

Local cities offer films, Gallagher

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There's a reason most U.S. college students don't come to Nebraska on spring break: It's boring.

The events that take place during spring break in Nebraska usually don't consist of beach parties, surfing or getting a tan.

After all, Nebraska isn't anywhere near a large body of water, and its beaches are as scarce as its Colorado Buffalo fans.

But students shouldn't despair, because Lincoln and Omaha will hold several good arts and entertainment events between March 20 and 27.

The week starts with Gallagher, the comedian famous for smashing assorted fruits and vegetables at the close of his act, who will appear at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln on March 20.

For the ever-present fans of 1980s hair bands, Cinderella will rock the Shadow, an Omaha club, on March 27.

Several new movie releases will also grace the spring break scene March 20:

■ "Wild Things" - Starring Kevin Bacon, Neve Campbell and Matt Dillon. The murder mystery movie features a sleazy story line.

■ "The Newton Boys" - Starring Matthew McConaughey and Ethan Hawke. The movie follows the story of two brothers who were successful bank and train robbers in the 1920s.

■ "Primary Colors" - starring John Travolta and Emma Thompson. This movie, based on the book, follows the story of a political candidate whose career is threatened by possible accusations of sexual misconduct during his campaign. Hmm. ... Sounds suspiciously familiar.

■ "Mr. Nice Guy" - For Jackie Chan fans, it's the chance to see a new side of the well-known stuntman. Chan tries his hand at physical comedy by playing a police chief caught up in the mob.

■ And for those hopelessly devoted fans, "Grease" makes its way back to the screen on March 27. Pray no one decides to re-release "Grease 2."

For those who want to spend their spring break in a dark room looking at lasers, they should look no further than the Mueller Planetarium this spring break.

On March 20 and 21, the planetarium will present laser shows to the music of goth-rocker Marilyn Manson. The music of the 1960s will accompany the March 22 show, and the famous strumming of Jimi Hendrix will arrive March 27.

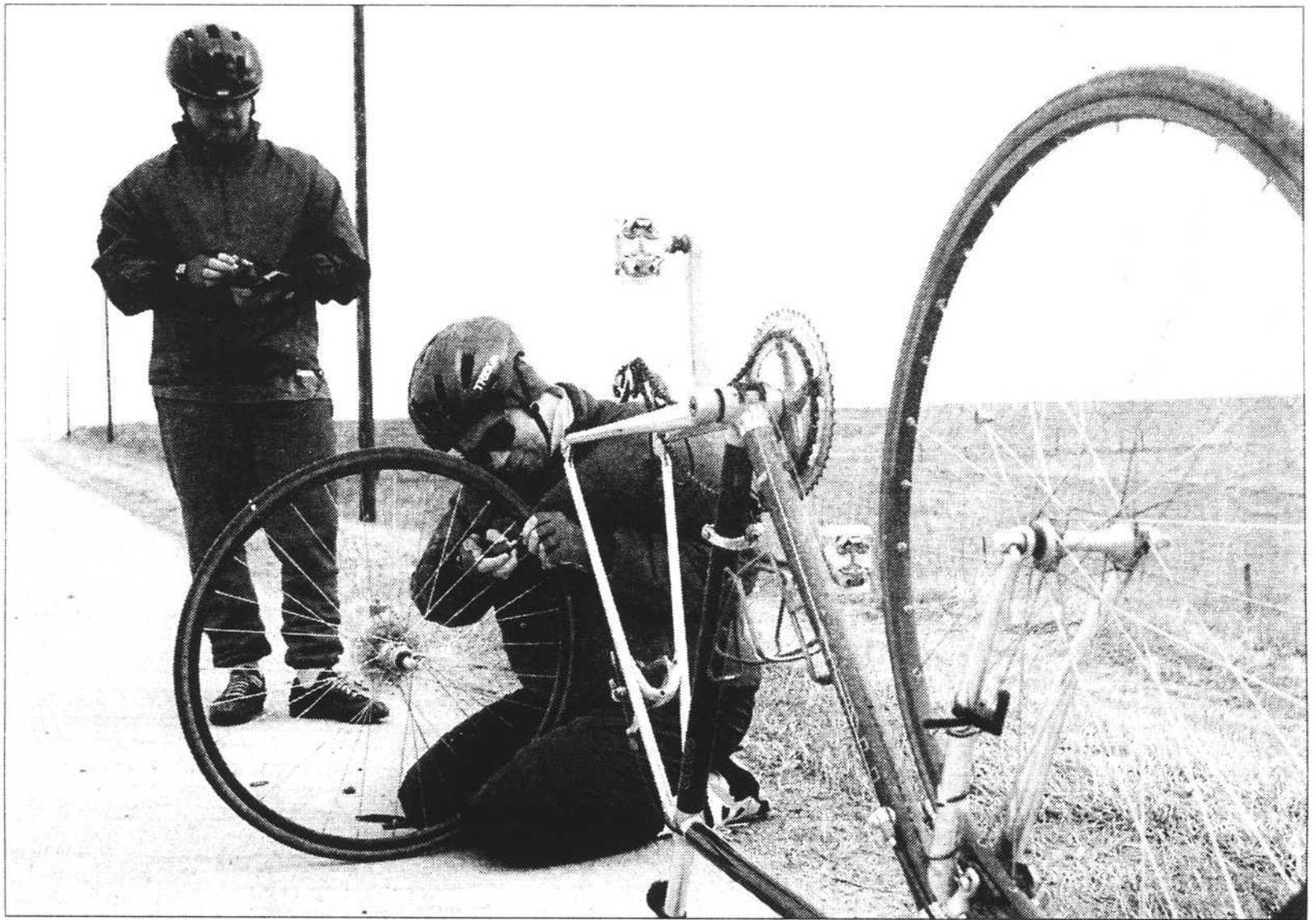
For students intent on attempting a suntan, Lincoln offers a range of outdoor fun.

