

# Production glitch Cemetery welcomes the living

## delays flu shots

BY LESLEY OWUSU

Students who want to avoid the flu by getting a flu shot will have to wait.

A glitch in the production of the flu vaccine is forcing people across the country to face a delay in getting their annual shots this fall.

The University Health Center has ordered 4,200 doses of the vaccine and is waiting for the supply, said Joseph Hermesen, a physician at the University Health Center.

Health Center employees expect to receive the order of vaccines by the end of October, he said. Administration of the shots will begin immediately after that.

The length of delays across the country depends on who the manufacturers and distributors are and when the vaccine was ordered, said Tim Timmons, Communicable Disease Program Supervisor of the Lancaster County Health Department.

Timmons said there is not a shortage of the vaccine, just a delay in the shipping.

The University Health Center could begin providing the flu vaccination by Nov. 1, which is a month later than usual, Hermesen said.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 N St., also expects to begin providing the flu immunizations by Nov. 1, Timmons said.

Those at high risk for the flu are often elderly people and medical workers. But, the influenza vaccine is strongly recommended for all people, particularly young adults, Hermesen said.

He said it's important for college students to get the shot. "(The flu) is bad news for college students," Hermesen said. "The illness can cause inconvenience and missed days of school for students."

The cost of the flu immunization will be \$7 for students. The shot will be provided on a first come-first served basis.

■ An almost forgotten tradition is revived with Wyuka's Family Day.

BY SHARON KOLBET

Wyuka Cemetery would like to be a restful place not just for the dead but also for the living.

On Sunday, the cemetery at 3600 O St. will be playing host to Family Day. The special event will offer activities for all ages as the Wyuka Historical Society seeks to renew an old and almost forgotten Lincoln tradition.

When Wyuka Cemetery was established in 1869, it was designed to be a home for the deceased as well as a gathering place for the living.

In the early 1900s, the cemetery's park was a popular destination for picnics and family gatherings.

The Wyuka Historical Society has restored historic areas within the park and invites the public to come and enjoy the renovated grounds.

Wyuka's chief executive officer, Mike Hutchinson, encourages visitors to check out the recently restored meditation bridge and pond.

Hutchinson said benches have been placed around the pond allowing people to picnic in the park or to sit and enjoy the cemetery's pair of black necked swans.

In the nearby historic carriage house, Hutchinson said children's face painting and pumpkin decorating will be available.

For those interested in his torical tours, horse-drawn wagon rides will be given from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a guided walking tour will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For the music lover live

organ music will be on hand beginning around noon inside Rudge chapel.

Shakespearean theater readings are also scheduled for Family Day with readings taking place at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

To kick off the Family Day event the Wyuka carriage house will present an Elizabethan-style theatrical performance of Tom Stoppard's dark comedy

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead." The production will be run Oct 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. on all four nights with 2 p.m. matinees on the 7th and 14th. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children.

All of Sunday's activities are free, Hutchinson said, and he encourages the public to come and view an important historic area of Lincoln.

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"We feel we did the best thing we could," she said. "This way, we can write the rule and have time to seek input from the public."

The USDA will draft a rule within a "reasonable" time frame, McAvoy said. But she said it was too difficult at this point to speculate on the effects the rule might have.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman issued a letter Thursday in response to those concerned about the effect the

agreement could have on research.

In the letter, Glickman emphasized the importance of scientific and medical research and said the new rule should not hinder the work being done.

"We at USDA recognize the tremendous contributions of the biomedical research community and the key role that rats and mice play," he wrote.

The settlement is pending approval of a federal judge.

