## Nelson Institute to encourage economic growth in Nebraska

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Gov. Ben Nelson announced Wednesday morning he will lead the newly created Nelson Institute, a privately funded group for long-term economic development.

At the Alpha Gamma Nu Fraternity house on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus, Nelson said he and his family will put up \$250,000 to start the institute.

Nelson said he will try to raise \$1 million in private funds by the end of the year and \$2 million more by 2005.

The governor made the same announcements later in the day in Kearney and McCook before attending the Tristate Initiative Economic Development Conference in Oberlin,

The main focus of the institute, Nelson said, is to support the Nelson Fellows, a fellowship program modeled after the national Truman Fellows program and past "brain gain" legislation.

Through the fellowship program, the Nelson Institute will award grant money to students who return to their home communities for internships in community development projects and will offer scholarships to students throughout the state.

Students may also arrange to receive credit for their internships with a Nebraska university or college.

Nelson said the fellowship program would require students to pay back the grant money if they leave Nebraska after graduation, Nelson said.

"Every Nebraskan has a personal responsibility to create a legacy that contributes to the quality of life in our communities and in our state," Nelson said.

The home office of the Nelson Institute will be in McCook, Nelson's hometown, and administered at the McCook Community College.

Though the institute was created for all of Nebraska, Nelson said, the group will focus on initiatives in southwest Nebraska and particularly in smaller communities, where need is greater.

Another part of the Nelson Institute is brighter for all of Nebraska."

which will work to end disputes among Nebraskans through mediation and compromise.

"More battles have less to do with personal greed," Nelson said, "and more to do with a lack of mutual understanding."

The institute will also make grants to small communities to fund economic development projects and cooperative agreements among communities.

The governor, who will leave office in January following eight years as the state's executive leader, said the time had come for him to personally become active in building an economic foundation in Nebraska

Running the institute will be one of his jobs after leaving office and would not prevent him from making another bid for the U.S. Senate in the future, he

Nelson said he wanted to encourage young people to return to their Nebraska hometowns to build their lives.

"I want to make sure that the future

### Number of party complaints decreases

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turbing the peace and littering.

Some offenders received multiple citations, but Casady said the majority committed one offense.

To the surprise of police and UNL. administrators, the majority of the people cited have not been UNL students.

Of the first 64 citations issued, 24 were issued to 13 UNL students.

"Frankly, both they and us expected more students," Griesen said.

These large parties are usually attended by 100-200 people, and they can easily get out of hand.

In the past, one or two officers were dispatched to deal with those parties, and they could not enforce the law,

"We had adopted an order-maintenance approach to large parties simply as a matter of practical necessity," asady said in a statement.

The party complaints come in at the busiest time on the busiest nights for police, Casady said, and the new enforcement project provides the necessary resources to cite offenders.

As a part of the project, police have been notifying parents, landlords and the university when people are cited for

"We have targeted prevention activities as well as enforcement," Casady said.

Then the university Judicial Affairs board can prosecute students under the student code of conduct.

But Griesen said the university is not interested in prosecuting misdemeanor offenses.

Casady emphasized that police are only trying to address some of the problems associated with large parties.

"We're not interested in stopping parties," he said. "We just want smaller, legal parties."

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