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Staff Photo by Craig Andresen
Virgil Petersen and Jerry Farquhar, employees of A.A. Leupold & Sons Co., attach a Christmas decoration to a downtown light pole Friday afternoon.

Party-goers circulate petition against police

By Martin Neary

A petition protesting unnecessary violence by the Lincoln Police Department is being circulated following an incident between the police and a group of party-goers Nov. 12.

Also, a picketing of the police station is tentatively planned for Saturday, said Jim Jones, member of the Lincoln new wave band Pogrom that was involved in the incident.

Pogrom and two other bands were playing Nov. 12 at a building at Seventh and P streets when police arrived and allegedly ordered the crowd to leave, Jones said.

"They (the police) didn't explain why the party was being broken up, and people became confused and reluctant to leave," he said.

Wendy Mager, a witness in at least one lawsuit stemming from the incident, said the police already had arrived and were standing at the back of the crowd when she arrived at about 9 p.m. The bands were playing for free and there was no alcohol, she said.

Confusion occurred

Only about half the crowd heard the police officers' announcement, and confusion occurred when police started walking up to people and ordering them to leave, she said.

The police started pushing and using unnecessary force when people asked why, she said.

Two letters to the editor about the incident that were printed in The Lincoln

Star and an open forum aired last Tuesday on a local television station have generated concern, Mager said.

"It is an all-around and classic case of injustice," Mager said.

John Ewoldt, arrested and charged with disturbing the peace, said that between two and four seconds after he was asked to leave, he and two other people were handcuffed and arrested. Ewoldt said he saw one person hit with a billy club by a policeman.

"I hope that the bands can play without every concert getting raided," Ewoldt said. "I think Lincoln police have a bad attitude towards new wave music."

Petition signed

Jones said he plans to send the protest petition to the Lincoln Police Department's internal affairs division this weekend after getting as many people to sign it as possible. The petition, which is at the Dirt Cheap record store, 217 N. 11th St., already has been signed by more than 100 people, he said. Jones said he hopes it will lead to something being done.

Police Chief Dean Leitner said there is currently an investigation going on. The officers were there as a result of a complaint and after arriving, they found several violations of state law and city ordinances, he said. The state fire inspector found unsafe conditions prior to the officers' arrival, Leitner said.

A total of eight people were arrested, a police spokeswoman said. Charges included: Four counts of minor in possession, five counts of disturbing the peace and one count of interfering with a police officer.

Spring financial aid deadline approaching

The deadline for completing applications and related forms for spring semester financial aid is Dec. 1, said Don Aripoli, UNL director of scholarships and financial aids.

About \$35,000 is available in grant money, \$85,000 in student loans and \$80,000 in work study, Aripoli said. However, this is a smaller amount than last year, he said.

Awards for aid are made in July, and the money not collected by students in the fall goes for spring semester financial aid, he said.

Also, some students had their aid revised or reduced because of additional work study or income.

Students wishing to receive aid must fill out an application and related forms, including a Financial Aid Form, a Pell Grant form and a transfer financial aid form if the student is a transfer student.

Future of building upkeep 'grim'

More than 20 buildings on the UNL campus should be demolished or remodeled, according to Robert Pazderka, UNL director of facilities, management and planning.

Although major deterioration has occurred, "probably nothing will be done," Pazderka said. He said that after the special session of the Nebraska Legislature, the future upkeep of these buildings could look grim.

"We can only maintain the buildings as best we can," he said.

Rumors that Bessey Hall has been condemned are not true, Pazderka said. However, he added that the building needs extensive remodeling, as do Architectural and Agricultural halls.

Bancroft, Richards, Mussehl, Former Law and Filley halls, along with the Men's P.E. Building, the Livestock Judging Pavilion, the Wildlife Lab, Brace Physics Lab, the Agricultural Communications Building and the Natural Resource Lab all need 25 percent to 50 percent remodeling, he said.

The Culture Center, Hyde House, located west of the Old UNL Police Station, the Implement Storage Shed, Orchard House on East Campus and the Outstate Test Lab, all should be demolished because they aren't worth renovating, Pazderka said.

More than \$3 million dollars required for maintenance during 1982-83, and even more income will be needed for payment of utilities. The budget originally called for \$5.8 million, but only \$1.3 million was allotted.

UNL professor: Chinese society somewhat elitist

By Jeff Goodwin

In some ways, China is becoming an elitist society, said a UNL professor who recently spent seven months there.

Edward Nemeth, associate professor of educational psychology, taught in China from September 1982 to April of this year. He spoke Monday at Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery in conjunction with the gallery's presentation of China Week.

Nemeth said the educational system in China contributes to elitism. Universities in China are surrounded by walls, he said. The professors live inside the university grounds and send their children to schools within the university grounds. Only the best instructors are hired to teach the professors' children and that, in turn, leads to higher scores for the children on university admission

tests.

Nemeth said politics dominates every aspect of Chinese culture.

"Chinese culture is dominated by communist thought, ideals and values," Nemeth said. "The average Chinese sees his purpose in life as contributing to the making of communism on Earth."

"The party assumes the leading role," he said. "In the same way, it tends to be protectionistic. There is an idea that people can't be held responsible."

The government decides what the people should be exposed to, Nemeth said.

"One of the problems in Chinese society is that the ordinary person is working with very little information," Nemeth said. But it is necessary for the government to reduce the flow of information to the populace, he said.

"If all of the things we have in the United States flowed into China it would be havoc," he said. "Business-

men would have a field day because they'd sell everything that had even a little glamour to it."

Nemeth said the Chinese are "an exceptionally docile population. Their culture has responded to a strong man rule in a very practical manner — that manner being survival. Culture serves proleterian politics by not allowing those politics to be explored."

Advancement in Chinese society is not based on achievement, Nemeth said.

"Advancement comes through luck and who you know, not through accomplishment," he said. "Many times the most highly accomplished individuals are the least rewarded"

Education is not a major vehicle for change in China, Nemeth said.

"There is no evidence that education, as we know it in the United States, will actually be a major force within the society," he said.