

# Daily Nebraskan

Monday

**WEATHER:** Monday, partly sunny, high in the mid 60s, winds from the N 10-20 mph. Monday night, blustery and colder, low in the mid to upper 30s. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high in the mid 50s.

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## Council to hear about Sports Commission

By William Lauer  
 Staff Reporter

Details for a proposed Sports Industry Commission, designed to recruit and increase revenue of sports events in Lincoln, will be presented to the City Council before its regularly scheduled 1:30 p.m. meeting today, according to Mayor Bill Harris.

Creation of the committee was recommended by a task force appointed by Harris last October to assess the potential increase of economic revenue for sports events in Lincoln.

Harris said that although he expects no opposition from the council, "you never know on these things."

According to the plan to be submitted

by Harris, the commission would act in an advisory capacity to the mayor and City Council in regards to recruiting, coordinating, hosting and assisting sports events in Lincoln.

The commission would:

- Assist with the recruitment of sports events to Lincoln.
- Recommend to the mayor and City Council any facility improvements and administrative procedures that will facilitate holding sports activities in Lincoln.
- Coordinate the scheduling and use of facilities in Lincoln and Lancaster County for sports events.
- Facilitate the process of granting approvals and permits for sports events.
- Co-sponsor sports events with private citizens and organizations.

Ruth Anderson, an economic development aide for the city and coordinator of the task force, said a formal public body is necessary to organize various sponsors of sports events in Lincoln.

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—Anderson

Anderson called the formation of the commission "very promising." "Lincoln has a lot of independent organizations that are active and there

is a high amount of enthusiasm in the city," Anderson said. "We want everybody working together instead of on their own."

The commission would coordinate organizations like the YMCA, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln Public Schools, the Parks and Recreation Department, State Fair Park, church groups and other private groups, with the use of sports facilities and scheduling, Anderson said.

The 13-member commission would be appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council. It would consist of representatives from two Lincoln and two Lancaster County departments; one member each from State Fair Park, UNL, the Chamber of Commerce and LPS; and five members at large.

The task force also recommended the formation of a non-profit Greater Lincoln Sports Corporation, Anderson said. She stressed the corporation's involvement depends solely on private incentive. The corporation would work "hand in hand" with the commission in a public-private relationship, she said.

Goals for the corporation, as stated in its prospectus, would be to further develop existing sports events in Lincoln, like the Cornhusker State Games and Lincoln Marathon and increase utilization of the state fair grounds for sports events.

The corporation would also try to attract new national and regional competitions in softball, swimming

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## Alcohol violations thought to be fewer this fall semester

By Ryan Steeves  
 Staff Reporter

Douglas Zatechka, director of housing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he thinks the number of drinking violations and incidences is down this semester from previous ones.



"My impression is that we're not having as many alcohol-related problems as in the past," Zatechka said.

Zatechka said he has seen fewer reports of alcohol problems come across his desk and has heard fewer complaints from the housing staff.

"It's not statistical," he said. "It's just a gut-level feeling."

Julie Parr, student assistant on the 4th floor of Sandoz Hall, agreed with Zatechka. One of Parr's responsibilities as student assistant is to enforce UNL alcohol policies.

Parr said she has heard of a few alcohol-related incidences in Sandoz, but has yet to

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## Increase sought Voter registration set

By Terri Hahn  
 Staff Reporter

In an effort to increase voter turnout in the 18- to 24-year-old age group for the Nov. 8 general election, the Government Liaison Committee is sponsoring voter registration drives on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Matt Jilek, voter registration chairman for GLC, said voter participation in that age bracket is traditionally one of the lowest throughout the country.

"Many students don't realize that every vote does count," Jilek said. "John F. Kennedy won the presidency by one vote per precinct. Richard Nixon was elected in 1969 by a similar margin."

The registration booths will be held both days in the Nebraska and East Unions. The booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anyone who has not registered may do so at those times, Jilek said. Nebraska residents may register in their home counties if they wish, or may register in Lancaster County. Also, students from out-of-state may register to vote in Nebraska if they have established residency in the state.

GLC will provide all necessary forms, Jilek said, and will also mail the forms to the appropriate election commission office. In addition, applications for absentee ballots will be available for those students who are registered to vote in their home precincts.

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Stick it right here, buddy

John Swiecicki, a freshman finance major, waves cars into the Sigma Nu parking lot for football parking.

## Lab follow rules

# Animals' health is top priority

By Tom Koenig  
 Staff Reporter

Facing criticism from animal lovers, scientists at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln follow strict guidelines and inspections to assure proper treatment of research animals.

Laboratory animals are an integral part of UNL's scientific research, according to Gene White, professor of veterinary sciences and director of the Institutional Animal Care Program.

UNL researchers take great care to keep animals relaxed in production tests because any stress could harm results of the experiment, White said.

The National Institute of Health has set guidelines for care of lab animals, he said. Also, a 12-member group at UNL, called the Institutional Animal Care Committee, reviews the research and testing of lab animals.

The number of animals, the techniques for testing and the right number of animals being used are all factors considered by the committee,

White said.

"There can be either too many animals used or too few," White said.

Obviously, White said, UNL researchers want to spare injury to too many animals. However, if researchers use too few animals and can't establish average behavior, the research may have to be done over. In this case more animals would have to be used.

The federal Animal Welfare Act of 1985 says the committee must make two inspections each year.

Corrina Tressler, a lab supervisor certified by the American Association of Lab Animals, also inspects laboratory experiments once a week.

The inspectors have the authority to enter the facilities any time they want, White said. UNL can be penalized if it fails to follow the rules.

"If the university is not in compliance with federal regulations concerning the treatment of animals, then they are not eligible for any research funds," White said.

UNL uses cattle, pigs and chickens for agri-

cultural production. Rats and dogs are used for other research.

"The majority of animals used are mice," White said.

Animals are used for experiments on memory tumors, cocaine addiction studies, acquired immune deficiency syndrome research and other research, he said.

For example, a cow with a glass fistula, or tube, embedded in its stomach is used to test the effectiveness of various kinds of feeds. Once the cow has consumed feed, scientists reach into the fistula to remove the digested feed which will then be tested, White said.

Animals used for research at UNL are purchased from USDA-approved dealers and local producers, White said.

White said people who disagree with harming animals, especially vegetarians, should remember that animals who chew cud show the most efficient means by which cellulose is converted to protein.

"You can eat only so many cornflakes," White said.

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