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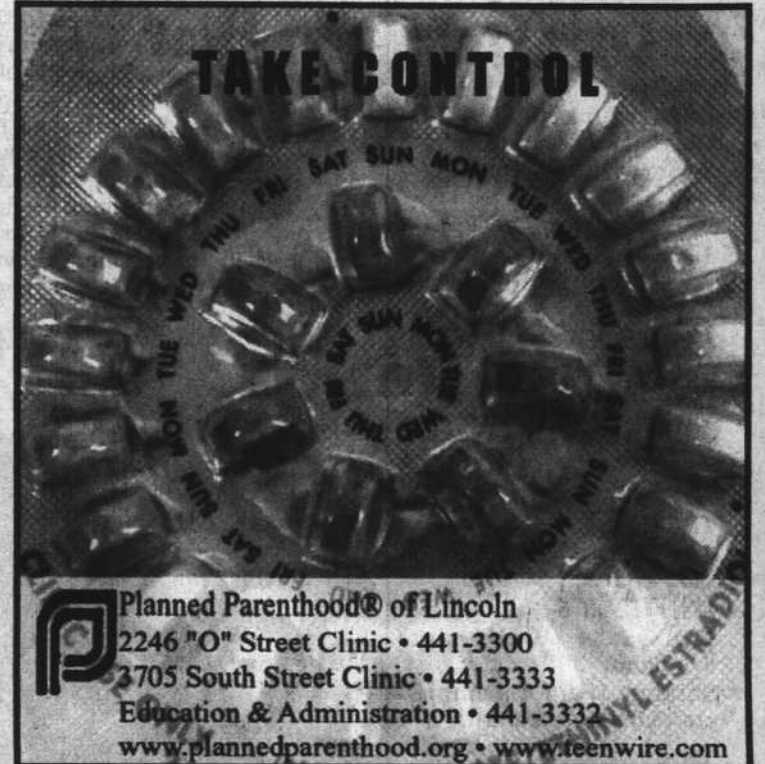
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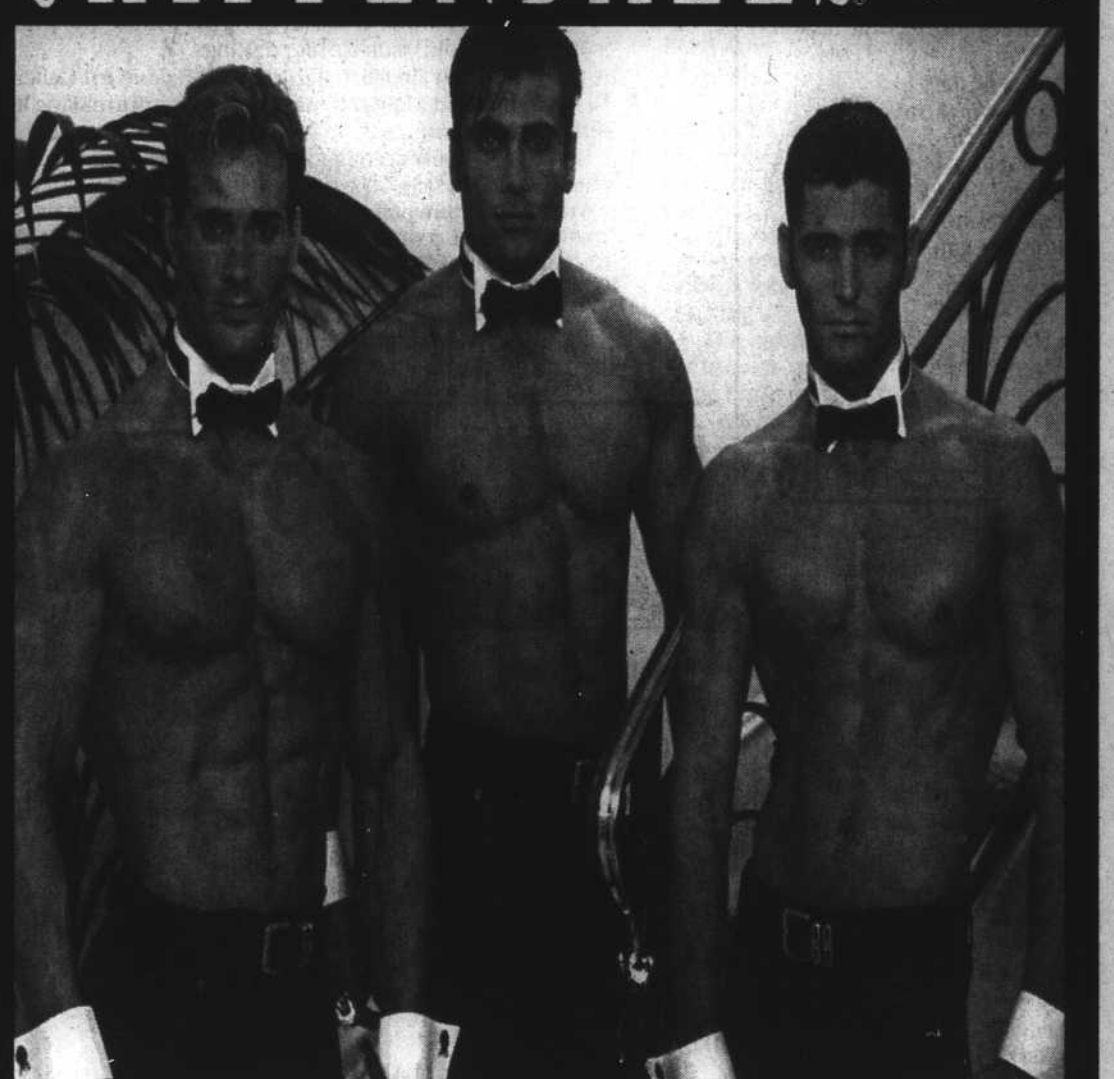
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