

Rock Shocked Jayhawks

After 15 years, Nebraska's men's basketball team won its first game at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. NU beat KU 64-59 and moved to second place in the Big 12 Conference. **PAGE 9**



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Jeff Raz, a visiting instructor at UNL, works to diversify the experiences of students through education and example. **PAGE 7**

THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL

Snow possible today, high 33. Clearing tonight, low 15.

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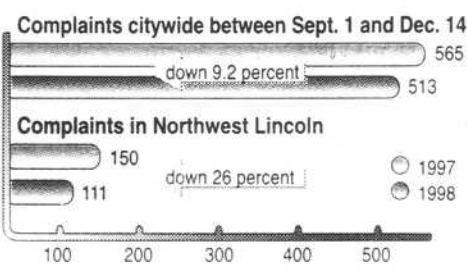
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Police to continue party crackdown

Party down

In September, Lincoln Police initiated a targeted party enforcement program to decrease the number of wild parties, especially in northwest Lincoln near UNL's City Campus. Statistics released Wednesday show a decrease in party complaints.



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The program, which began last fall, targets 'unruly' gatherings

By **JOSH FUNK**
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When students go partying this semester, they should know that police may be partying with them.

This semester, the Lincoln Police Department will continue its party enforcement program, which targets wild parties and the unruly behavior associated with them.

The program, which started last fall, contributed to a 9.2 percent decrease in the number of party complaints - 513 were reported between Sept. 1 and Dec. 14, 1998, which is down from 565 during the same time in 1997.

The police focused their efforts on Lincoln's northwest quadrant, which includes City Campus. The number of party complaints dropped 26 percent from 150 in 1997 to 111 in 1998.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we had a significant impact on unruly parties," Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said.

In seven evenings of targeted party enforcement, police handed out 91 citations for a variety of offenses including minor in possession of alcohol, maintaining a disorderly house and urinating in public.

Wild parties are very disruptive in some areas of Lincoln, Capt. Joy Citta said. Last fall Citta commanded the department's northwest/center team where the party enforcement was targeted.

Police use undercover officers to infiltrate houses throwing parties, and then uniformed officers break up the wild parties and issue citations.

Police follow up by tracing the buyer of the alcohol and reporting the offenses to the university.

The university can then prosecute students for violating certain parts of the student code of conduct.

Recently, Lincoln Police expanded party enforcement to include liquor stores in an effort to keep alcohol out of minors' hands, Citta said.

With the help of some underage volunteers, police have started to set up stings outside liquor

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One man cited in Chi Phi incident

UNL to announce any actions against fraternity early next week

By **JOSH FUNK**
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University Police on Tuesday cited the man who provided beer to the 20-year-old sophomore who later fell out of a third-floor Chi Phi Fraternity window Feb. 1.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, along with the national Chi Phi Fraternity, has completed its investigation into the incident that led to Kara Bliven's fall, and actions against the fraternity are expected to be announced early next week.

Bliven was released from the hospital Tuesday after being treated for several broken ribs, a broken arm and pelvis and having her spleen removed.

Last week James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university would do anything it could to help Bliven return to school.

The night of Bliven's fall, Jan. 31, she and many Chi Phi Fraternity members were drinking at a house initiation party held off campus. Interfraternity Council President Michael Consbruck said.

University Police cited 21-year-old Charles Schroeder for procuring alcohol for minors at the party held at his house on the 600 block of S. 28th Street, Sgt. Bill Manning said.

Schroeder bought three kegs of beer from N Street Liquor, 19th and N streets, for the party, Manning said.

Tuesday, Schroeder voluntarily came to the police department with his lawyer for questioning, but Manning said he would not answer questions about the party.

When police interviewed Bliven's boyfriend, freshman Andrew Devault, after her fall, Devault told police that the two of them had been

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Interfraternity Council president

drinking in the downtown area before returning to the fraternity house, Manning said.

Police and medical units were called to the 1245 N. 16th St. fraternity at 3:20 a.m. Feb. 1 after a Community Service Officer saw Bliven lying on the ground.

Through interviews, police determined that Bliven had been vomiting out Devault's third-floor window before she fell.

Devault, 19, told police that Bliven started to feel sick around 2:30 a.m. Then Devault opened his window, so she wouldn't get sick in the room.

Devault said he did not know Bliven had fallen until after the CSO discovered her on the ground an hour later.

