

Groin pains

Hampered by an injured groin, NU point guard Tyronn Lue led the Huskers with 24 points in a 63-49 victory over Iowa State Saturday. **PAGE 7**

Reefer madness

"Half Baked," a drug-laden comedy directed by Tamra Davis, fails to match the quality of the Cheech and Chong films it emulates. **PAGE 9**

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THERE IS A SUN

Partly sunny, high 35. Mostly cloudy tonight, low 15.

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Breaking the Ice



LINCOLN'S BILL FIFER tries his luck ice fishing at Holmes Lake Sunday afternoon. Fifer had caught a few, but was hoping to catch his limit.

RYAN SODERLIN/DN

Cleanup money still frozen in ice

■ University officials expect \$71,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency within the next 60-90 days.

By KELLI LACEY
Staff Reporter

Exactly three months after the October snowstorm crushed Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln still awaits a federal check to help pay the costs of repairing the extensive damages on campus.

Glen Nelson, acting assistant to the vice chancellor for business and finance, said he requested \$71,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency last fall to pay for the damages.

Nelson said UNL hopes to receive at least 75 percent of that amount within 60-90 days. FEMA

funds will help pay for snowstorm debris removal, which included extra labor costs and the purchase of equipment.

Jay Schluckebier, director of landscape services, said out of about 10,000 trees on both City and East campuses, about 1,000 will have to be removed.

About one-third of all trees on both campuses were damaged in the snowstorm, he said. So far, 100 trees on City Campus and no trees on East Campus have been removed.

Jeff Culbertson, East Campus landscape manager, said the snowy weather is putting some landscape repairs on hold right now.

For safety, campus landscapers plan to remove many damaged trees when students leave for spring break.

"It has been a lot better than we thought," Culbertson said. "Initially, after the storm, we were concerned about a lot of things, but after you sit back and relax, you realize things aren't as bad as they seem."

Bill supporters hope to increase volunteer role

Commission would gain funding

By BRIAN CARLSON
Senior Reporter

Legislature

At a time when greater public needs conflict with pressures to keep state spending down, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission can help fill the gaps in state services, supporters of LB1093 argued Friday.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln, would allocate an additional \$75,000 of state funding for the commission; the state would then qualify for matching federal funds.

The commission, founded by an executive order in 1994, also would be made statutory under the proposed legislation.

Supporters told members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee that volunteers can help address some problems beyond the scope of state government.

"Volunteers are really going to become a more important part of our everyday life," said Schimek, who noted that volunteerism had declined and needed to be revived. "They can be at the core of a thriving community."

The Nebraska Service Commission currently operates on an annual budget of \$1.3 million, more than \$977,000 of which is derived from federal funds for the

AmeriCorps program.

AmeriCorps is the largest volunteer organization the state commission oversees. The state's 107 AmeriCorps volunteers work for one to two years in volunteer efforts such as assisting at elementary schools while earning money for college.

Carol Ann Dyas, chairwoman of the commission's legislative committee, said the commission is essential for building and sustaining an ethic of volunteerism.

"I am convinced that this commission remains the best vehicle to make sure the volunteer spirit is alive and well in Nebraska," she said.

Sen. Joyce Hillman of Gering read a letter from constituents who noted that volunteer efforts could save taxpayers money by helping solve social problems.

Tom Miller, executive director of the Nebraska Service Commission, said the additional funding would be used for expanding volunteer efforts, training additional volunteers and building a database to coordinate volunteer programs around the state.

He cited a study that found 75 percent of adults who contributed money to volunteer efforts, and 84

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UNL landscaper returns to her horticulture roots

Family plays role in decision to leave

By BRAD DAVIS
Senior Reporter

Twenty years ago, when Kim Todd came to UNL, few flowers, no native grasses and no intricate landscapes decorated campus.

Today, partly because of Todd's work as campus landscape architect, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is nationally known for its gardens.

Todd, who has been assistant to the chancellor for community affairs and planning for more than a year, said she will leave the university Feb. 6 to get back to her roots in horticulture.

Although she came to the university in 1978 as an assistant professor in the college of architecture, Todd soon took on the responsibilities of helping landscape the campus, teaching horticulture classes and working in the now-defunct community resource center.

She took a position as the director of campus planning about 2½ years ago, until she accepted her current position a year ago that involves both planning the campus and working with the community and government. The planning position required a knowledge of "just

about everything that is going on" regarding construction and renovation.

Not only is Todd responsible for UNL's master plan, but she said she also must work as a legislative liaison, keeping in contact with state senators and working with the NU lobbyist to ensure plans can be carried out.

Both of these responsibilities, along with making sure the community is informed about campus plans, take up 10-15 hours a day, Todd said.

"Part of the long days is my own doing," she said. "I've never worked from 8 to 5 - if there's a job to be done, I do it."

But those long days, sometimes including weekends and evenings, are one reason Todd said she has decided to step down.

"I have two teen sons," Todd said, "and I want to watch them do all their sports."

"I don't want to have to choose between a regents meeting and a hockey game."

And campus planning was a challenge, requiring continuous work.

"Major universities plan very deliberately all the time," she said.

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KIM TODD
UNL landscape architect

"As soon as universities stop planning, they are already obsolete."

In this constant planning Todd said the university always had to consider its mission: teaching, research and service. In a couple weeks, Todd, 44, can concentrate on a different kind of planning when she begins the next chapter in her life at Finke Gardens and Nursery in Lincoln, where she will work as a landscape architect.

"I love this university," she said, "but one of my first loves is working with plants."

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