

# Pancake Man returns for residence hall party

*Variety of activities planned by Hall Orientation Teams*

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The residence halls are not just a place to sleep anymore.

Again this year, the Hall Orientation Teams have scheduled a variety of activities to keep their new residents busy during opening weekend.

Jason Ball, campuswide HOTS coordinator, said volunteers have put in more than 35 hours planning and organizing the activities.

"They've put a lot of effort into it," he said.

While Ball expects all activities to be successful, he is looking forward to one in particular.

Pancake Man, a campus favorite last year, makes his return to the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex courtyard again this year.

"He's entertaining, and he feeds you," Ball said, noting the way Pancake Man flips the cakes in the air and onto the students' plates.

The free breakfast will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Melanie Mitzel, HOTS coordinator for HSS, agreed that Pancake Man is a highlight.

More than 500 people attended last year, she said.

Mitzel also is looking forward to the HSS dance on Saturday night that will be held in the complex's tennis courts. That, too, is always well-attended, she said.

Ball said events like the ones being held this weekend are important for new students to attend.

"Most students are from out of town," he said, "and it's intimidating at first, especially when we're filled to capacity."

The activities provide a good place for students to meet each other, Ball said, which is not always easy to do as a new student.

Mitzel agreed these activities help promote crucial student interaction.

"The activities help relieve tension and create friendship the first week," she said. "We want it to be easy on everybody."

Mitzel has been working on the programming throughout the summer, and her staff of 26 student volunteers has put in many hours this last week.

"It's been really great," she said. "Everyone's been working really hard. We're psyched."

## SCHEDULE

**Friday**  
2-3 p.m.: information session at Abel-Sandoz

1-5 p.m.: game night/karaoke, popcorn and pop at Abel-Sandoz

1-3 p.m.: campus tours at Cather-Pound-Neihardt

7-9 p.m.: game night in the Neihardt Residence Center blue TV lounge

9:30-11:30 p.m.: movie in the Neihardt blue TV lounge

5 p.m. to midnight: HSS lockout in HSS courtyard (picnic, music, pool, snow cones, cotton candy, movie in Harper TV lounge)

All day: campus tours

**Saturday**  
2-3 p.m.: mud volleyball and information session at Abel-Sandoz

7-8 p.m.: snowcones at Abel-Sandoz

8 p.m.: UPC, NU Directions-sponsored concert at Abel-Sandoz

2-4 p.m.: CPN sand volleyball at Selleck Quadrangle Courtyard

5-7 p.m.: CPN barbecue in the Neihardt courtyard

8 a.m.-noon: Pancake Man in the HSS courtyard

8 p.m.-midnight: dance at the HSS tennis courts

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8 p.m.: movie, chips and pop in Burr Residence Hall

4-8 p.m.: Selleck picnic

**Sunday**

9 p.m.: Burr dance at Pla-Mor

1-4 p.m.: Selleck ice cream social

6-8 p.m.: Big Red Welcome on R Street next to the Nebraska Union

**Monday**

6-8 p.m.: HSS coffee social in courtyard

6 p.m.: Burr Water Wars

**Tuesday**

8 p.m.: HSS ice cream social in the snack bar

# Construction may hinder campus parking

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UNL students should find nearly the same amount of parking spaces as they did last year, university officials said.

An entire red permit lot was lost because of the construction of the Esther L. Kauffman Academic Residential Center, but a temporary lot has been built on the mall east of Memorial Stadium to replace the lot

and ease parking strains.

Minor changes in parking have resulted in the loss of fewer than 100 parking spaces, said James Main, vice chancellor for university services.

Sherryl Chamberlain, assistant director of parking services, said City and East campus student parking spaces total 7,500.

Construction may hinder students holding perimeter, or purple, permits. Work is being done on the 14th Street railroad crossing north-

west of the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex.

The crossing is closed to pedestrian and automobile traffic and will not reopen until Aug. 27.

Chamberlain said the regularly scheduled parking shuttle bus, which stops at the New Hampshire Street lot isolated by construction, would provide transportation around the closed crossing. Students must show StarTran bus passes before boarding the shuttle.

The construction of a visitor

center near the Temple Building on R Street will affect parking later this year, Main said.

About 150 spaces will be lost. Those affected by the loss will park in the lot behind Cather, Pound and Neihardt residence halls.

Another solution being discussed by administrators is offering free parking at a remote location for some residents of Cather, Pound and Neihardt.

Main said to provide more parking, students who use cars only on the weekend would be offered free parking on East Campus and a weekend shuttle bus ride to access their vehicles.

Those who still do not have a permit and wish to purchase a commuter, or green, pass will have to wait.

Chamberlain said the commuter permits are sold out. No new permits will be issued unless permits are returned by students.

Other types of permits are still available.

*UNL conducting nationwide search for parking official*

From staff reports

Tad McDowell, who was director of parking services for six years, left at the end of last semester to work at a marketing firm in Denver, said James Main, vice chancellor for university services.

Main said McDowell left the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on "the best of terms."

"We'd hire him back in a minute," he said.

The university is conducting a nationwide search to replace McDowell, Main said, and will accept applications for another month before starting the interview process.

Sherryl Chamberlain, assistant director of parking services, will handle many of McDowell's responsibilities in the interim.

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