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Joel Makovicka has developed into one of the nation's best fullbacks and one of Nebraska's best leaders on the football field. PAGE 9

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Lincoln-based Douglas Theatres plans to expand its local movie monopoly with a new megaplex. Many film aficionados are critical of the expansion. PAGE 12

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Students not among most party offenders

By JOSH FUNK Senior staff writer

UNL students may not party as hard as many people think, according to police statistics from a recent string of busted parties.

Of the 42 party-related arrests Lincoln police made the weekend of Aug. 29-31, 10 offenders were University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, Capt. Joy Citta said.

"We found that most of the people at these parties are not necessarily students," Citta said.

University administrators were pleasantly surprised with the results of the first weekend of enforcement.

"I understood that the busts were done in the campus area, so I was delighted with the numbers," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said.

Lincoln police initiated a special enforcement project during the last weekend in August targeting unruly house parties and the crimes associated with them.

"The neighbors are noticing when the music is so loud they can't think or someone is urinating in their front yard," Citta said. "That's when they call us."

A special detail of seven officers was created to respond to large parties during the weekend.

The team went to eight parties during that weekend, where they cited offenders for a variety of offenses such as procuring and illegally selling alcohol to disturbing the peace and urinating in public.

Past enforcement has been ineffective when two officers were dispatched to parties where crowds of 100-200 people were gath-

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Go fish



SCOTT McCLURG/DN

DAVIS PETERSON, 2, of Lincoln, fishes with his mother, Dawn Peterson, as his brother Gunner Peterson, 3, peers through the cracks in the dock at Holmes Lake Park on Wednesday afternoon.

Officials: Work garners UNL more grants

University administrators say a record \$92.5 million in funding is due to increased research.

By LINDSAY YOUNG Senior staff writer

Record numbers last year in grants and contracts from outside of the university show that UNL remains competitive among major research schools, top administrators said.

During the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty and staff members were awarded a record \$92.5 million in external grants and contracts.

Of the \$92.5 million, \$48.2 million supported research, \$27.7 million supported public service and \$16.6 million went to instruction and student support.

The total includes awards from governmental agencies and the private sector for a full range of activities at the university.

The funding received from industry rose to a record \$7 million, which was a 55 percent increase over last year.

What's more, research awards from federal sources rose by 12.9 percent to a record \$32.4 million.

According to a statement, the amount of external funding given to UNL faculty and staff members last year increased 14 percent - about \$10 million - over the 1996-97 fiscal

year, when they were awarded \$81,076,038.

According to the online UNL fact book, in 1995-96 faculty and staff members were awarded \$71 million and in 1996-97 they were awarded \$81 million.

That \$10 million jump in funding in 1996, now totalling \$92.5 million, can be attributed to faculty, staff and administration efforts, said Vice Chancellor for Research Priscilla Grew.

"I try to give credit to faculty for being aggressive," Grew said.

She said the administration works with faculty and staff members, providing proposal-writing workshops and encouraging

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Money short for shelter keeping watch over needy

By VERONICA DAEHN Staff writer

Because of a pending proposal that would remove homeless people from the Nebraska Union in the evenings, Daywatch, an alternative community shelter, wants to offer help, its director said.

Daywatch, 1911 R St., promotes itself as a safe environment for homeless, near homeless and others who are in need.

"Besides housing during the daytime, we offer food, case management services, a phone, a shower, washers and dryers," Executive Director Bil Roby said.

Open five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Daywatch serves more than 100 people a day. It has helped more than 700 clients in the past five months, Roby said.

The center provides a service to the university, Roby said. Without the alternative center, the union would become a "major hangout" for transients, he said.

"These people would go to the union without Daywatch," Roby said. "We are a help to UNL, as well as the city and county. The city is currently saving money on criminal activity and the amount of time and effort required of law officials."

However, the center does not have the money to stay open past 4:30 p.m., Roby said. He is concerned about where the homeless will go in the evening if the union decides to enact the proposed policy.

With a staff of four and an annual budget of \$118,000, Daywatch already needs more money, Roby said. Extending its hours would cost even more.

Although it is partially funded by state and federal governments, the center must rely on private donations from citizens, churches and foundations to stay open.

Besides a recent grant for showers, the city has denied requests for money, Roby said, and provided no continuous funding.

"We are a little human services agency that

does not want to be a big corporation," he said. "However, we need donations."

Those who use Daywatch appreciate the service and say it has helped improve their lives.

Jay Thompson, who recently moved into his own home, has benefited from Daywatch services for the past 6½ months, he said.

"Daywatch gave me a place to be while I was looking for work," he said. "They gave me a place to shower, do laundry, store my things, receive phone calls and it is also a safe place to go when I'm not working."

Thompson is employed at three different places and credits Daywatch with helping him get his life back on track.

Mike Kellison also said Daywatch assists him with day-to-day needs. The center has helped him with necessities such as laundry, food and showers, but more important to him is the social aspect the center provides.

"Here, I can visit with other people that are just like I am," Kellison said.

Sarah Fentress, Daywatch facilities manager,

said the center is special, but it needs all the help it can get to serve those who go there.

"I'm asking people to put themselves in these people's places," she said. "Imagine not being able to take a nap or a shower whenever you feel like it. Usually, being homeless is not their choice."

Fentress invites anyone to come to the center and view firsthand exactly what it offers.

Roby said he doesn't think transients in the Nebraska Union are causing a problem. Instead, he said, it's a comfort issue for some students.

Roby suggested students get to know the unfamiliar people and find out what their lives are actually like. He said this would alleviate apprehension among students and allow them to socialize under comfortable conditions.

"These people have a name and they have a history," Roby said.

"Sit down and talk to them. They're trying to get ahead, and the question is: Where do you go in the meantime? They need somewhere to go when Daywatch closes."