

Officials brace for UNL keggers

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As UNL students return to classes, Lincoln law enforcement officials are bracing for another season of weekend beer parties.

Carolyn Hatfield, division supervisor for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, said beer parties or "keggers" are prevalent at the end and beginning of a school year. Students usually celebrate during weekends before classes begin or after they finish a semester, she said.

In an attempt to crack down on keggers, the commission plans to ask retailers to report any single sale of three or more kegs of beer.

A retailer who sells more than three kegs should have evidence that the beer will not be resold illegally, she said. All persons who resell liquor must have a wholesaler permit.

Lincoln area wholesalers are cooperating with the commission by not delivering kegs on campus, she said. Alcohol is not allowed on university or state-owned property.

The commission will have a public hearing Sept. 14 in the State Office Building to discuss the matter, Hatfield said. The public will be able to give input on whether it approves of the plan and, if so, how the plan should be implemented.

Keggers present bigger problems when minors are served or when the beer is sold illegally, two police officers said.

Since alcohol is not allowed on university property, all beer parties are illegal, UNL campus police Lt. Joe Wehner said.

The campus police control most parties occurring on campus, because most of them will draw attention right away, he said. A party usually never gets more

than 20 people nor includes an entire floor of students in a dormitory, he said.

Keggers may become more of a problem when the drinking age is raised to 21 on Jan. 1, Lincoln police Detective M. Carkoski said.

After Jan. 1, about one-fourth of all college seniors will be able to drink legally, Carkoski said.

Carkoski said police department officials find out about parties in several ways.

Sometimes officers receive anonymous tips or find flyers listing a party's address, time and admission price.

Carkoski said officers sometimes will find a party during routine neighborhood patrols. Depending on the area where the party is discovered, one of four teams in the department will respond, he said.

A kegger that has 50 to 60 people attending almost always draws attention, he said.

Campus Calendar

- Today:** Information booths — Student Watch, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nebraska Union; Chapter Summary Bible, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
- Tuesday:** First day of drop/add, Nebraska Union. Information booth — Campus Crusade, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nebraska Union.
- Wednesday:** Barbecue, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., East Campus Maxwell Arboretum, UNL Horticulture Club. Information booth — Credit Card applications, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Delta Sigma, Nebraska Union.
- Thursday:** Music and Melons, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., UPC, Union Plaza. BFD (Big First Dance), 8 p.m. — Great Plains Room, East Union. State Fair begins. Sorority rush begins.
- Friday:** Labor Day vacation — no school.

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(GIGGLE)
"HI BIFF! FER SURE THIS IS MUFFY (CRACKS CINNAMON TRIDENT) LIKE IT'S TONIGHT... DON'T TELL ANY UNKNOWN TYPES... IT'S AT SKUP AND HE'D BE TORKED!!
BUT, HEY, LIKE BAG SOME HEAVY-DUTY Z'S... YOUR VOICE SOUNDS TOTALLY NAPPY!!
(COP TACTICS... HANDKERCHIEF OVER RECEIVER... CHIP DOES HIS JOB WELL.)
"WELL DONE CHIP." (CHIP IS PRAISED FOR A JOB WELL DONE.)
"HEY GUYS, I WAS ONLY DOING MY JOB." (CHIP DEFENDS HIMSELF.)
MORAL: TELL ONLY RICH KIDS... THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORK.

LATER THAT EVENING, AS THE ROOM FILLS WITH HOGS, ZODS, DOGS AND PLENTY-PACKS OF CINNAMON GUM, THERE IS AN AFFIRMATIVE RAPPING AT THE DOOR. MUCH TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, CHIP IS ACCOMPANIED BY CAMPUS COPS AS THEY CONFISCATE QUANTUM BEERS.

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