



Replacing Sheldon

The Nebraska football team looks to co-No. 1 tight ends T.J. DeBates and Tracey Wistrom to fill the shoes of an all-conference athlete. PAGE 13

A Star is Born

The Star City Dinner Theatre, Lincoln's only restaurant/theater/comedy club, marks its first anniversary with the release of its 2000 season. PAGE 18

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Students seek parking alternatives

■ With availability of parking spaces scarce, many at UNL search for other options.

By JOSH KNAUB
Staff writer

Students still waiting to buy a parking pass may have to wait until next year.

Sherryl Chamberlain, assistant director of parking services, said that night and East Campus permits are the only student passes still available.

Students may sign a waiting list, but Chamberlain said it would take at least two weeks to evaluate parking-lot use before any new permits were issued.

However, Chamberlain said parking passes reserved by students might be made available to those on the waiting list if they were not picked up soon.

She said there was no way to gauge how many passes had not been picked up because the passes had been distributed to the residence halls and the University Bookstore.

Chamberlain said nearly 10,000 student passes were sold before Parking Services stopped selling permits Monday afternoon.

Faculty and staff passes are still available.

Shea Troia, a senior anthropology and engineering major, was one student who tried to buy a permit Monday afternoon.

"I don't know what I'll do," she said when informed there were no permits available. "I guess I'll have to ride the bus."

Chris Holland, a senior information systems and computer science major, said he never anticipated the passes selling out.

He said he planned to carpool or ride the bus to class.

Troy Barnes, a senior actuarial science major, said he thought the deci-

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sion to stop selling passes was “ridiculous.”

“They’ve already sold more passes than there are spaces,” Barnes said. “I think students should be given an opportunity to at least look for an open

space.”

Alicia Allen, a freshman mechanical engineering major, was one of the lucky few who was able to purchase a

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Sororities pull in hundreds for rush

By ERIC RINEER
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After receiving an invitation to join Sigma Mu Sorority on Monday night, freshman Lindsey Spencer said the ups and downs of rush were worth it.

“The recruiting was stressful,” said Spencer, referring to the various sessions she attended throughout the week during the selection process.

“I went home some nights and

cried because I wasn't invited to some houses. But some nights I was happy because the girls I met were great — it was like a roller coaster ride.”

Spencer was among 475 rushees who crowded inside the Nebraska Union for this year's annual Bid Day festivities, when the women discover which one of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 14 sororities they will be asked to join.

The number of new recruits was

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Police say big parties can mean big trouble

■ Officers go undercover to stop parties from getting out of hand in a continuation of last year's project.

By JAKE BLEED
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Lincoln police initiated the second year of its party detail Friday night, sending out an additional seven officers to help combat the large parties common the weekend before classes start.

Led by third-shift supervisor Sgt. Brian Jackson, the special detail included several undercover officers used to enter parties and gather evidence.

Twenty-nine party-related citations were issued Friday night. Two parties run by UNL students netted six citations for maintaining a disorderly house, four for procuring alcohol for minors and four for selling without a license.

Police plan to continue the enforcement project throughout the year.

Jackson led last year's highly successful detail, which he said caused a noticeable decrease in the number of party-related offenses in the city.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said he hoped to continue last year's success.

“We had a dramatic impact on the number of complaints received from the public on disorderly parties,” he said.

Casady said calls on disorderly parties were down 9 percent for the entire city and 27 percent in the north center area of the city, where many University of Nebraska-Lincoln students live.

Jackson warned lessons learned last year could be forgotten by older students and could be unknown to those new to the university scene.

“Word gets out quick, but it's a new year, and there are new people out there,” Jackson said.

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TOP: PI BETA PHI Sorority members Angela Nichols, left, a junior education major, and Brooke Janousek, a junior advertising major, get hosed down during the sorority's bid day celebrations. ABOVE: Sorority girls gather in anticipation of their new pledges joining them.