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## Classes adapt to snow days

■ Cancellations on Thursday and Friday have  
put courses behind schedule, forcing professors  
to rearrange schedules and curriculum.

BY JILL ZEMAN

Learning that classes were canceled last week was  
a pleasant surprise for most UNL students.

Friday was a day to sleep in, get some studying  
done or put in an extra couple hours of work.

But some University of Nebraska-Lincoln profes-  
sors are forced to play catch-up after classes were  
canceled on Thursday night and Friday.

Professors like William Glider, whose classes also  
require labs, must decide how and when their stu-  
dents can make up their missed work.

Glider, an assistant professor of biological sci-  
ences, teaches a Biology 101 lab Thursday night and  
Friday.

Both were canceled last week, and Glider said he  
wasn't sure how he was going to bring his students up  
to speed, but that a make-up session was a likely pos-  
sibility.

"It's pretty stressful," he said. "It's very difficult to  
get in touch with the students and find a time that  
works out."

Glider said he'd either have to cut something from  
the syllabus or make it up somehow.

And making up course material is even harder  
when a class only meets once a week.

Michael Stricklin, a news-editorial professor,  
teaches a beginning reporting class that meets  
Monday nights.

Stricklin has been hit hard this semester.  
There was no class on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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## Senators debate fetal research

BY GEORGE GREEN

They didn't miss a beat.  
On Friday, both sides of a fierce debate over the  
use of aborted fetal tissue for research picked up  
right where they left off nearly one year ago.

Last year senators, researchers and other con-  
cerned Nebraskans converged at the Capitol to dis-  
cuss a ban on controversial research at the  
University of Nebraska Medical Center.

In the end, a promise of a filibuster from Sen.  
Ernie Chambers of Omaha and little consensus  
among senators caused lawmakers to trash the bill.

Many of the same players gathered before the  
Judiciary Committee on Friday to do battle over a  
ban again.

The committee took no action on the bill.  
Sen. Dwite Pedersen of Elkhorn, who intro-  
duced the bill, said it would force researchers to find  
an alternative source to the aborted tissue faster.

So far, researchers have found alternative  
sources for two of the three cell types found in the  
fetal tissue.

"I believe there is an answer to be found," he  
said.

Much of Friday's testimony mirrored claims  
made last year.

Pro-research testifiers touted the possible  
health benefits that could come from the research.

Ted Simonson of Lincoln recounted the pains  
his wife had endured since doctors diagnosed her  
with Alzheimer's disease.

He said research at UNMC might spare others  
from dealing with the consequences of severe mem-  
ory loss, including forgetting how to brush teeth and  
use the bathroom.

"Fetal tissue research is not just a theory, it's a  
reality," he said.

On the other hand, the anti-research activists  
labeled the work immoral and unethical.

Guyla Mills of the Nebraska Family Council  
compared the research to the Holocaust, citing a  
quote that adorns The Holocaust Memorial

### Legislature

Museum in Washington, D.C.

"You are my witnesses," she said.

This year's legal wrangling also resembles last  
session's tactical moves.

For instance, Chambers tacked five amend-  
ments onto the bill. He will use the amendments,  
one of which is a poem, as tools to continue a fili-  
buster before the entire body.

He didn't get the chance to filibuster last year  
because proponents withdrew the bill before  
debate.

With the memory of Chambers' filibuster prom-  
ise in mind, Sen. Kermit Brashear of Omaha added a  
new twist to the battle of legal technicalities.

Aiming to prevent Chambers' infamous fili-  
buster, Brashear introduced a motion about two  
weeks ago to suspend the rules and bar debate and  
amendments.

"I filed this to avoid anyone filing a series of  
obstructive or blocking amendments," he said.

Without the opportunity to debate over the  
amendments, Chambers can't filibuster.

But several experts have noted that Chambers  
can skirt the mandatory silence by debating at other  
points in the process.

There definitely wasn't a lid on discussion  
Friday.

A foot of snow and biting gusts of wind didn't  
prevent a slew of people from voicing their opin-  
ions.

NU Regent Drew Miller attacked anti-research  
groups for twisting the issue into an argument  
about abortion.

"This issue has been perverted into both a pub-  
licity cause for the pro-life movement and a litmus  
test they use to judge and punish elected officials  
who refuse to accept their irrationality and abide by  
their moral judgments," he said.

Miller took several political blows from anti-

### Fetal Tissue Debate

The Omaha World-Herald discloses that the NU  
Medical Center uses fetal cells obtained by  
elective abortion in research of Alzheimer's  
and Parkinson's disease.

2000  
Sen. John Hilgert of Omaha introduces a bill  
to prohibit state employees and institutions  
from using aborted fetal tissue.

2000  
UNMC officials announce they will begin  
experimenting with new methods to provide  
brain tissue to researchers from sources other  
than aborted fetuses.

2000  
Legislature votes to pull bill out of the  
Judiciary Committee for debate.

Hilgert withdraws bill from agenda after threats  
of a filibuster from Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers.

2001  
Sen. Dwite Pedersen of Elkhorn introduces a bill  
that would forbid public institutions from  
conducting research using fetal tissue. Sen.  
Kermit Brashear introduces a motion to  
suspend rules and bar debate on the bill.

2001  
Sen. Chris Beutter of Lincoln introduces a  
bill that would end fetal tissue as soon  
as an alternative is found.

