



Buffaloes Bowling

Along with five other Big 12 teams, Colorado will play in a bowl game this holiday season. PAGE 9

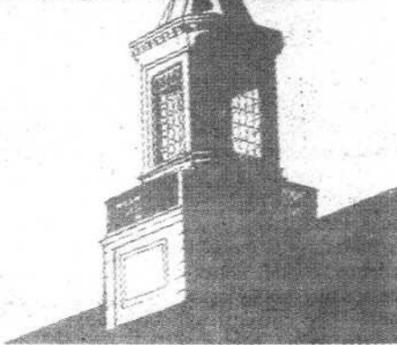


You Oughta Be in Pictures

Digital filmmaking advances are making production cheaper and easier, creating one of the changes the industry will experience in the next century. PAGE 6

WHERE'S THE SNOW?

Partly sunny, high 53. Cloudy tonight, low 27.



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Johanns says he won't cut funds

Despite his opposition to fetal cell research, the governor says he wouldn't suppress NU funding to stop it.

BY JOSH KNAUB Staff writer

Gov. Mike Johanns said Monday he would not try to withhold funds from the University of Nebraska despite his opposition to fetal cell research.

Johanns said in a letter to NU President Dennis Smith last week that he wants the university to discontinue use of tissue from aborted fetuses.

Johanns stood by his letter on Monday.

"The ultimate goal is to have no tissue from aborted babies used in research," Johanns said.

But, he said, he would not combat the use of fetal tissue by taking money from the university's pocketbook.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha is conducting the research, which it hopes will give clues leading to the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Smith and other NU officials maintain the use of tissue from aborted fetuses is a research issue, not a moral issue. They have called for Johanns to keep out of the debate, letting the faculty and regents make any decisions.

Johanns said he was not sure what steps needed to be taken to end the use of fetal tissue in research.

"I'm looking at this one step at a time," he said.

Johanns called on the NU Board of Regents to take up the matter at its meet-

ing on Saturday. Johanns said he had the utmost respect for Smith. But he urged Smith and others in the university to examine the use of fetal cells "in the public arena."

Speaker of the Legislature Doug Kristensen of Minden has speculated that state senators will move to cut funds to the university when the Legislature convenes in January because of disagreements on the use of fetal cells.

The Legislature's appropriations committee, which approves funds for the university, would be responsible for any changes in funding for NU.

But its vice chairman said Monday he would not support cutting funds to the university based on any research issue.

State Sen. Don Pederson of North Platte said he agreed with Johanns that the university's funds should not be tied to fetal cell research.

"I don't think it's healthy for our higher education system to threaten to withhold funds when we don't approve of one project or another," he said.

Pederson said he would encourage public debate on the issue but wanted the debate to be free of discussions of money.

"These matters should be discussed without reprisal threats," he said.

Cramming with coffee



JAKE KIMBERLY, a sophomore computer science major, hits the books at The Mill, 800 P St., on Monday afternoon before work. Kimberly said he is a regular at The Mill.

System will inform victims

VINE, which will track inmates, will be functional statewide in January.

BY JOSH KNAUB Staff writer

Gov. Mike Johanns on Monday unveiled a system that will immediately notify crime victims when criminals are released, transferred or escape from jail.

The computerized system, Victim

Information and Notification Everyday, provides information about all Nebraska prisoners.

By calling a toll-free number, (877) NE4-VINE, and identifying an inmate to track, a victim can obtain updates every time the criminal is moved.

VINE will be fully functional by January 2000.

"I'm very pleased to announce that 83 of Nebraska's 97 counties have already implemented VINE," Johanns said.

He said the remaining 14 counties,

including Lancaster County, would implement the system this month. Residents of these counties may already use the system, but inmates held by the 14 counties are not included in the VINE database.

Nebraska is the eighth state to offer the VINE system statewide.

Harold Clarke, director of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, said anyone could use the VINE system.

Often, he said, victims are able to

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Reinhard to change his focus

BY KIMBERLY SWEET Senior staff writer

A UNL anthropology professor once at the center of controversy surrounding treatment of American-Indian remains will switch departments next semester.

Karl Reinhard will transfer to the School of Natural Resource Sciences in the spring to develop a new area of expertise.

Reinhard will focus his study on palynology, the study of pollen and spores, said Blaire Blad, director of the school.

"Karl looked at both programs and decided what he wanted to do fit better in natural resources rather than anthropology," Blad said.

Reinhard faced investigations in 1998 by the university and the State Patrol for allegations of mishandling American Indian remains.

He was cleared of all charges by the Nebraska State Patrol.

Robert Gruit, a university-hired attorney, also released a report this year saying he found no credible evidence to support many of the allegations made against Reinhard.

While Reinhard's main area of emphasis will be in the school of natural resources, he will still teach classes in the anthropology department, said Patricia Draper, chairwoman of the anthropology department.

Reinhard's expertise in biological anthropology is needed in a department filled predominantly with archeological anthropologists, Draper said.

Mary Willis, who earned her doctoral degree in biological anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis, will join UNL's faculty in the spring.

She will be the sole full-time biological anthropologist in the department, Draper said.

Blad said he was happy Reinhard was joining the school's faculty.

"He's a world-renowned scientist," Blad said.

The School of Natural Resources was formed in 1997.

Several faculty from various departments within the College of Arts and Sciences have become faculty in the college, Blad said.

The school contains majors including environmental studies; fisheries, forestry and wildlife; and natural resource economics.

Reinhard will teach introductory courses, as well as more advanced palynology courses, Blad said.

He will continue research on issues such as diets of ancient people and the effect of American-Indian diets on diabetes.

He will also look at the effect of pollen on insects, Blad said.

Blad said Reinhard's contributions, both as a professor and a researcher, would be valuable to the school.

"He's a neat guy who's been through some hard times," Blad said.

Bar owners unsure of New Year permits

Some won't apply for the time extension, which would allow bars to stay open until 3 a.m.

BY SARAH FOX Staff writer

If an ordinance allowing bars to stay open an extra two hours passes next week, some Lincoln bar owners said they may not find the extra dance time as appealing as people celebrating the millennium would.

The bars would have to apply for permits, which would allow dancing until 3 a.m. Alcohol would have to be put away at 1 a.m.

Rob Rossman, assistant manag-

er of P O Pears, 322 S. Ninth St., said P O Pears probably wouldn't apply for a permit if it wouldn't make money by selling alcohol.

"What's the purpose of staying open if we don't have anything but dance to offer?" Rossman said. "Why pay \$100 and not make any income on the deal?"

Applicants would pay \$100 for the permit. They would also have to already have an annual dance permit and be free of liquor violations during 1998 and 1999.

Sherry Vanek, owner of Sherry's Dining Dancing & Sports Bar, 3223 Cornhusker Highway, said she hadn't decided if she would apply for a permit.

She said she wouldn't make much money if she could sell only

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