

Plug pulled on electric guitarist

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Staff Reporter

Things are a lot quieter downtown now that Jon Davis has been unplugged.

Known to many simply as the guitar guy, Davis has become so much a fixture of the downtown Lincoln experience that one radio station uses him in their self-promotional spots.

"Even the guy who plays the guitar at 14th and O listens to (us)," says the ad for KKNB, 104.1, The Planet.

But not everyone is a fan of the 27-year-old street musician's act.

Complaints raised by downtown resident Jerry Powell resulted in Davis receiving two tickets for disturbing the peace.

"I know there are a number of people who live downtown who've complained about his playing," said Powell, owner of Powell's Jewellers, 1317 O St.

"Everyone knows the guitar man," he said. "The police told us we were just the only people who were diligent enough to get him stopped."

Powell said Davis' amplified guitar music often disturbed him.

"His sound penetrates the windows of our residence, and we live downtown," Powell said. "I don't wish this fellow any ill will; I just don't know why he should play so loud."

According to Lancaster County correctional records, Davis was given two tickets during one week in July for disturbing the peace. He was fined \$144 for failure to appear on the first count and sat out a \$60 fine in jail one day on the second count.

However, police documents list only the second ticket, dismissed at the court cost of \$21.

Davis' story varies even more. His fines totaled \$380, he said, and he sat both of them out in jail on two separate occasions.



Kiley Timperley/DN

Jon Davis was cited twice for disturbing the peace for his guitar playing at 14th and O streets.

One thing is certain: It has suddenly become a lot more expensive for Davis to play the electric guitar on O Street.

He can still be found on O Street some evenings, strumming on his battered acoustic, but he said he was unhappy with how things turned out.

"Some guy just playing the guitar is boring," Davis said. "The acoustic is so quiet. I don't mind playing it, but things I can get going with the amp are beautiful."

Davis said most of his previous experience with police had been friendly.

"I always helped them out," he said. "There were always fights and accidents, and I was there to tell them what'd happened."

Davis said although he wanted to fight the city on the issue, he didn't hold a grudge.

"I'd be willing to turn it down—but it's rock and roll, you know? It doesn't pass if it's going to sound like elevator music."

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Hohenstein of Dakota City, would create collegiate license plates.

●LB324, would change the provisions of the Scholarship Assistance Program Act, State Scholarship Award

Program and Postsecondary Education Award Act. The bill was proposed by Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion.

●LB683, proposed by Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, would change the provisions for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to review and approve certain projects.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Friday

7:52 a.m. — Compact disc player taken, 3601 Apple St., \$320 loss, \$75 damage.

10:31 a.m. — Person obtaining money under false pretenses, \$300.

1:01 p.m. — Bookbag and contents stolen, Nebraska Union, \$115.

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2:07 p.m. — Vandalism/criminal mischief, New Hampshire Street remote lot, \$150.

3:40 p.m. — Scooter stolen, 1535 R St., \$800.

5:21 p.m. — Bookbag and contents stolen, Nebraska Union, \$94.

Beginning midnight Saturday

12:42 a.m. — Vandalism/criminal mischief, Sheldon Gardens, \$220.

4:43 a.m. — One person transported to detox.

8:07 a.m. — Car stereo stolen, 19th & Q streets parking lot, \$270 loss, \$150 damage.

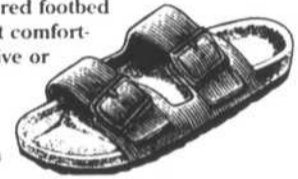
12:51 p.m. — Door broken, Love Library, \$150 damage.

1:41 p.m. — Purse stolen, Westbrook Music Building, \$30.

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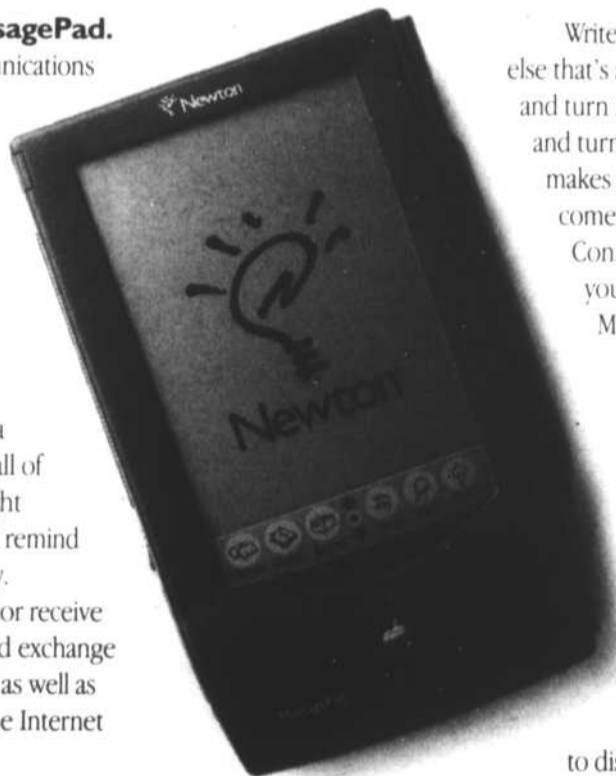
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