

Tuesday

Weather: Clouds and fog Tuesday. High 70 to 75. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Cloudy Tuesday night with fog and a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 65. Mostly cloudy Wednesday with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High 70 to 75.

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Rest stop led to Phi Psi booze bust

By Jen Deselms
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People seen drinking outside of buses parked at a Highway 77 rest area lead to the roadblock of Phi Kappa Psi buses on Route 64 and the issuing of 124 tickets on alcohol-related charges, a State Patrol official said.

Members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and their dates were on their way to a "Sandblast" party in Valley Saturday night when their four chartered buses were stopped by law enforcement officials for charges of minor in possession of alcohol or procuring alcohol for a minor.

Investigator Thomas Nesbitt of the Nebraska State Patrol said they had reason to stop the buses because they had received information that there was alcohol on board. The state patrol and law enforcement officials from Saunders County were in the Route 64 area beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday to stop violators of liquor laws, Nesbitt said.

Nebraska state statute says: "No person shall sell, give away, dispose of, exchange, or deliver, or permit the sale, gift, or procuring of any alcoholic liquors to or for any minor or to any person who is mentally incompetent."

Nesbitt said it isn't necessary for minors actually to have alcohol in their hand to be given a summons. Alcohol in the vicinity of a minor can be classified as an MIP violation, he said.

None of the passengers on the Phi Psi buses were ticketed with drinking on a public roadway because an officer must see a person actually drinking, Nesbitt said.

Bob Olsen, owner of the Picture Man and employer of the photographer who was given a summons Saturday night, said his photographers have photographed parties that have been dispersed by police before, but they were never given citations.

"I think the whole thing was pretty stupid," Olsen said. "Somebody blew the whistle on them, that's all there is to it."

Olsen said he thought it was "really commendable" that the fraternity took buses to rule out the possibility of drunk drivers.

The buses that were taking the Phi Psi's to Valley Saturday night were rented from Good Life Coaches. Jan Brockley, owner of Good Life Coaches, said her company often rents buses to groups that want to prevent people from driving drunk.

"We really thought we were alleviating problems by keeping people off the roads, but maybe that's not the case," Brockley said.

Nesbitt confirmed that the bus drivers were not ticketed Saturday, but said it is still a possibility.

Two other buses unrelated to Phi Kappa Psi fraternity also were stopped Saturday. Nesbitt said an untapped keg was on one bus. The person who purchased the keg was over 21, and the keg was in his possession, so no law was violated, he said.



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Lincoln Mayor Roland Luedtke ties a ribbon around a tree on the east side of the City County building to honor all POW's and MIA's while Boy Scout David Harnly stands to watch. Ribbons will be tied around the trees on both sides of O Street from 9th to 16th streets as part of "National POW/MIA Recognition Day," Sept. 19.

Greeks: State patrol action unfair

By Kevin Freadhoff
Staff Reporter

"Unfair was how officers from 12 Greek houses described action law enforcement officials took Saturday against Phi Kappa Psi fraternity members and their dates. One hundred and twenty-four students were ticketed on alcohol-related charges.

Greek officers who said their houses use buses for transportation to parties say they do so to keep members from drinking and driving to the parties.

In telephone interviews Monday, officers from nine of the 12 houses called said their fraternity or sorority have used buses in the past. Four officers were unsure if they would be used for future parties.

Ken Boesen, vice president of Sigma Nu fraternity, said police are "jumping the gun."

"If we stop running buses, the state patrol is inviting a lot of drunk Greek drivers on the road. We are policing ourselves by using buses," Boesen said.

Boesen said Sigma Nu used buses for three fraternity-related trips last year and plan to use them for an upcoming trip. He admitted the buses usually contain alcohol on the trips.

"Of course we carry alcohol and obviously we carry minors. Everybody has minors, it's not just Greek, it's college," he said.

Dave Pavel, social chairman of Theta Chi fraternity, said his fraternity used buses on two trips last year and have one bus trip planned for this year. Alcohol was carried on buses previously, Pavel said, but some new rules will be made and no alcohol will be carried on buses for future parties.

Janet Wassman, vice president of Delta Delta Delta sorority and Randy Mach, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity said their house rules prohibit alcohol on buses used for their house-sponsored trips.

Despite reports that alcohol was being consumed on buses traveling to a Saturday night "Gunslinger" party, Jane Ketterer, president of Gamma Phi Beta sorority said no alcohol is allowed on buses traveling to events sponsored by the sorority. The "Gunslinger" party was held by Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Mach said Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity used buses on three trips last year. Alcohol was carried on the buses on none of the trips but instead was transported to the party in another vehicle in advance.

Tracy Kellner, president of Kappa Delta sorority shared similar views. "We're going to have to sit back and see what happens with fines and punishments and be careful in the future," Kellner said.

"What can we do to be safer than use a bus?" she said.

Faculty likes report, uncertain on funds

By Michael Hooper
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About 30 UNL faculty agreed Monday with the increase in liberal and general education requirements recommended for UNL students in a report by the Chancellor's Commission on General Education.

"For the first time the university is saying that all UNL students need a liberal education," said UNL political science professor Susan Welch.

The faculty, however, expressed concern for the appropriation of the \$1.4 million needed to implement the program that would add classes and create the proposed UNL Division of

General Studies.

Except for making a few modifications in college curriculum, "we cannot accomplish it without additional funds," said Gerry Meisels, College of Arts and Sciences Dean. Meisels presented the Commission's report Wednesday at a campus hearing, one of five such hearings this month.

In the report the commission said general and liberal education should constitute about one-fourth of each UNL colleges' requirements, or at least 29 hours of a student's total program.

If enacted, the proposal would add about four hours of class to engineering student's curriculum, Meisels said. But the main thrust of the proposal is sub-

stitution of classes, he said, and finding courses students would be required to take rather than choose.

Courses stressed in the report include writing, mathematics, and general education with an added emphasis during the freshman and sophomore

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