

Lincoln's lights decorate downtown

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Senior Reporter

Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will have to rely on nature to provide campus Christmas decorations, a landscaper said.

Bud Dasenbrock, UNL director of Landscape Services, said snow and evergreen trees were the only outdoor decorations students had seen on campus for several years. Officials have no plans to deck the campus with strings of lights or other Christmas decor.

About five years ago, he said, landscapers tried decorating Love Library and part of East Campus with giant presents wrapped in bows.

"I think they got swiped," Dasenbrock said.

Officials have not decorated since. Dasenbrock said the university did not have money in a budget to fund decorations.

And, besides, he said, most students leave campus more than a week before Christmas and wouldn't have a chance to see the lights for long.

"We would have a decorated campus without students here," he said. "It doesn't mean we shouldn't do something sometime. I suppose if somebody has some ideas we could afford, we would do them."

The downtown area, on the other hand, has made decorations affordable by soliciting donations for its holiday light project.

Kay Davis, Downtown Lincoln Association executive administrator, said the \$250,000 worth of decorations strung downtown were mostly gifts from local corporations and cit-

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The association has received \$180,000 so far that will go toward the project, she said, and it is asking for more donations to pay for the entire project.

The 23,000 feet of wire for lights is strung along roof lines of O and 13th streets and in the Historic Haymarket District.

The electric bill for 25 feet of the lights tallies to \$1.23 for 30 days, Davis said. Each business pays for its own electric bill.

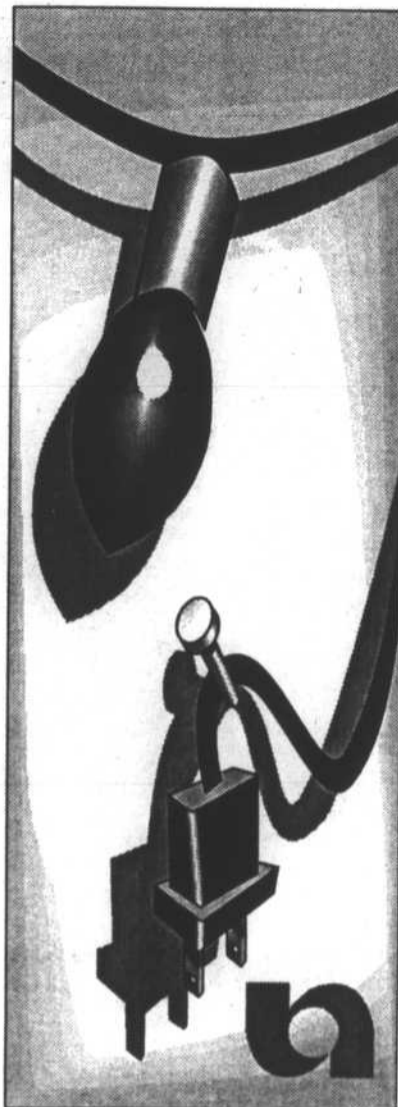
The DLA plans to add even more lights next year, she said.

Mayor Mike Johanns on Friday threw the switch that empowered the 20,000 lights and other displays.

Tours of the lights will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday by StarTran. The buses will leave from 11th and O streets on the east side of Gold's Galleria. They will tour downtown and residential areas. Fare is one can of food and reservations are required.

The lights, tours and other holiday events are contributing to the growing sense of community shared in Lincoln, Davis said.

"I think the attitude in the last year has turned 180 degrees from what it was," she said. "Everybody is looking much more toward the future and planning for it."



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POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Wednesday

12:18 a.m. — CD's and cases stolen, 425 University Terrace, \$864.
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8:02 a.m. — Vandalism, 1640 Y St., \$200.
12:07 p.m. — Purse stolen, Nelle Cochrane Woods Art building, \$190.
12:23 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, Abel Residence Hall, \$500.
12:54 p.m. — Book bag stolen, Nebraska Union, \$105.
2:52 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, 14th and Avery streets, \$500.
4:38 p.m. — Hood ornament stolen, Barkley Center, \$60.
5:17 p.m. — Fire, roof damaged, College of Dentistry, \$750.
6:56 p.m. — Car accident, car and guard rail damaged, 11th Street and Avery Avenue, \$2,000.
10:38 p.m. — Burglary, 405 University Terrace, \$160 cash.

Beginning midnight Thursday

11:15 a.m. — Hit-and-run accident, 14th Street and Avery Avenue, \$350.
1:37 p.m. — Windows broken, 17th and R streets, \$300.
6:32 p.m. — Presents and food stolen, Abel Residence Hall, \$75.
8:30 p.m. — Person fell down steps and broke leg, Plant Industry.
10:40 p.m. — Assault, 640 N. 16th St., case cleared with one arrest.
10:40 p.m. — Injury, 640 N. 16th St., person treated at University Health Center.

Beginning midnight Friday

2:57 a.m. — Car windows broken, 14th and W streets, \$300.
2:58 a.m. — Car windows broken, 14th and W streets, \$300.
9:35 p.m. — Larceny, 405 University Terrace, \$60 cash.

Raises

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The raises for the four staff members were related to mounting responsibilities and job assignments, several officials have said.

Hibner said her new position had several additional interdepartmental responsibilities.

Her position and others were redefined partly because of the fusion of the men's and women's athletic departments, Hibner said.

Hibner said she supervised both male and female athletes in her new position, as well as dealt with the

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NCAA and other interdepartmental tasks.

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Parking policy move may relieve Area 3 crunch, official says

From Staff Reports

Area 3 parking permit holders soon hopefully will have fewer parking headaches, said Tad McDowell, UNL parking services manager.

The Parking Advisory Board recently approved ASUN President Keith Benes' proposal to allow stu-

dents with Area 3 permits to park legally in the northeast corner of the Area 20 commuters' lot. This lot is west of the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence halls at 14th Street and Avery Avenue.

McDowell said University of Nebraska-Lincoln students with Area 3 parking permits had received many

parking tickets lately from university police. The lot has few parking spots, and permit holders who couldn't find a spot would park illegally, he said.

Commuter permit holders displaced by the change can use the Area 21 lot south of the Beadle Center at 19th and S streets.

UNL's Golden Key wins national award

From Staff Reports

Members of the Golden Key National Honor Society at UNL recently received the Key Chapter Award at a national convention.

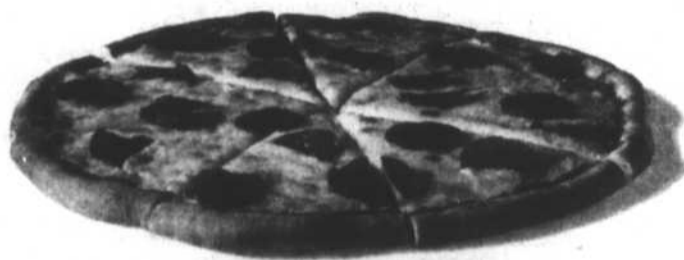
The Key Chapter Award, which the group received at the convention in Orlando, Fla., is given to

chapters that have excelled in communication, leadership, public relations, faculty and administrative involvement and campus and community service.

UNL Chapter President David Hengen and Chapter Adviser George Sturgeon, accepted the award.

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