

Midway rides thrill adventurous fairgoers

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Some fairgoers return to the same rides year after year.

"I rode them all last year, and they are good enough to come back for," Jess Perry of Utica said.

But some prefer to keep their feet planted firmly on the ground as they watch their friends fly through the air.

"Not this one," sophomore agronomy major Rebecca Witt said as she watched the Kamikaze, a double-hammerhead ride, swing into action with her sister on board. "I don't do that stuff."

"Oh my God," Witt cried as the two hammerheads reached the top of their arc and stalled momentarily. "Nobody could make me get on

that!"

Those not keen on being inverted might enjoy some of the more grounded rides on the midway.

"The Super Himalaya was the best," Lincoln eighth-grader Micha Mckeeman said. "It just goes in circles real fast."

Mckeeman moved to the Himalaya after a bad experience on Extasy.

"It kinda made me sick to my stomach," Mckeeman said.

But some of the best rides may not be the best bargains, Mandy Elikor of Utica said after stepping off the Wind Shear.

"It was a good ride, but I won't ride it again for six tickets."

RHA on a mission for students

Values, integrity among points made in statement

By Ieva Augstums
Staff writer

UNL residence hall students are on a mission this year.

A mission to clarify personal values, enhance critical thinking abilities, understand differences and develop effective communication skills.

In an effort to help students clarify their values, Lyn Jakobsen, assistant director of housing for residential education, wrote a 74-page mission statement outlining a desire to tie academic and residence hall objectives together.

"If you can get everyone going in one direction, there is an assurance of an effective intervention among students, faculty and staff," Jakobsen said. "If you have no main focus, you are going to have everyone going in different directions."

Jakobsen's idea of writing a new mission statement came from her devotion to help students learn more about themselves and others, she said.

A new mission statement was necessary because today's values are more complex than they were 10

years ago, she said. The last residence hall mission statement was written in 1985.

James Parker, residential director for Burr and Fedde residence halls, said the mission statement allows him to help students as they develop academically and socially.

"(Residential directors) view our purpose as more than providing students a place to sleep and eat," Parker said. "We consider ourselves a part of the university learning process."

The mission statement focuses on four main goals:

- Integrity.
- Critical thinking.
- Understanding differences.
- Communication.

Jakobsen said the knowledge and understanding of these four goals will not only help students evaluate personal values, but will help shape each resident's personal character.

By the end of the 1998-99 academic year, Jakobsen hopes all residence hall students will be able to understand their values and behave with integrity.

When integrity is achieved, students will then be able to assess their beliefs and determine whether their opinions are sound by using critical

thinking skills, she said.

Jakobsen said she hopes through exposure to the values, customs and traditions of all people, students can understand perceptual bias and come to respect diversity. Students would then communicate thoughts and feelings in accurate and sensitive ways.

"I believe strongly that if students can understand and apply the four areas of the mission statement, they will be productive and informed citizens," Parker said.

Jakobsen is working with residence hall student assistants, teaching them how to relate the "total college experience" to freshmen in the residence halls.

Currently targeting 14 residence hall learning community floors, Jakobsen said all student assistants are receiving training on how to convey the mission statement.

Parker said students will also learn the mission statement through activities, floor dinners, bulletin boards and informal late-night talks with other students on their floor.

"We are doing a little more than presenting a mission statement to the residents of this campus," Parker said. "We are helping everyone understand it, believe it and live it."

AU athletic director's salary rises

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Tucson, Ariz. (U-Wire) - Athletic Director Jim Livengood receives the highest base salary of any sports administrator in the Pacific 10 Conference, thanks to a new five-year contract and an \$11,000 annual pay raise.

University of Arizona President Peter Likins, whose annual pay is \$95,000 less than Livengood's, said the athletic director's new deal was based on both market demand and previous accomplishments.

Earlier this month, the Arizona Board of Regents approved Livengood's new five-year agreement,

worth \$1.45 million plus possible bonuses that could total an additional \$217,500.

The contract's value is competitive for Division I public universities, Likins said.

"It is the reality of the marketplace," he said.

The revised agreement includes a yearly base salary of \$250,000, plus another \$40,000 for participating in other UA activities such as fund-raising, speaking engagements and public appearances - an \$11,000 per-year increase over his previous contract.

An additional incentive plan allows Livengood to earn bonuses worth up to

15 percent of his total salary for specific athletic and academic achievements by UA teams and student-athletes.

For example, he can earn bonuses worth at least one week's salary if UA athletes maintain a combined grade point average higher than that of non-athletes, if athletes' graduation rates exceed the university average, and for varying levels of postseason success for any UA team.

The agreement, retroactive to July 1, replaces the final year of his previous contract and lasts until June 30, 2003.

Livengood's base salary is the highest in the conference, said Ben Jay, the Pac-10's assistant commissioner for business and finance.

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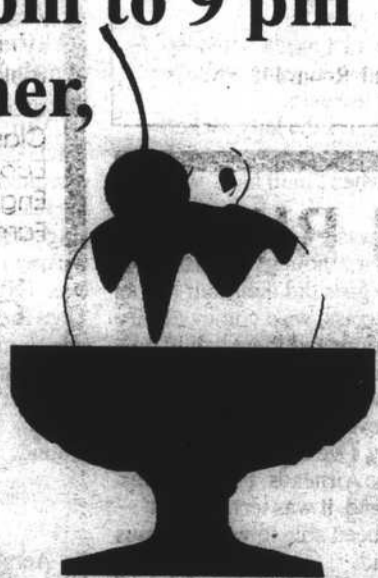
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done."

He also reminded senators he would not accept senate bills that required money, unless a budget was attached.

And such a bill, which requested money but lacked an itemized budget, kept senators talking for about half an hour of the meeting.

Erin Ourada, Sandoz Residence Hall student assistant, asked the senate for \$300 to partially fund the Sandoz Leadership Workshop on Sept. 13.

Because RHA does not meet next Sunday, the bill was brought to emergency status. Ourada said she did not have enough time to prepare a budget or get specifics because her hall government was not yet set up.

Senators wanted to know exactly how the money would be spent, who

could attend the workshop and how much Sandoz's student assistant fund would provide. Ourada said she did not have those answers.

The \$300 was the estimate for speakers and supplies, Ourada said. The amount was amended to \$200 after discussion, and the bill was passed.

RHA will not meet next Sunday because of the Labor Day holiday.

In other RHA news:

■ Senators were told "Grab and Go" suppers are not offered this year at the residence halls because of pest problems, a tight budget and food waste.

■ Eddie Brown, Association of Students of the University of Nebraska second vice president, asked RHA to participate in an ASUN campuswide cleanup on Sept. 27.

Six injured in vehicle collision

From staff reports

Six people were injured Sunday evening when a semitrailer truck slammed into the side of a Ford Explorer in south Lincoln, police said.

At 5:10 p.m. the truck, westbound on Van Dorn Street, hit a Ford Explorer that was crossing the 10th Street intersection, Lincoln Police Capt. David Beggs said.

Police said the Explorer pulled out in front of the truck, causing the wreck.

Six of the seven people riding in the Explorer were taken to two

Lincoln hospitals, three to BryanLGH West and three to BryanLGH East, in serious condition, Beggs said.

But later Sunday night one person was downgraded to critical condition.

The seventh person riding in the Explorer sustained minor injuries and refused treatment, Beggs said.

The impact crumpled the side of the Explorer and destroyed it.

Police said the driver of the Explorer was from Wilbur, but they would not release the names of the victims Sunday.

The driver of the semitrailer was from Indiana.