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Matthew Sweet brings his music home with performances today and tomorrow.
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Thundershowers, becoming cloudy and breezy at night.

Tour sheds light on UNL campus safety

By Brian Sharp
Staff Reporter

UNL officials touring City and East campuses early Saturday morning found insufficient lighting to be the greatest safety concern.

Yet no matter how many lights are installed, administrators said, safety never can be guaranteed.

"It's a difficult issue," said Tom Johnson, a parking advisory representative. "There is no way of making everybody feel they are completely safe."

The Campus Safety Tour, which began at 4 a.m. Saturday, was one of two yearly walk-throughs of University of Nebraska-Lincoln campuses to check areas of safety concern and identify needed improvements.

Ten representatives from the Parking Advisory Committee, UNL Police, Landscape Services and the Nebraska Union participated in the tour.

The reason for the early start was to view the campuses without the added interior building lights, which can make some areas appear better lit than they really are.

The main problem the group found was lights that were not functioning or not turned on. The majority of areas needing improvement had been marked on previous tours. The NU Board of Regents approved funding for the improvements last week.

Mike Cacak, manager of transportation services, said after the tour he was satisfied with the current situation from a parking standpoint.

"It's come a long way in just three to four years," he said. None of the group members identified areas of concern in the parking areas — except those with improvements already coming.

Earlier, Cacak had pointed out an area 20 lot

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Building's name exhibits legacy of past chancellor

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

From one end of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to the other, the legacy of one man is everywhere.

From the Cather-Pound and Abel-Sandoz residence halls to the East Campus Union to Oldfather and Hamilton halls, many campus buildings owe their existence to former Chancellor Clifford Hardin.

Tomorrow, nearly 25 years after Hardin left UNL, a campus building will bear his name. Hardin's name will be added to the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education — which also was built under his leadership.

When Hardin and his wife Martha came to the university in 1954, the first students were moving into Selleck Hall. The enrollment at the university was about 7,000, and 11th, 15th, T and Vine streets all went through campus.

When Hardin left in 1969 to become President Richard Nixon's secretary of agriculture, the enrollment had expanded to more than 19,000. Memorial Stadium doubled its seating capacity, and 11th, 15th, T and Vine streets no longer dissected campus.

The Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, Kimball Recital Hall and several other buildings also took shape at UNL while Hardin was chancellor.

Hardin takes no credit for himself. When looking back, Hardin said it wasn't he who brought almost 12,000 more students to the university.

The end of World War II and the G.I. Bill, which gave money to returning war veterans for college, also helped increase UNL's student

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Jeff Haller/DN

Darnell Utley, a second grader from Meadow Lane Elementary, left, trades in his wheelchair for a swing Saturday at Holmes Lake. Julie Koch, center, gives a helping hand to Utley and Taylor Glissman as a part of Project PALS.

PALing around

UNL students teach leadership to special children

By Jeffrey Robb
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During a picnic at Holmes Lake Saturday, 6-year-old Taylor Glissman showed the same vitality as any child his age.

He hit the playground full force and took tour after tour through a tunnel there. He was the first to suggest feeding the ducks on the lake and the first to ask for more bread when it ran out.

Taylor reveled in sweets, chocolate cake and soda the most, just like any other child. And with his birthday approaching, Taylor dropped hints for possible gifts. He wanted a baby chick, because monkeys cost too much.

But Taylor has something that most other children don't have — a special pal.

"I know how to spell pal — P-A-L," Taylor said.

Taylor, who has impaired motor skills and was born with water on the brain, turns to that pal, junior deaf education major Julie Koch, to show how much he cares for her.

"You know who I'm going to invite to my

birthday party — you."

Koch and 11 other University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are volunteers for Project PALS, an effort that pairs a college student with an orthopedically handicapped child. The goal is to instill leadership in the students, both younger and older ones, Koch said.

The children, called junior counselors, have been chosen individually for their leadership potential, Koch said.

The project is a division of the Nebraska Human Resources Institute, a nonprofit organization. About 130 college students volunteer as NHRI counselors and are divided among eight projects.

The project originated in the 1950s at the Nebraska Orthopedic Hospital, said Gary Sherman, project sponsor.

Eventually, the hospital hit a point where it had to decide if it would fold or find a way to continue, Sherman said. The project then teamed with the Lincoln Public Schools and college students.

Sherman said he had been involved in the project while in college in the late 1960s.

Koch, who is co-chairwoman of the project

this semester, said the NHRI counselors taught their pals things like what it meant to be a friend or how to listen to people.

The college students must also teach tougher lessons to their pals, Koch said, like why people may be mean to the children in class.

Support is the key, she said, and the project receives that from many different areas. The counselors provide it, as do parents. The children have created a family community among themselves, Koch said.

On Saturday, even a few parents of the college students showed up for the picnic.

Don Johnson, whose son Mike is a volunteer, said he and his wife, Pat, were proud of Mike's work with the project. Mike invited them to come from Sioux Falls, S.D., for the picnic.

Pat Johnson said this project helped provide her son with some of the experiences he missed as an only child.

Mike Johnson, a sophomore biology major, said working with the kids was great.

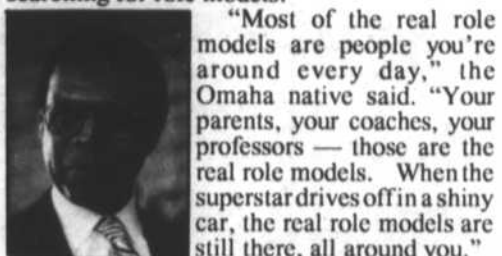
"I love it," he said. "I love little kids."

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NFL great says heroes not just on field

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

NFL Hall of Fame running back Gale Sayers said Sunday that people should look beyond the sports world when searching for role models.



"Most of the real role models are people you're around every day," the Omaha native said. "Your parents, your coaches, your professors — those are the real role models. When the superstar drives off in a shiny car, the real role models are still there, all around you."

Sayers gave the keynote speech at the fourth annual Nebraska Student-Athlete Academic Awards Banquet, where Trev Alberts and Theresa Stelling were among 152 student-athletes honored for their excellence in athletics and academics.

Sayers graduated from Kansas and started for the NFL's Chicago Bears during the 1960s. He was the youngest player ever to be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Too much emphasis is placed on athletes being role models in today's world, he said.

"It's important to understand there is a difference between role models and heroes," Sayers said. "There is a lot of talk about athletes being role models. Some people even worship athletes."

"They try to walk like them, dress like them, talk like them ... but how many Michael Jordans do you see?"

Sayers said the genuine heroes were normally found somewhere other than the sports section.

"There is too much press over athletes being role models," he said. "We need our athletes to do more than just visit schools once in a while."

"The real unsung heroes are the troops who fought in Desert Storm, the people helping out earthquake victims, policemen and firemen

who put their life on the line for others and single mothers who are trying to raise their children alone."

Sayers, whose speech drew a standing ovation, urged the student-athletes to make a positive influence on society.

"The only kind of role model I ever wanted to be is someone who always did his best," he said. "These young people look up to us, so let's not let them down. Remember, you're a role model to the people you're closest to."

"There are positive and negative role models, and each of you needs to be a positive one. Role models — if you're one, God bless you, if you're not, become one."

Alberts, a senior football player from Cedar Falls, Iowa, was named the male student-athlete of the year.

Stelling, who has excelled in track and cross country, was rewarded for her work in the classroom with the female student-athlete award.