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Gov. Nelson outlines academic standards

Schools adopting them are eligible for aid

From staff reports

Gov. Ben Nelson on Monday unveiled a set of academic standards to measure the performance of students across Nebraska.

The standards outline learning objectives in reading and writing, mathematics, science, social studies and history for students who have completed grades one, four, eight and 12. They are outlined in a State Department of Education publication distributed in Nebraska newspapers Monday.

The standards are not mandatory. School districts that choose to adopt these or tougher standards, however, will be eligible for \$1.6 million in funding provided by state lottery proceeds.

"This will help us put the bar at the highest possible level and

discuss how our young people are doing at meeting that bar," Nelson said in a media conference call.

Examples of the standards include principles by which high school graduates should be able to "create scientific explanations consistent with experimental and observational evidence, make accurate predictions, strive to be logical, respect the rules of evidence, accept criticism, report methods and procedures and make knowledge public."

Graduates also should be familiar with the medieval world, the Renaissance and the Reformation, and be able to explain 20th century events such as the world wars, the Great Depression and the Cold War, the guidelines state.



Two arrested for narcotics

A traffic stop led Lincoln police to two small narcotics arrests Sunday evening.

When police stopped a car in the Norwest Banks parking lot, 2301 N. 48th St., they found both the driver and passenger in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The driver, a 43-year-old man, had 1.78 grams of methamphetamine, a few grams of marijuana and some drug paraphernalia in his pocket.

The driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, marijuana and drug paraphernalia and has been charged with the intent to deliver a controlled substance.

The 23-year-old passenger was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

of the house after the fire was extinguished.

At 8:20 a.m. police and fire units were called to the house at 1545 R Street for a burning sofa bed on the lawn, Bushing said.

After the fire was extinguished, officers went to the Phi Delta Theta house and a neighboring fraternity, Theta Xi, but no one would acknowledge ownership of the couch.

Motorcyclist hurt by dart

A motorcyclist was hit with a 4-inch metal dart in the knee as he drove through Lincoln on Sunday evening.

The Lincoln man was driving his motorcycle north on 40th Street between Garfield and Everett streets when the dart struck him in the knee, Heermann said.

The cyclist, a 29-year-old man, went to Bryan LGH Medical Center East because the dart embedded in the cartilage and bone of his knee.

Police believe the dart came from a blowgun, but a neighborhood canvass did not produce any suspects.

Beer trail leads to minors

University police officers followed a trail of empty beer bottles through an open door to find four underage fraternity members drinking Thursday night.

Four students were cited for possessing alcohol at Chi Phi Fraternity, 1245 N. 16th St., when a community service officer investigated an open exit door, University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

The CSO entered the north exit door when he saw no one in the area. In the stairway, he saw a trail of empty beer bottles and cans leading up the stairs.

At the top of the stairs police found two students with beers in hand in the hallway and two more surrounded by beer in a room.

All four, ages 18, 19, 19 and 20, admitted drinking and were cited for being minors in possession.

Men steal \$2,000

Two Hispanic men pretending to be with the water department stole \$2,000 in cash from a Lincoln senior citizen Saturday afternoon.

The two men entered the home on the 6900 block of Ballard Avenue by telling the 90-year-old man there had been illnesses in his neighborhood, Heermann said.

When one of the men kept the resident occupied in the bathroom, the other grabbed the money from the bedroom.

The men were seen leaving in a blue Chevrolet pickup truck.

Minor brings beer to Abel

A non-student was caught trying to bring beer into Abel Residence Hall Saturday night.

A CSO observed the 18-year-old man from La Vista trying to enter the north door of Abel Hall, which is locked at night, with a brown paper bag under his arm, Bushing said.

When confronted, the young man consented to a search, and police found 13 beers in the bag.

He was cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

\$20,000 in rings stolen

Someone smashed their way into a pawn shop and stole an estimated \$20,000 worth of rings Sunday night.

A citizen flagged down an officer at the A-1 Pawn Shop, 135 S. Ninth St., around 1 a.m. Monday because the front door was shattered, Heermann said.

The officer found a smashed display case inside, and 166 rings had been taken.

Couch burns on lawn

A burning couch on the lawn of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Saturday morning was disowned by members

There was \$400 damage, and owners estimate the loss between \$14,000 and \$30,000.

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