They can try the 4 miles of hiking trails and swinging playgrounds at Pioneers Park Nature Center.

Or they can travel Lincoln's excellent web of bike-and-hike trails.

If all else fails, students should be creative, perhaps exploring areas of town they have never been to before.

Without school, students should have the time to find and enjoy the new discoveries.



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FROM LEFT: MIKE MYERS of Lincoln looks on as his bicycling partner Paul Schack of Lincoln fixes a flat tire on his bike.

Stranded students to make due

By JAMIE SUHR
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There's nothing to do in Lincoln or Omaha.

Or so it seems to many students who won't reach the beach this spring break.

But some students who will stay in the Lincoln and Omaha area during spring break said they plan to have a great time with local activities, including getting some rest and relaxation, spending time with loved ones and enjoying activities they don't have time for during school.

Louie Damian, a senior art history major, said he had hoped to go skiing in Colorado but will settle for visiting art museums and favorite hangouts in Nebraska.

"I'll be hanging out at Yia Yia's," Damian said. "I'll sit at home and eat some Mexican food, then I'll head out to

some art galleries."

Damian said he would like to see the Edgar Degas exhibit at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha.

Yolanda Few Tails-Castellanos, a junior family science major, said she is looking forward to being reunited with a friend she hasn't seen in 12 years during spring break.

She will try and show her friend around Lincoln.

But "we'll probably spend the whole time trying to catch up and reminisce about the good old times," Few Tails-Castellanos said.

According to Heather Durben, a sophomore advertising major, "party" will be the theme for her local spring break.

"I'm going to throw a party to reunite friends who are home for spring break. I also plan to go to a club and get my groove on."

English graduate student Barry Schwab said he hopes to use his spring break time more wisely. He wants to renovate he and his wife's house, which the couple bought last fall, he said.

"We're going to do some major renovations," he said.

For Jeremy McMillin, a freshman education major, the break will involve spending valuable time with a special person.

McMillin has been dating his girlfriend Brenda for two years, but she lives in Omaha, he said. They try to see each other as much as possible, but school demands often keep them apart.

"It's really tough," he said. "I'm going to spend some time with her" during the break.

Junior art major Kate Edwards will take a less romantic approach to her local spring break.

"I'm going to support my drinking

habit," Edwards said.

But Abby Barnes, a sophomore education major from Omaha, said all that's required for a good break is time off from school to spend with family.

She said she might add sun tanning to her schedule if the weather is nice. If not, she will pencil in a movie or two.

"During spring break, I'm going to take a break away from all of my studies and relax."

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