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Arrests result of drug investigation

By Tricia Waters

An undercover drug investigation involving UNL police could amount to one of the largest marijuana harvesting arrests in the state this year, a UNL police investigator said.

The investigator, who declined to give his name because of the investigation, said UNL officers worked with state, county and city law enforcement agencies to get six arrests during the four-month summer investigation.

One of the cases involved an arrest for harvesting about 500 pounds of marijuana, he said.

Another man was arrested for delivering five pounds of marijuana to an undercover officer. Ray J. Hogan, a former UNL student who lives at 930 Van Dorn St., was arraigned in County Court Wednesday and sent on to District Court for the alleged delivery.

The undercover operations take a lot of work, the investigator said.

It takes time and a lot of investigative effort as far as background information to even get the investigation started," he said.

"The dispatcher will receive calls in regard to someone

smoking pot in a dorm room," he said. "But as far as someone selling and distributing, people usually don't call in with information."

Once an investigation starts, it may move slowly or quickly, the investigator said.

"It depends on the person you're working with," he said. "It takes a great deal of time to build up their confidence that you're not an undercover agent."

"When it seems like the time is right to get out of it, based on several decisions, you get out," he said. "You've got to kind of play them with a loose rein to know when to get out."

UNL police initiated the Hogan investigation. However, all the law enforcement agencies have a hand in undercover drug work.

"We work real close with the state patrol in exchanging manpower and information," he said. He added that without the pooling of information, police couldn't clear many cases.

"As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't make any difference if the sheriff's department puts him in jail or if I do, as long as he's in jail," the investigator said.

The Collegiate Money Quiz...



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Some to play, others to stay

UNL students and faculty members have a four-day weekend to look forward to, but university employees aren't so lucky.

Classes will not be held Monday, Labor Day, and Tuesday. However all university offices will be open Tuesday.

GLC invites leaders, public to open house

State and community leaders and all interested are invited to a Sept. 18 open house in the Government Liaison Committee's new office space, said Nette Nelson, GLC chairperson.

The GLC is ASUN's lobbying and informational liaison group.

Gov. Charles Thone, Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis, state senators, city council members, the NU Board of Regents, congressional representatives and their staffs, UNL administrators and faculty members, Lincoln high school officers, and leaders of student organizations and neighborhood groups all have been invited.

The open house will be from 12:30 through 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union 335.

Three purposes of the open house are to get acquainted with various community leaders, to let leaders and students know what the committee's objectives are and to bring prospective members to see the organization, said Deb Chapelle, GLC media and information vice-chairperson.

"There are a lot of students who aren't apathetic and the GLC is a good way for them to learn to work within the political process," Nelson said. "We're here to act as a resource."

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