



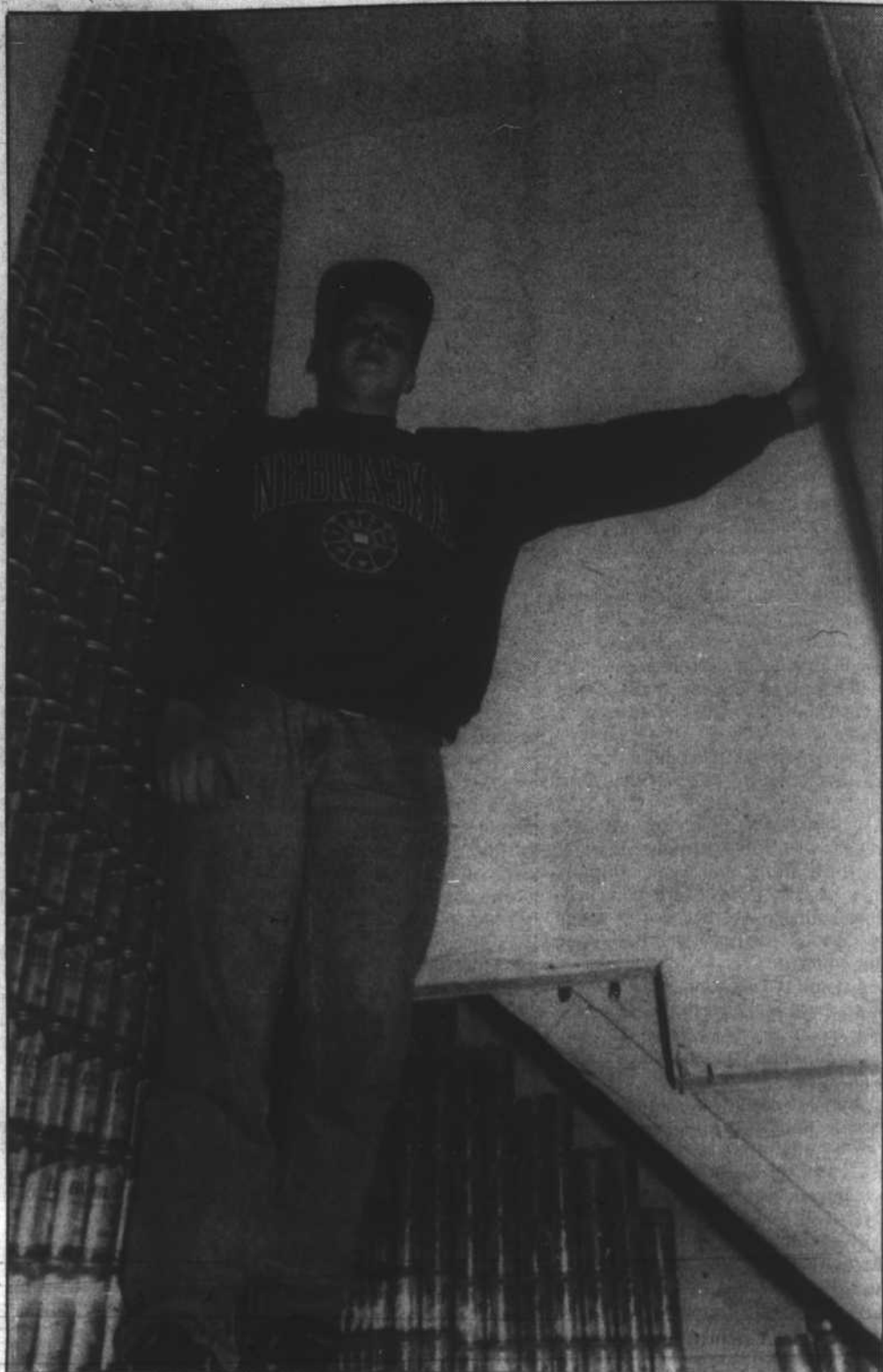
Photos by Damon Lee/DN

This house near 22nd and Vine streets houses six UNL students who chose off-campus living as a cheaper alternative to residence hall living.

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People that own houses monopolize. \$675 is too much for this house, (but) it's close to campus. As a whole, people are getting ripped off.

—Brian Larson
UNL student



UNL senior John Brewer stands next to the wall of beer cans he and his roommates erected in their house. Brewer said the alcohol ban in the residence halls was one incentive to move off campus.

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people.

Joseph Turek, city housing supervisor, said enforcing the ordinance was difficult.

"That's where we run into some problems," he said. "It's very tough to prove. The courts are not satisfied with hearsay evidence."

Most complaints come from neighbors, Turek said, who see a lot of cars parked by houses. But that isn't enough evidence to prove a violation exists.

