State parks' rules to be tighter

By Jerry Fairbanks

With the return of spring, many people return to outdoor activities at Lincoln parks and state recreation areas. Staying within the rules will keep these visits within the realm of recreation.

The rule requiring everyone entering a state park or recreation area to buy a use permit will be enforced more stringently this year, according to Ted Blume of the State Game and Parks commission. Blume said the permits will be required to enter a state area April 1.

The statute has been on the books for the last three years, but this year enforcement procedures will be more active, he said, adding that anyone at a recreation area without one will be given a citation.

Blume said the park stickers are available from any place that sells fishing or hunting permits. The 2000 permit vendors will be selling the stickers for \$5 for year-round use and \$1.50 for daily use to residents of Nebraska. People from out of state must pay more.

Common sense

Swimmers at state recreation areas should remember common sense safety, according to Blume. He said that every year there are drownings when people leave the beach areas. Since the lakes are over old farmland, there are many channels and holes that are dangerous to swimmers, he said.

Other drownings occur when boaters don't have the required number of flotation devices. The number required, along with other safety equipment required by state law, are listed in brochures that can be obtained free from any permit vendor.

Recreation area users often build fires outside of fireplaces, according to Blume. This damages the ground surface and creates a danger of fires getting out of control.

Blume said regulations are posted on signs at the entrances to state areas. He said they are generally open 24 hours a day, but the beach areas are closed from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. The camping areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. to maintain peace and quiet for sleeping campers, he said.

Littering, driving

In the Lincoln parks, the major problems seem to be littering and people driving off the roads, according to Herb Cords of the city parks and recreation department.

Cords said many people break bottles on the roads, which is hazardous to barefooted people. He said many people are drinking alcoholic beverages in the parks.

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For the same reason, reggae is captivating to listen to, and a certain sameness in the music is overcome with an over-all flow and unity that draws you into it.

The original Wailers was a powerhouse group which included both Peter Tosh and Bunny Wailer (Livingston), strong reggae artists on their own now. The first album they released together in the States, Catch a Fire is a brilliant and more varied album than most. It contains a superior version of the Johnny ("I Can See Clearly Now") Nash hit, "Stir It Up," adding a good deal of understanding with gentle harmonies and sythesizer fills.

Livingston and Tosh left after this LP, but Marley has maintained the group's quality. He is not as strong a singer as the other two—he has a thin and reedy voice, that just may be the hardest thing in the music to get used to. Still, Marley is an exceptional guitarist, and he has managed to produce albums that rival Catch a Fire. Burnin' is certainly a contender, as is the fine Natty Dread LP. The latter contains the best Wailers ballad, "No Woman No Cry."

Other recognizable Wailers tunes include "I Shot the Sheriff" and "Get Up Stand Up." All other versions pale beside these.

The Wailers' Live LP is probably the best for reggae afficianados, but be warned that the sound and vocal quality is a little rougher, and lacks the continuity of the studio efforts.

which is illegal.

Cords said many people don't obey the speed limits. He said a car recently hit a horse in Pioneer Park. He said he is worried about people, especially children, getting hit.

Last year swimming was forbidden at Mahoney Park Lake, Cords said. He said the water was so cloudy swimmers couldn't be seen six inches below the surface. Also, the lake drains from an area of 36 square miles, an area that includes feedlots and farm fields, which creates doubts about its cleanliness.

Cords said that the beach was still open for sunbathers, but no lifeguards would be posted on the beach. "Anyone swimming in Mahoney Lake is pretty much on their own," he said.

AAUP, Regents start negotiations

Contract talks to establish collective bargaining guidelines began last Thursday night between the American Association of University Professors, representing the UNO faculty, and representatives of the NU Board of Regents.

Bernard Kolasa, AAUP president and associate professor of English at UNO, said the Thursday meeting was primarily to take care of "housekeeping and rules of procedure."

"We haven't put a contract on the table yet," Kolasa said. He said a variety of issues will be raised in the talks, but that he would prefer they remain confidential for now.

