

Student Watch recognized with community service award

By Suzanne Teten

The UNL Student Watch Group has received the March Community Service Award given by KFOR radio and the Lincoln Telephone Co., the president of Student Watch said.

Troy Lair, at a Thursday press conference, said the one-year-old group is "very proud" to receive the award. KFOR will present a plaque to the group in about two weeks, he said.

Although the group is supported mainly by the UNL Police Department, Lair said, it also receives encouragement from the Lincoln community.

When Student Watch was formed, the Cooper Foundation donated \$1,000 to help the group get started, Lair said. Besides the monetary support, Lair said new equipment recently was donated so the group could stop renting its equipment from the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Center.

Two citizens' band walkie-talkies, a CB base and a high performance antenna were donated to the group last month by two Lincoln residents, Lair said.

Community support "really helps our group spirit," Lair said.

During this school year, Lair said, the group's membership has declined from 80 members at the beginning of the fall semester to about 40 members now. He said many former members dropped out because of graduation or other time commitments. Lair said he expects 100 new volunteers next fall.

Presently, the group has enough members to send out three two-hour shifts of one male and one female Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to midnight. No patrols are sent out on Friday and Saturday nights because increased campus activity deters sexual assaults, Lair said. Each two-person group patrols once each week, he said.

UNL students will dance at Iowa St. to fight MD

By Joan Korinek

Two UNL students literally will dance around the clock this weekend at an Iowa dance marathon.

Larry Bouza, a senior in physical education science, and Gordon Hitchcock, a sophomore music education major, will participate in a 30-hour dance marathon at Iowa State University in Ames to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Bouza danced in his first marathon three years ago when he attended Iowa State, he said. Although he transferred to UNL last year, he is returning for the marathon.

In contrast, Hitchcock said he is new to dance marathons, but said he has participated in many walk-a-thons and bike-a-thons so he knows what to expect.

But why would two people drive all the way to another state just to dance? In addition to loving dancing, the men said the marathon raises money for a good cause, and Bouza called it the "good Christian thing to do."

Marathon dancing requires some training, Bouza said. Both have been running stairs in preparation. Bouza also swims, while Hitchcock stretches and jumps rope.

In addition, Bouza and Hitchcock have taught each other different dances. Bouza said he taught Hitchcock how to break dance. In return, Hitchcock said, he taught Bouza the country swing.

Bouza said he thinks they are the only Nebraskans participating, so they want to show that Nebraskans are good dancers.

Twenty-minute breaks are interspersed throughout the 30-hour ordeal, which takes place from 6 p.m. Friday

until midnight Saturday, Bouza said. The low point occurs between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, he said.

"If you don't think about it, you can do it," Hitchcock said. The mind overpowers the body, he said, and 99 percent of the dancers do finish.

The marathon winners will be determined by finishing the 30-hour dance and by the amount of pledges and donations collected prior to the event. Miller, Inc. has donated \$1,000 in scholarships to divide among the top two couples.

Spring break prevented them from collecting donations and pledges, Bouza said. They plan to ask for pledges from people on campus and from Lincoln residents. Bouza said they would each like to raise between \$100 and \$200. The average pledge is \$3, he said.

Shorts

Today is the deadline for student-to-student advisor and advising assistant applications. Applications are available in the College of Arts and Sciences dean's office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Correction

In the Weekend column (Thursday, Daily Nebraskan) the Alabama concert was inadvertently listed as taking place at Pershing Auditorium. The concert will be held tonight in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The show is set to begin at 8 p.m. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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