

Conditions slow power restoration

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remains at a snail's pace.

"Literally we have crews that are working just a block at a time," he said. "It is so unbelievable how much debris is on top of everything. This is just the slowest part of this."

Tuesday's warmer weather and melting snow made it somewhat easier for crews to get to the difficult areas, Robak said, but damaged trees resting on power lines remained a problem.

In other parts of the state, Robak said, more than 20,000 Omaha Public Power District customers were without power as of 2 p.m. Tuesday, as well as more than

30,000 Nebraska Public Power District customers statewide who still did not have electricity.

Robak said she had been in regular contact with Gov. Ben Nelson, who is on a trade mission in Asia.

"He is disappointed that we are not further along," Robak said, "but he understands it is more difficult than we anticipated."

In an effort to speed up the clean-up efforts downtown, Johanns Tuesday issued a parking ban for Thursday and Friday mornings.

No parking will be allowed from Eighth to 17th streets and between Q and K streets from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. Thursday and Friday.

Cars that are parked in the banned areas will be towed.

Telephone service in the Lincoln and Lancaster County area, because of a delay in getting trouble calls into the system, actually worsened overnight, said Aliant spokeswoman Lela Kelliher.

About 3,300 people still did not have phone service Tuesday afternoon.

She would not speculate as to when service might return to those customers.

"We hope to make a lot of progress (Tuesday) because of the warmer temperatures," she said. "But we're still having trouble getting to some areas."

Lincoln man, 32, shoots self in head after chase

From Staff Reports

A 32-year-old Lincoln man shot himself in the head on O Street near Gateway Mall Monday night after chasing and firing at another man's car.

A 26-year-old man called police at 10:23 p.m. on a cellular phone from his car telling them that a black Ford Bronco was following him and shooting at him in the area of 36th Street and Laura Avenue.

The Bronco, which had two passengers, followed the 26-year-old

man east on O Street to the area of 66th Street. There, officers stopped the low-speed chase and surrounded the Bronco.

Police were commanding the two men to get out of the Bronco when the passenger in the vehicle got out. Forrest Hales, 24, of 4611 Huntington St., walked to the south side of O Street.

While police were ordering Hales to put his hands up and walk to a cruiser, one shot was fired from the inside of the car.

The 36-year-old man was pro-

nounced dead on the scene. Police closed O Street for most of the night while crime scene technicians gathered evidence.

Hales was jailed as an accessory to a felony - firing into an occupied vehicle. Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said investigators believe Hales reloaded the weapon during the short chase.

Investigators found the receipt for the Ruger 9 mm semi automatic pistol in the car. The receipt said the gun was bought Sunday evening.

Storm bonds retreat participants

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there really made everyone bond together," Wallace said. "We did some group leadership things and used the rest of the time for fun things."

Wallace said most of the 24 people who attended the retreat were residents of the residence halls, with only six or seven RHA members.

"It gave us a good chance to get to know some of the residents," he said.

Ann Hou, a junior biochemistry and pre-med major who is not a member of RHA, went on the retreat for a chance to meet new people.

"I am interested in getting involved in the hall government, and I thought it was a great opportunity," Hou said. "We had to improvise on what activities we did, and we ended up just hanging

out and talking. It was a great time."

RHA advertising and marketing Chairwoman Jodi Cramer said the retreat was less businesslike than planned.

"We really accomplished some team building, motivational things," Cramer said. "By the end of the retreat, everyone knew each other really well and there was good communication going on."

Cramer said the lack of business wasn't a bad thing.

"It was not like an RHA meeting where we do all business," she said. "It was more of a getting-to-know-each-other thing."

Wallace said he hopes this retreat changes some people's opinions of RHA.

"There is this misconception that RHA is boring," Wallace said. "I hope the people there from the halls know that isn't true now. It was just a good time to have fun."

NSE applications accepted; deadline today

From Staff Reports

New Student Enrollment is accepting applications now for students interested in becoming orientation leaders.

NSE is looking for upperclassmen with good interpersonal skills who can help incoming freshmen and transfer students better adjust to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Applicants will undergo a training internship each week and finalists will be interviewed in December. Those students selected will serve a one-year appointment

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beginning in January.

Orientation leaders will be involved in activities throughout the year such as summer enrollment, midyear orientation and Big Red Welcome. In return, students could earn between \$3,000 and \$3,100 in compensation, including housing.

Applications can be picked up in the Office of Admissions at the Alexander Building, 1410 Q St. The deadline is 5 p.m. today.



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