000 homes in southeast Lincoln suffered a major phone service outage Monday morning after a generator failed.

Aliant restored service to that area by noon, but about 3,000 indi-

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Snowed-out Lincolmites, travelers storm motels

BY AMANDA SCHINDLER
Staff Reporter

The weekend's sudden snowstorm brought more than just snow — with it came an unexpected surge of visitors to area motels. Nearly all were without vacancy by Sunday afternoon.

Large amounts of snow, freezing temperatures and a loss of power in much of the city were the circumstances that provoked the wave of visitors.

Although most motels did not keep track of how many people were turned away, Melissa Mohr, desk clerk at the Super 8 Motel at 2635 W. O St., said more than 200

people were denied rooms there Sunday.

Most people who are staying at the hotels are Lincoln residents without heat or electricity in their homes, but many Interstate 80 travelers became stranded and were forced to seek rooms as well, hotel and motel employees said.

Despite the obvious downside to the situation, all the hotels have agreed that the economic results have been positive.

"It's sad to see so many people without electricity," said Chad Sellers, manager at the Days Inn, 2920 N.W. 12th St. "But it's definitely good for business."

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Outage leaves greeks in dark

■ Six houses were still without heat, electricity, hot water and telephone services Monday night.

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
Staff Reporter

Many members of the greek system spent their weekend and day off from school bundled up in layers of clothing, scrounging around for non-spoiled food and begging their friends to let them to spend the night.

About 600 fraternity and sorority members have been without heat, electricity, hot water and telephone services in their chapter houses at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since late Saturday evening.

"I was in my room when we lost power on Saturday," said Sara

Spence, a junior horticulture major and Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority member. "All I heard was a big boom, and I saw a bright flash. Then we had no power or heat."

Kappa Alpha Theta is one of six greek houses that are still known to be without heat, electricity, hot water and telephone services Monday evening. Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta sororities, and Alpha Gamma Rho and Farmhouse fraternities are the other five.

The weight of snow on tree branches caused limbs to snap and cut off electricity and telephone service to the greek houses on the block of North 16th and S streets and on East Campus.

No information has been given to any of the houses as to when their heat or power will be restored.

"We were told power should be restored in 48 hours," said Elizabeth

Bahensky, a sophomore architecture and Alpha Omicron Pi member. "It has almost been 48 hours, and rumor has it now that it can possibly be two more days before we have power."

Will Wittler, a junior agricultural business major and Alpha Gamma Rho member, said his fraternity has been without power and heat since 2 a.m. Sunday, and members have not been notified of when the house will be up and running again.

Alpha Phi members locked their house at 4 p.m. Monday because they still did not have heat or power.

"We decided to lock the house because we felt it wasn't safe to stay in the house," said Becky Sawyer, a junior family and consumer science education major. "Even our house mother left and went to her home in Lincoln."

Even residence halls were not

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