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The city will celebrate

Holiday spirit pours out in plays, parades

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The Christmas spirit is spreading through Lincoln as a melee of events fill the December calendar.

The Howell Theater, 12th and R streets, will kick off the season with "A Christmas Carol." Pat Overton of the Howell Theater said that this year's version will have a lighter and happier mood. The theater has produced the play every other year since 1979.

Overton said this is the first year the theater will have "Mrs. Cratchit's Cupboard" — a pantry to which audience members can contribute non-perishable foods for holiday distribution by the Food Bank of Lincoln. "A Christmas Carol" will run from Nov. 30 to Dec. 12. The theater will hold shows nightly at 8 p.m. and matinees Saturdays at 3 p.m. Tickets will cost \$6 for UNL students and \$8 for the general public.

The Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56 St., will present "The Lion in Winter," a comic drama from classical literature. The play will run Dec. 3-6, 10-13 and 17-20. Showtimes will be at 8 p.m. and on the first and third Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices for Thursday performances will be \$8 for people 18 and older and \$4 for others. Tickets for the Friday through Sunday performances will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for those 17 and under.

UPC Dances and Cornstock will

sponsor a Christmas Dance Dec. 3 at the East Campus Union that features The Confidentials. Ticket prices are \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students.

Quickly becoming a Lincoln tradition, the Third Annual Star City Holiday Parade Weekend will be Dec. 4-6. The celebration will begin at the Folsom Children's Zoo. There will be an informal fashion show by Ben Simon's and a dinner at the Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom at 6 p.m. Buses will be chartered to the zoo at 8 p.m. for dessert and Santa Claus. Tickets for the event will be \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. The zoo will be open all weekend from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. Friday, Mayor Bill Harris will turn on the lights in the Haymarket during the lighting ceremony. At 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night, the Cornhusker Marching band will perform at Kimball Hall. Tickets have been on sale, \$5 for adults and \$3 for college students, high school students and senior citizens.

The main attraction of the weekend will be the Star City Parade Saturday at 11 a.m. The parade will run the length of "O" Street. Before and after the parade, the Paul Mesner Puppets will perform in Miller and Paine's third floor auditorium. Showtimes are before the parade at a breakfast performance, 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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