2001  
Sen. Ernie Chambers tacks five amendments  
onto Pedersen's bill to slow debate.

2001  
Judiciary Committee hears testimony on the  
Pedersen bill.

DeJan Lonowski/DN

abortion rights groups last November in his race for  
the regent seat.

Despite the sting of these attacks, Miller said  
senators should avoid regulating the research  
because the state constitution charged the regents,  
not the Legislature, with running the university.

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TAKING OFF:  
Tammy Dunn  
and her niece  
Elisebeth  
Lahners, 3, both  
of Lincoln, slide  
down the  
toboggan run at  
Pioneers Park,  
west of Lincoln.  
Hundreds of  
people took  
advantage of  
Pioneers Park's  
hills over the  
weekend after  
last Thursday's  
snowstorm.



Derek Lippincott/DN

## Perlman reinstates scholarships for current cheerleaders

BY CHARLIE KAUFFMAN

The Cornhusker cheerleaders  
and Scarlet dancers can stay — as  
long as they keep making the  
team.

The out-of-state tuition  
waivers recently taken away have  
been reinstated by Interim  
Chancellor Harvey Perlman. But  
the waivers will only be granted  
to current squad members, and  
they can only keep them if they  
make the team year after year.

The reinstatement comes  
after the Athletic Marketing  
Department announced that all  
out-of-state cheerleaders would  
have to start paying out-of-state  
tuition, leaving many squad  
members looking for new  
schools.

The department said there

*"We're all just a bit  
worried that our  
positions might be in  
jeopardy."*

Julia Pagano  
sophomore Scarlet

were no grandfather clauses  
granting current squad members  
waivers, a stance overridden by  
Perlman's decision.

Assistant Director of  
Marketing for the Athletic  
Department Barry Swanson said  
he didn't know where the funds  
would come from to provide the  
waivers.

"The chancellor's office  
reviewed it and decided that we

would somehow find some  
funds," Swanson said.

Under the new set of rules,  
incoming freshmen will have to  
pay out-of-state tuition, but will  
have all the other benefits afford-  
ed the current squad.

The benefits include a \$500  
stipend each semester, a book  
scholarship, Adidas clothing and  
20 meals a month at the Hewitt  
Center.

"I am supportive of the deci-  
sion to cut these waivers,"  
Perlman said. "The Athletic  
Department, like the rest of the  
university, has to watch its  
expenses."

Perlman said the only prob-  
lem with the changes was the way  
they were implemented.

"It didn't seem fair to cut them  
off without some acknowledg-

ment that they had come here  
with some reliance on those  
waivers," Perlman said.

He said the difference in  
funding created by the new  
clause would be left to the athlet-  
ic department to correct.

Sophomore Scarlet Julia  
Pagano said she hoped future try-  
outs would not be biased against  
out-of-state applicants. Pagano is  
from Lawrence, Kan., and said  
she would have to leave Nebraska  
if she didn't make the team.

"We're all just a little bit wor-  
ried that our positions might be  
in jeopardy," Pagano said. "I hope  
they will just look solely at per-  
sonality and dancing ability."

Pagano said judges for the  
April tryouts are not all from the  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln.  
Judges for the dance portion of

the audition are from various  
agencies throughout the country,  
while personality judges are from  
UNL.

"I hope I'm beaten out and  
not taken out," Pagano said.

Cheerleading co-captain  
Julian Staab said the cheerleaders  
also were worried future tryouts  
might be biased against out-of-  
state students.

"We're scared of (not) having  
a fair tryout," Staab said. "It does-  
n't look good for the future."

Staab said the changes would  
still affect the quality of incoming  
recruits, so the quality of the  
squad would eventually suffer.  
The senior said he had decided to  
play it safe and take his remaining  
credit hours over the summer to  
avoid having to make the squad  
again.

## Chancellor finalists named soon

■ NU President Dennis Smith  
could announce finalists later  
this week.

BY JILL ZEMAN

One of the university's best-  
kept secrets may be revealed  
this week.

Finalists for the position of  
chancellor could be announced  
soon, said Joe Rowson, NU  
spokesman.

The search for the new  
chancellor has been conducted  
in secrecy and committee  
members have been tightlipped  
about the candidates and the  
process.

All members of the search  
committee, headed by UNL  
Plant Pathology Professor  
James Van Etten, were instruct-  
ed to keep quiet about who  
applied for the job and who did-  
n't.

The committee is looking  
for someone to succeed James  
Mooser, who left in July to  
become chancellor of the  
University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill.

Harvey Perlman, former  
dean of the NU College of Law,  
is the interim chancellor.

Perlman may become more  
than the interim chancellor, as  
the Omaha World-Herald  
reported in December that  
Perlman was in the running to  
become UNL's next chancellor.

Perlman has neither con-  
firmed nor denied this.

But soon, Rowson said, the  
public will know whether  
Perlman's a finalist and if he  
even applied for the job.

"I still believe we're fairly  
close," Rowson said.

Smith instructed the search  
committee, which was formed  
in August, to determine finalists  
as quickly as possible, he said.

Members of the search com-  
mittee will forward the names  
of the finalists to NU President  
Dennis Smith, who will distrib-  
ute them to the media, Rowson  
said.

Smith is out of town for a

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