Before the talks began, the AAUP sent a letter to UNO Chancellor Del Weber asking him to stop evaluating faculty members on the merit pay plan. None of the negotiators questioned by the Daily Nebraskan will discuss the role of the merit pay plan in the talks.

Charles Hein, UNO's director of university relations, said UNO, "will not unilaterally abandon the merit plan" unless it is resolved in the contract talks. Currently, the plan is still in operation, he said.

Lincoln attorney Bruce Wright, chief negotiator for the regents, said the next contract meeting is scheduled for Thursday and that the talks will last over a "substantial period of time."

"I think it's important for the negotiations to remain confidential," he said. "All I can tell you is that we're proceeding in good faith with the faculty in these discussions."

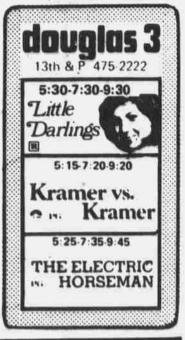
The talks were planned to set collective bargaining guidelines for faculty contracts for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

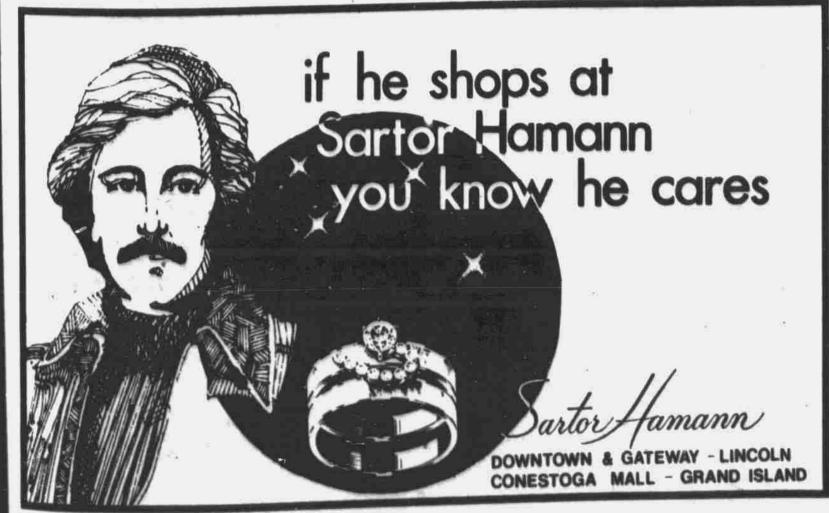
Regents' representatives include Elaine Hess, associate vice chancellor at UNO; James Maynard, UNO director of institutional research; NU Assistant Vice President Eugene Trani; and Wright.

AAUP is represented by faculty members Jack Brilhart, Suzanne Moshier, Justin Stolen, Dan Sullivan and Kolasa.

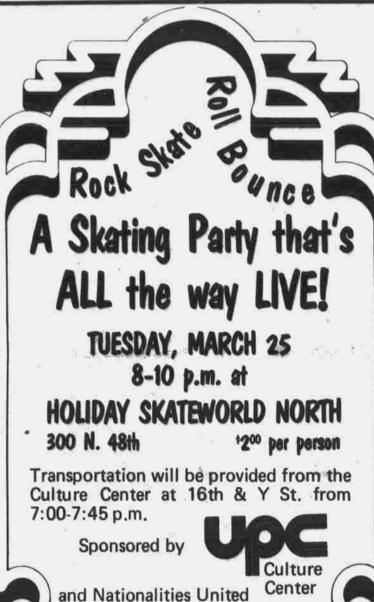
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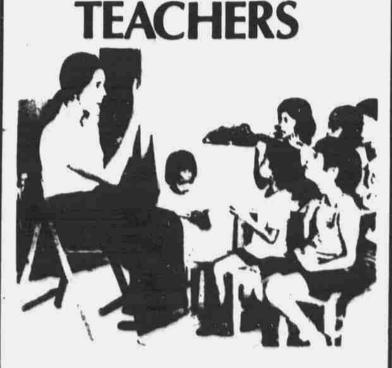
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