'Quiet Streets' program will help control noise level

By Eric Gregory Dally Nebraskan Staff Writer

Noise officials from the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department and Lincoln police officers will team up in September to enforce Lincoln's "Quiet Streets" program. The program is designed to eliminate overly noisy cars,

pational specialist said Tuesday.

Robert Rist said the noise problem has grown steadily. He said he thinks the lack of state vehicle inspection is part of the problem.

The health department is try-

streets, a noise control and occu- what Rist calls "the educational and big stick approach."

> Public information and free noise level checks were offered in the past, he said. The "big stick aspect" will be used in September when sound metering equipment will be set up to catch and cite violators.

> Capt. Ed Ragatz of the Lincoln Police Department said most complaints have come from neighborhoods bordering OSt. between 40th and 56th streets. Ragatz said the area — the most popular

be the focal point of the enforce- as speeding. ment operation.

equipment and will radio to nearby police cruisers when they hear a loud vehicle.

stop the cars and issue citations.

issued. However, Rist said, citations will be excused with proof that the exhaust system has been fixed. This provision will not apply to offenders who have been tick- stress and learning disabilities in eted for noise in the last year or children, he said.

trucks and motorcycles from the ing to tackle the problem with cruising section of Lincoln - will who have had prior offenses such

In 1976 the federal government Health officials will set up sound set maximum decibel levels of 76 for cars, 80 for motorcycles and 90 for trucks. A 62-63 decibel level is normal for passing traffic. Police officials said they plan to Rist said anything over 75 decibels is loud. Police will ticket anyone No warning or fix-it tickets will be who is three decibels over the government limit.

The noise is mostly a nuisance but also is a health hazard, Rist said. Loud noise has been proven harmful to fetuses and linked to

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tinue the work of former presi- leadership haven't shown much dent John Christian in securing response to the needs of resicable for the halls, but installa- dence hall students." tion before next spring is unlikely.

Although RHA set improved relations with ASUN as one of its goals, Edwards said much bitterpolling issue and the lack of cooperation from ASUN president he said. Mark Scudder's administration.

on campus with 4,800 members, Edwards said he hopes to con- but so far Mark and the ASUN

Another issue will be campus security, Edwards said. RHA will try to keep an eye on areas where lighting is a problem and may ness remains from last spring's begin a membership drive to help an ailing student watch program,

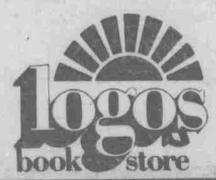
at the first RHA meeting is a proposal to change the bylaws regarding presidential succession. Under the current bylaws, the vice president automatically becomes president when the president resigns. Since Edwards was elevated to vice president last April, he was never elected by hall residents. The change in bylaws would allow the entire RHA council to nominate and vote on the president, so hall residents

could be represented better.

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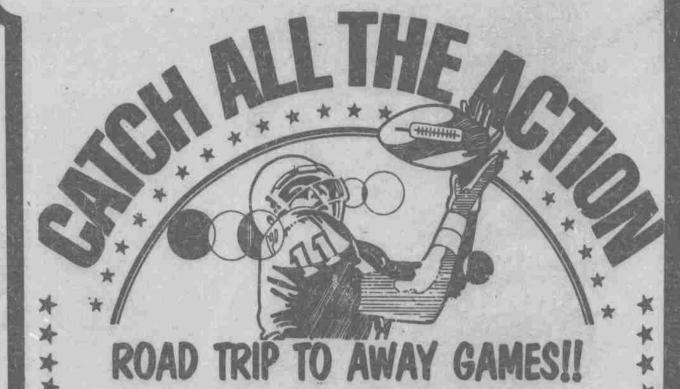
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