

Ghosts, experts fill conference

By Jamie Karl
Staff Reporter

The "Enchanted Weekend," planned by the Fortean Research Center of Lincoln, features the city's ghosts and goblins just in time for Halloween.

The two-day conference begins at 4 p.m. Friday with a daylight ghost tour of Lincoln. The bus tour departs and returns to the Bethany Park Shelter, 65th and Vine streets.

Dale Bacon, a paranormal investigator for the center and guide for this weekend's ghost tours, said this year's conference was on parapsychology, the branch of psychology that investigates parapsychology.

The center, a nonprofit membership organization that investigates and researches unexplained phenomena, is planning events that begin Friday afternoon and continue through Sat-

urday evening.

Bacon said he expected at least 100 people to attend the conference. Interest in the topic in Lincoln is greater than most people realize, he said.

Guest speakers Loyd Auerbach and Martin Caidin are two of the weekend's other highlights.

Auerbach is the author of three parapsychology books, a consultant to the Fox TV program "Sightings," and a columnist for "Fate" magazine.

Caidin is the author of more than 180 books, including "Ghosts of the Air," "Natural & Supernatural," and "Cyborg," the book that became the screen play for "The Six-Million Dollar Man." Caidin also is a contributing editor to "Fate."

Friday's ghost tour costs \$5 per person. It will be followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. Friday at the shelter. After the dinner, Auerbach and Caidin will

give presentations on ghost stories, tall tales and "strange, but true" accounts. The dinner and presentation cost \$5 per person.

Saturday's activities include the Parapsychology Conference at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets.

Topics will include psychokinesis — the ability to move objects with the mind, remote viewing — transmitting accurate information through the mind, ghosts and poltergeists. Cost of the conference is \$25 per person.

The events will conclude with a nighttime ghost tour of Lincoln on Saturday. The nighttime ghost tour already is full, Bacon said, but openings remain in the other events.

Preregistration is required for the conference only. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Fortean Research Center, located at the Way Home bookstore, 3231 S. 13th St.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Sunday

- 8:54 a.m. — Clothing items taken from display case, West Memorial Stadium.
- 9:08 a.m. — Steam leak, Benton Hall.
- 10:52 a.m. — Doorknob broken, 1235 N. 16th Street, \$20.
- 11:15 a.m. — Bike stolen, 1235 N. 16th Street, \$350.
- 12:10 p.m. — License plates stolen, 19th and T streets.
- 1:41 p.m. — Car accident, south parking lot, \$700.
- 2:44 p.m. — Car accident, East Campus Loop, \$50.
- 3:49 p.m. — Larceny, Love Library, \$11.

4:18 p.m. — Car accident, Mussehl Hall, \$50.

4:29 p.m. — Bike stolen, Richards Hall, \$650.

10:09 p.m. — Bike stolen, Fedde Residence Hall, \$460.

Beginning midnight Monday

- 5:35 p.m. — Larceny, Oldfather Hall, follow-up, case cleared with one arrest.
- 10:33 p.m. — License plate stolen, 21st and Vine streets.
- 11:59 p.m. — Injury/sickness, UNL Health Center.

Beginning midnight Tuesday

- 4:21 a.m. — Food stolen and recovered, 716 N. 16th street.
- 12:54 p.m. — Checkbook stolen, Abel Hall, \$1.
- 2:53 p.m. — Book bag stolen, Sandoz Hall, \$150.
- 3:50 p.m. — Purse and cash stolen, Hamilton Hall, \$30.
- 4:00 p.m. — Bike stolen, Hamilton Hall, \$800.
- 7:48 p.m. — Injury/sickness, 1335 N. 17th street.
- 8:21 p.m. — Car accident, Nebraska Hall, \$150.
- 9:45 p.m. — Bike stolen, Abel Hall, \$450.

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Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Phi Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities, the UNL Student Alumni Association, and all of the UNL house mothers to help as security, guides and ticket takers.

Allman also received advertising help from the radio stations KKNB-FM, 104.1, and KIBZ-FM, 106.3.

The Asylum, which opened Thursday, will be run for 16 days. The house will be closed on Mondays. It will be open from 7 to 10 p.m. weekdays and 7 to 11:30 p.m. on weekends. Admission is \$5.

When asked why there weren't more Lighthouse kids working at the attraction, Allman said they had other concerns.

"They are more into survival," Allman said. "Some of them are literally concerned with where their next meal is coming from. They live tough lives."

Finance

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greatest error will eliminate the extra time taken to verify the forms, Beacon said.

"We'll find out where the most common errors might be," he said.

Beacon said he hoped financial aid officials would not have to verify all answers next year. Federal laws call for at least 26 percent of answers to be verified.

"What's going to come of this whole thing is faster turn-around and processing," he said.

The next step in the program will be to verify no more than 26 percent of answers, Beacon said.

"We're doing these things because we're interested in running as efficient a process as possible on behalf of the interests of students."

Regents

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said the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska opposed the North Plaza Park proposal.

He said the money would be better spent on solving parking problems at UNL.

"For me, the basic things are timing and priorities," Benes said.

ASUN senators Deb Silhacek, chairwoman of the Campus Life Committee, and Brian Kubik, speaker of the student senate, will speak out against North Plaza Park at the regents' meeting, Milliken said.

In other business, the regents are expected to approve the installation of a new sound system at Memorial Stadium, Milliken said.

The new system would include two instant-replay screens, skyboxes and televisions at the concession stands. The system could cost up to \$811,000.

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