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Run (right) and DMC (left) rap the old school way at the Big Red Welcome Sunday night. Run DMC highlighted the day's events.

### Block party starts year with bang

By Amy Keller Staff Reporter

It's everything a UNL freshman could ever need.

The Big Red Welcome block party Sunday night let students enjoy everything from free groceries to free pop to health services.

### Run-DMC raps up break with concert

By BRET SCHULTE Music Critic

Adidas has complemented City Campus ever since the football team landed its sponsorship, but last night campus rattled from the original Adidas disciples – rap legend and old-school original Run-DMC.

An old school already, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln celebrated Big Red Welcome Sunday by inviting East Coast hip-hop and rap group Run-DMC to add an urban flava' to the student street party. Brought to town by the University Program Council, Run-DMC was scheduled to accommodate student taste, said UPC event director Christine Lam.

"Hip-hop has become the growing trend that we noticed in the last couple of years," Lam said. "We didn't want to pick (a group) that would just be background noise."

Background noise Run-DMC

As the valedictorians of the rap old school, Run-DMC was largely responsible for moving hip-hop and rap into the musical mainstream in the early '80s,

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The block party, which lasted from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday on R Street, in front of the Nebraska Union, let new students find ways to be involved at UNL.

In addition, campus groups and The Big Red Welcome block ty Sunday night let students enjoy dents their services and products. The

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# UNL's standing rises among U.S. colleges

By ERIN GIBSON Senior Reporter

Today U.S. News and World Report will list the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the second tier of all national universities and rank UNL as one of the 50 best values in public education, Chancellor James Moeser said Friday.

Nebraska previously had been listed in the third of four tiers that group universities by overall desirability, with the first tier containing the most prestigious universities. The magazine also lists the universities of Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Minnesota and Ohio State in the second tier.

"This is good company," Moeser said. "These are our peers."

Moeser called the report "important national recognition" and stopped during his annual State of the University address to congratulate 900 faculty and community leaders who gathered Friday in the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

"But we must continue to build" on

the university's success and recognition, Moeser said.

The university's move into the second tier does not reflect this year's tougher new admissions standards and does not reflect the anticipated reduction of UNL students' 25 percent dropout rate between their freshmen and sophomore years.

It also cannot reflect students' access to both new computers labs paid for by the new \$2- per-credit-hour student technology fee and the 13 new, state-of-the-art classrooms in Burnett Hall

The just-completed reallocation process will help the university develop nationally recognized academic programs, Moeser said.

Last year, every department on campus was asked to submit a budget with 96 percent of its funding. The 4 percent cuts freed \$6.9 million to pay for priority academic programs on the UNL campus.

Few departments faced an entire 4

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### The 6 Points

In his address, Chancellor James Moeser listed these six goals for UNL's future.

Continue using reallocation to make strong academic programs even stronger.

2 Determine UNL's strongest Ph.D. programs and provide additional support for them.

3 Create a more rigorous academic environment

Expand and coordinate distance education.

Continue increasing UNL's financial efficiency

6 Create a campus culture that celebrates diversity.

#### New campus parking garage brings relief to space problems

By DARREN IVY Staff Reporter

If you build it, they will come. So the university built a new parking garage, hoping customers will come with their money to help pay its cost.

The possibility of a parking garage on campus was discussed for more than 15 years, said Tad McDowell, manager of UNL Parking and Transit Services. An agreement between Parking Services and the Athletic Department has finally made the garage a reality.

When the parking garage opens Sept. 2, Parking Services will see how many people come to its new 600-stall garage. Users will be charged an hourly fee.

"The only way we were able to get this garage built was to have it be a cashier structure," McDowell said.

McDowell said it's good to have the first garage on campus be a cashier structure because when the \$8.3 million that it cost to build the garage is paid off, the money can go for other parking improvements.

The garage's rates will be 35 cents for the first half hour and 50 cents each additional hour with a maximum of \$3.75 daily. The lot will be open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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### Liquor ordinance under consideration

From staff and wire reports

Mayor Mike Johanns has asked the City Council to introduce a new liquor ordinance today that would allow all alcohol sales on Sundays.

A Thursday court ruling declared Lincoln's ordinance that allows restaurants and bars to sell alcohol by the glass on Sundays unconstitutional.

However, Lancaster County District Court Judge Earl Witthoff stayed his ruling until Sept. 24, allowing restaurants and bars to continue selling alcohol on Sundays and giving the City Council time to act on the ruling.

If the City Council – scheduled to meet today – does not pass a new ordinance before the stay expires, no alcohol sales will be permitted on Sunday.

The Liquor Control Act, a Nebraska state law, does not allow alcohol to be sold Sundays. However, a provision of the law allows individual communities to permit sales in their boundaries.

Lincoln banned all Sunday alcohol sales in 1957, but in 1984, the City Council passed an ordinance that permitted restaurants and bars to sell alcohol by the glass.

Omaha, Grand Island, Scottsbluff and Norfolk all allow

some off-sale alcohol sales on Sundays. Kearney and Fremont do not.

Mike Hughes, owner of Mike's O Street Drive-In, filed the lawsuit against the city, claiming the ordinance violated liquor stores' right to equal protection under the law.

Hughes, in the lawsuit, also argued there was no rational difference between off-sale and by-the-glass sales, and that the city overstepped its authority by making the distinction.

Witthoff agreed and in his ruling said the ordinance gave bars and restaurants an advantage over liquor stores.