

# Lincoln could get some year-round ice

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students should support a project for a needed ice-skating rink in Lincoln, said David Ellis, organizer of the Lincoln Ice Skating Association.

"It's been extremely frustrating not having a rink," Ellis said. "I'm tired of doing time in an iceless city and decided that I can't put up with it any longer."

Ellis said he first noticed a need for a skating rink in Lincoln when he arrived at UNL as an undergraduate in 1982, but said he didn't have the

time to promote it. Since then, he has had to drive to Omaha for time on the ice.

Bill Goa, coordinator of informal recreation at the Office of Campus Recreation, said that based on outdoor winter recreations and skate rentals, he thinks many students would be interested in the rink.

"Iowa State and Colorado have a lot of activities on the ice," Goa said. "We're really not that much different from those schools."

At the association's Wednesday meeting, Ellis told the eight-member board he'd like to see a rink in a

convenient area with adequate parking.

He said the rink would have year-round ice, lockers, spectator skating, a pro shop with equipment rental and a concessions stand.

"We'll shoot for the optimal facility right away, but public support will direct the rink we get," Ellis said.

Ellis said it is important to get the community, schools and institutions involved if the rink is to become a reality.

"In dealing with city government, it's a numbers game," Ellis said. "We're counting on students to give

support."

So far, Ellis said, he has been pleased with the support for the project.

"In the short time we've been going, I've had nobody tell me it's a bad idea," Ellis said. "Everyone seems to think it's great."

Ellis said the group hopes to attract all skaters, whether they are recreational or have a special interest, such as hockey, figure skating or speed skating.

"We're opening to anything that slides, even curlers," he said.

Although financing has yet to be determined, UNL students wouldn't

have to pay for construction of the rink, just their ice time, Ellis said.

Ellis said he's confident that a rink will be built, but right now the group needs to hear from students.

Ellis is encouraging students to contact the Office of Campus Recreation or the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department.

Goa said that although previous proposals for a rink failed, campus recreation officials are hopeful that this attempt will succeed.

"Anything that has to do with recreating and getting people out, naturally we're in favor of," Goa said.

## UNL, Malone delegates view park options

By Mary Nell Westbrook  
Senior Reporter

Representatives from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Malone neighborhood and the city viewed six alternatives on Thursday for a park area that would separate UNL and the Malone community.

The park would be located between 19th and 23rd streets and Vine and Q streets. Two of the park dimensions include a long, rectangular area and a wide, square area.

Members did not decide which park would best suit the needs of both the university and the Malone area.

John Benson, interim director of institutional research and planning, said the park design calling for a larger, square area would best serve everyone's needs.

That area would include a standard-size softball field, a pee-wee field and possibly tennis courts.

## UNL student pleads innocent in check case

By The Associated Press

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln student pleaded not guilty in Adams County Court Thursday to criminal impersonation.

Two other students are scheduled for arraignment March 15 on the same charges in Seward County Court.

The charges stem from allegations that fraudulent checking accounts were established at banks in Hastings and Seward under the name of UNL student Todd Davis. Davis, 19, said last week his credit was nearly ruined when almost \$5,000 in bad checks were written in his name. John J. Liston, 19, Robert J. Klostermeyer, 19, and Mark W. Dinslage, 19, face charges in the alleged scam.

Klostermeyer, who pleaded not guilty Thursday, is scheduled to be tried in Adams County Court in April. Criminal impersonation is a misdemeanor charge carrying a maximum penalty of six months in prison and \$1,000 fine.

## Shorts

• University of Nebraska-Lincoln students should lock their bicycles only to designated parking racks on campus, said Cpl. Larry Kalkowski of the UNL Police Department.

Bikes secured to fixtures such as trees, handrails and handicapped stalls or parked in campus buildings will be removed, he said.

• University of Nebraska-Lincoln seniors have selected Love Library on City Campus and C. Y. Thompson Library on East Campus to benefit from the Class of 1988 gift.

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The longer rectangular park would not have room for the number of recreational fields the square one would provide, Benson said.

"It would be a fat jogging trail," he said.

Malone residents want a permanent park that would separate them from the university and prevent UNL from expanding east, said Dallas McGee, community development program manager.

However, university officials may want the option of moving into that space in the future, said John Goebel, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance.

"It's difficult to undo a park,"

Goebel said.


Both the neighborhood and the university will analyze the legal aspects of building over an established park.

Topher Hansen, representative for the Malone Neighborhood Association, said residents are looking for the stability of the park area so they can invest in their homes and likewise raise property values.

Board members discussed guaranteeing the park area for only the next 15 to 20 years so the university could expand if needed.

No firm decisions were made, and another meeting is scheduled for March 11.

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