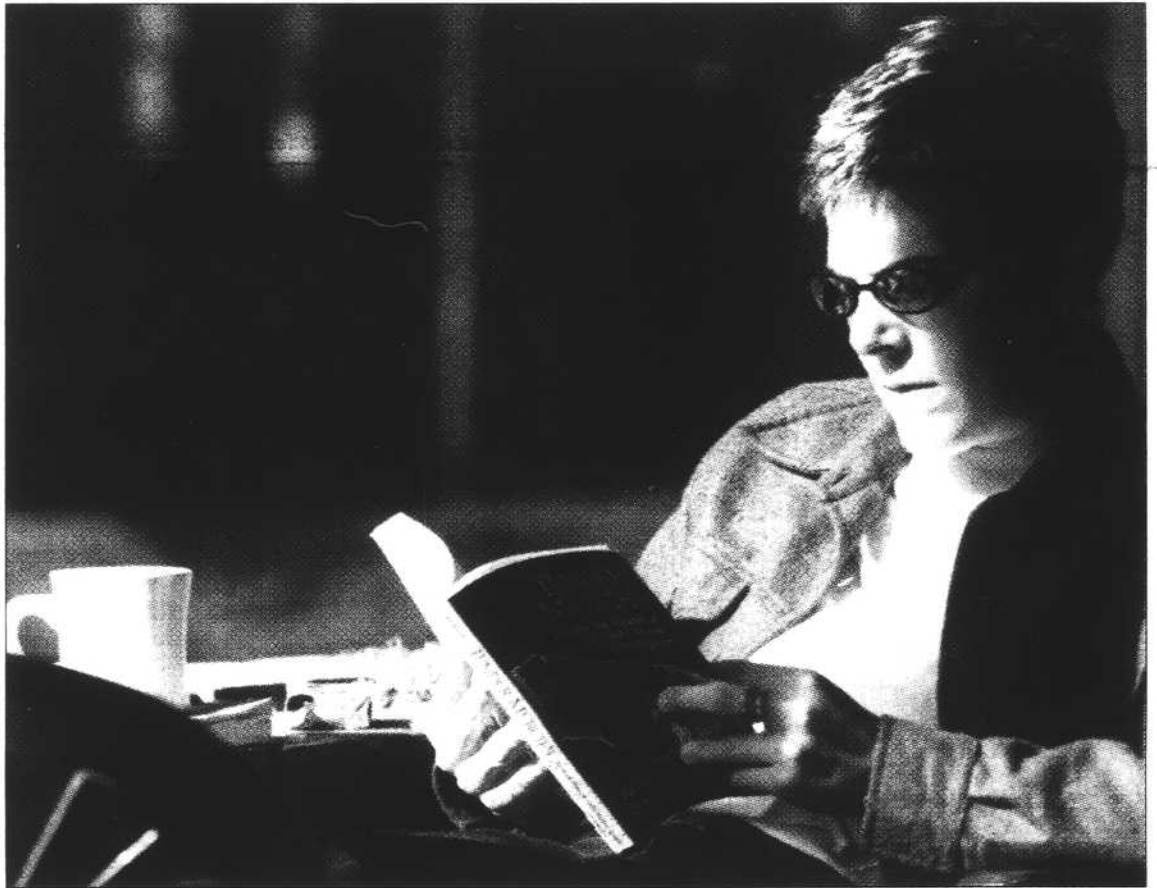
Consbruck said as soon as university and national fraternity officials learned of the incident, they took action.

"We're trying to go back, pick up the pieces and make amends as soon as possible," Consbruck said.

A representative from the Chi Phi national office, Seth Schuchman,

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After-school reading



DANIEL LUEDERT/DN

IN A RAY OF SUNLIGHT, Amy Ricke, a UNL alumna who graduated with a degree in Spanish, reads a book at The Mill, 800 P St., on Wednesday afternoon.

Senators look at juvenile justice

■ **Sen. Nancy Thompson** of Papillion proposed bills Wednesday that would improve conditions for younger offenders.

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Nebraska should reassess its juvenile justice system to ensure it is equipped to handle juvenile offenders, Sen. Nancy Thompson told lawmakers

Legislature

Wednesday.

The Papillion senator presented bills to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee that would create a monitoring board to oversee the juvenile justice system, increase cigarette taxes to pay for improvements at juvenile facilities and increase court fees to enhance communities' ability to handle juvenile offenders.

Too many juvenile justice facilities are overcrowded, understaffed and in need of physical improvements,

Thompson said.

At a time when the state is building another prison to house more adult offenders, she said, the state should upgrade its juvenile justice system to prevent crimes later in juveniles' lives.

"We need these types of facilities," she said. "They are the place of only resort for some of these kids."

LB611 would create the Juvenile Justice Coordination Team to evaluate the juvenile justice system. The board would include representatives from the Office of Juvenile Services, the Department of Health and Human

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