



Image of consistency

Although a freshman, NU golfer Amanda Sutcliffe paces the Huskers with patient, steady play. **PAGE 7**



Gay pride

October is Gay and Lesbian History Month, and the campus groups are planning a kaleidoscope of panels, shows and a film festival. **PAGE 9**

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Partly sunny and cool, high 65. Cloudy tonight, low 45.

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LYN JAKOBSEN, assistant director of UNL Housing Residential Education, listens to the long list of the awards she won during her 15-year career at UNL. Jakobsen, who left UNL for a seminary, was honored at a reception held in Selleck Residence Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

UNL bids Jakobsen farewell

Assistant director of housing to attend seminary, work as chaplain

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Lyn Jakobsen remembers leaving her Christian faith in New Jersey at age 18 to lead an atheistic, humanist and existentialist life. Now, a return to the faith she once abandoned is leading her away from UNL.

She once renounced Christianity because it conflicted with her interest in psychology and the scientific method.

Jakobsen left home to pursue a career in elementary education. She graduated college with a psychology degree, then

received a doctorate in psychology and a masters degree in college student personnel. She found herself educating and working with students on five campuses around the country before coming to UNL.

Climbing up the professional ladder, Jakobsen said, she thought she had received her last "calling" fulfilling the duties of UNL assistant director of housing for residential education.

Instead, she has one last destination — a "final completion, fullness and expansiveness" with God, she said.

She realized four years ago Christianity needed to be a part of her life, Jakobsen said. She is

leaving UNL with 15 years of service, commitment and change behind her.

"I got a nudging (from God) that I should do some speaking about theology," Jakobsen said. "Leaving is something that I know is right to do."

After abandoning her Christian faith for 23 years, Jakobsen began reading religion and theological theories again in 1988. The 1990 and 1993 deaths of her parents made her "surrender (her) brazen autonomy" back to the Christian faith.

"I just recently renewed my faith in Christianity," Jakobsen

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Pickers given limited reprieve

BY ADAM KLINKER
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Anti-abortion rights groups can resume picketing a Lincoln Presbyterian church after a U.S. District Court judge granted a temporary restraining order Wednesday against the city of Lincoln.

The injunction, filed by members of the anti-abortion rights group Rescue the Heartland with its lawsuit against the city, will prevent the city from enforcing an ordinance against picketing on religious premises for the next 10 days.

U.S. District Judge Richard G. Kopf said the injunction is limited to 10 days. Another hearing is scheduled for Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. in North Platte.

"It's a first step," said Gene Summerlin, an attorney for Rescue the Heartland who delivered the plaintiffs' arguments.

"That's a victory for the plaintiffs. We are very pleased that he issued the temporary restraining order," he said in an interview.

Dan Klaus, the city's defense attorney, said he could offer few details outside the courtroom because the case is still pending.

Despite Kopf's ruling in favor of the protesters, Klaus said, the city still will have a valid case when arguments are heard next week.

In statements delivered in court, Summerlin and Klaus focused on the concern over children being exposed to graphic images displayed by protesters outside of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.

Protesters have been picketing Westminster for 20 months because a church elder, Dr. Winston Crabb, conducts abortions.

The City Council passed an ordinance Sept. 14 to outlaw picketing on religious grounds during times of scheduled religious activities.

Mayor Mike Johanns vetoed the ordinance, but the council subsequently

"The Constitution is older than any child. ... It is just as deserving of protection as any child."

GENE SUMMERLIN
Rescue the Heartland attorney

overturned it Sept. 21.

The ordinance went into effect Tuesday, but the injunction prevents the city from enforcing it.

Klaus said the intention of the city in passing the ordinance was two-fold: protecting children from the images on the signs and protecting the free exercise clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Klaus said the ordinance is content neutral, meaning it is constitutional because it does not outlaw what protesters' signs say — only when, where and how they can be displayed.

Klaus said the city is not putting a ban on protesting but is limiting its impact by moving protesters across the street from the church, preventing them from adding threatening action to their message.

Much of that action deals with thrusting large pictures of aborted fetuses into the faces of passersby and intimidating young children and their parents, Klaus said.

Judge Kopf asked Klaus if a church would be able to keep people bearing signs — regardless of content — on their sidewalks if they wanted them there. After debate, Klaus acknowledged that even invited sign bearers would be breaking the law.

"There are some weighty constitutional issues here," Klaus said in court.

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Number of reported party complaints decreases

BY JOSH FUNK
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The number of disorderly party complaints in Lincoln has decreased over the past month, thanks to a special enforcement project, police said.

In late August, the Lincoln Police Department set its sights on large, unruly parties, and statistics released Wednesday show its efforts have had an impact.

"These parties are really affecting the quality of life in some neighborhoods," Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said.

So police created a special detail of officers to respond to large parties on

weekends with a special emphasis on the North Bottoms and Hartley neighborhoods, two problem areas near the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"On any given night you could stand on the corner of 1100 Charleston Street (in the North Bottoms) in full uniform and write tickets until your hand cramps up," Casady said.

Police have seen an increase in the number of complaints during the last few years, which they attribute, in part, to the university's toughened stance on alcohol.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen agreed.

"As we tightened more of our regulations, we pushed more of the parties into the community," he said.

On six nights of enforcement spread across the first four weeks of September, the squad issued 91 citations for party-related offenses.

And the number of party complaints between Sept. 1 and Sept. 28 decreased from 185 last year to 49 this year.

During that same time period, the number of disorderly party complaints in Northwest Lincoln — defined as everything northwest of 27th and O streets — decreased from 49 to 17.

Casady said after the first couple weeks of enforcement, officers started to have difficulty finding big parties.

Police used a combination of undercover and uniformed officers to catch offenders.

"We are targeting wild parties and

the abusive drinking that happens there," Casady said.

Police targeted offenses committed by the hosts of the parties, issuing 18 citations for the unlawful sale of alcohol, 15 for procuring alcohol for minors and six for maintaining a disorderly house — a total of 39 of the 91 citations.

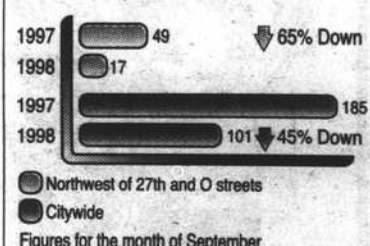
But the most common single offense was minor in possession of alcohol, which accounted for 35 citations.

The remaining 17 citations were written for other offenses such as consuming alcohol in public, urinating in public, gambling, assaulting an officer, giving false information to police, dis-

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Softer September

The number of complaints for disorderly parties has dropped during September this year compared with last year, especially in the area around UNL's City Campus. Multiple residents may have called in complaints for the same party.



Figures for the month of September

Source: Lincoln Police Department

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