"To say there is a car in front of the house (isn't enough)," he said. "There's no way you can prove that this person is not related to anyone in the building."

City inspectors investigate all complaints,

Turek said, but the only way to find out about a violation is if the tenants admit it.

Complaints are forwarded to the city attorney's office, he said.

Officials in the city attorney's office said offenders could be prosecuted, but that prosecution wasn't very common.

Living illegally probably isn't a big deterrent for people moving off campus, but UNL officials said there were many benefits to staying on campus.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing, said most students moved off campus between their sophomore and junior years. He said free cable TV service, phone service and food were just a few of the many residence hall benefits for students.

But students living in old off-campus houses aren't necessarily better off, he said.

"Sometimes, you get what you pay for," he said. "We try to offer the kinds of services to students that surveys indicate."

The cost of residence hall living isn't out of line for all the services offered, Zatechka said, but some students are better off living off campus.

"For some students it may be cheaper," he said. "For a lot, it's not cheaper. Most students don't add up all the costs."

Zatechka said his job was frustrating at times. As of Jan. 31, 975 of the 3900 students who lived in residence halls were upperclass students.

The growing trend at UNL and other colleges is for people to move off campus, he said, but he is trying to figure out ways to keep students on campus.

"How to keep more students on campus is

probably the great question around the country," he said.

Next fall, Cather Residence Hall will be converted into upperclass student housing. Single rooms will be offered with additional services, he said.

That change, in addition to the 24-hour visitation policy, will help keep students on campus, Zatechka said.

Kelly Wieseler said the 24-hour policy wouldn't have made him stay in the residence halls because the old 14-hour policy wasn't enforced.

"It went on anyway," he said. "We disobeyed those rules."

Kelly agreed. "People were in the rooms anyway," she said. "Like you really want your boyfriend in there with your roommate."

Proposed plan to benefit City and East campuses

By Sarah Scalet
Staff Reporter

The UNL Parking Advisory Committee Thursday discussed its 1993-94 budget proposal, which could create additional parking spaces but also would increase the cost of parking permits.



lot on both University of Nebraska-Lincoln campuses.

The budget also included re-striping an existing lot on City Campus to allow room for more stalls, Cacak said.

He said re-striping the lot would decrease the number of spaces lost during a 10th Street construction project in progress.

However, part of the estimated

\$475,000 price tag for these three projects could come from an increase in parking permits for all permit holders.

Permit prices could increase \$10 per year or \$6 per semester, Cacak said. However, these increases are not definite.

The committee will discuss and vote on the budget March 11.

In other business, Kim Todd of UNL landscape architecture and John Benson, director of institutional research and planning, outlined 10- and 20-year facilities plans for UNL.

On East Campus, the plan would complete the East Campus loop and create a new main entrance to campus, Todd said.

The plan would not change parking much on East Campus, Todd said, but would have a greater effect on City Campus.

The plan for City Campus includes a loop similar to the one on East Campus, making use of existing city streets, Todd said.

GLC sounds off for students

Lobbyists present concerns, issues to state senators

By Michelle Leary
Senior Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln student leaders hope to meet with the members of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee in an effort to combat a 5 percent budget cut proposal, a student lobbyist said.

Chris Peterson, a Government Liaison Committee lobbyist said, "We want to express our concerns and make senators aware of the implications of their decisions."

Peterson was referring to a decision made Monday by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee. The committee approved a preliminary recommendation to cut the University of Nebraska's budget by almost \$14 million.

ASUN President Andrew Sigerson agreed with Peterson, saying that it was tremendously unfortunate that

the committee made the recommendation.

"The decision showed a true lack of understanding of what the university provides to the state, as well as students," Sigerson said.

Peterson said GLC members hoped to voice students' concerns to the committee through lobbying.

GLC's underlying lobbying strategy is to develop a relationship between the student lobbyists and Appropriations Committee members, Peterson said.

State Sen. David Landis of Lincoln said GLC was a helpful organization that provided good information.

"We learn a lot from students that we wouldn't find out from university faculty and staff," Landis said.

He referred specifically to the problems students voiced, including those related to the financial aid office and problems with getting essential classes for graduation.

"Students can tell you about these

things much better," Landis said.

Peterson said, "A lot of times senators might not understand every side of an issue. We want to make them understand this issue."

"It's important that (state senators) know that appropriations for education today at the university are an investment into the future," Peterson said. "Sometimes I think they lose sight of that."

"This is only the beginning of our campaign against the (proposed) budget cuts."

In addition to meeting with state senators, Peterson said GLC would sponsor a news conference Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the State Capitol building. Student regents from all four university campuses will be present.

"Our primary concern is to get as much publicity as possible in order to convince state senators that the university's budget is more than a line item request," Sigerson said.

GLC members also hope to start a student letter-writing campaign to the senators as the March 9 public hearing for the proposal nears.