

Mural creates vision of 'Hope' at Daywatch

Teens make mural to bring cheer to homeless

By **KIMBERLY SWEET**
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The walls of a local homeless shelter will echo a little less thanks to the artistic contribution of nine American-Indian teens.

The youths of Lincoln's Indian Center Inc. hope that a mural they designed made of pillows will help absorb the echoes of the nearly 100 people who pass through Daywatch each day to do their laundry, take showers or get meals.

On Monday night, the teens formally presented the mural to the homeless shelter located at 1911 R St. Lincoln Mayor Don Wesely expressed his gratitude to the youths who helped line the center's wall with pictures.

The title of the mural — "Hopeful Visions" — is appropriate for the center, Wesely said.

"If you ever talk about a vision we should have, it is hopeful visions," he said.

The art project, a collaboration between the Indian Center, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Daywatch, was inspired by talking with clients of the shelter, said 17-

year-old Jade Mesa.

The teens each interviewed a homeless person before coming up with a design.

The homeless eventually warmed up to the youths to talk about their visions of the future, but it was not easy in the beginning, Mesa said.

"At first they thought it was a waste of money and time," she said. "They wanted to use the money to create showers instead."

But after cooking up a meal complete with Indian tacos, the clients opened up.

The conversations Mesa had inspired her to create a design that included a child leaning on the word love. Many of the homeless people she talked to connected children with love, she said.

One of the most surprising aspects of the project was the optimism the homeless people had for the future, Mesa said. That inspired the title.

Three pillows contained a variation of a sun design. Bill Roby, director of Daywatch, announced that the organization would formally adopt the design that Sherita Two Strike designed as the Daywatch symbol.

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While the project provided something tangible to improve the community, it also was beneficial to the youths who participated, said Mary Lee Johns, director of youth programs for the Indian Center.

By gaining recognition while doing something positive for the community, the youths develop a better self-image, Johns said.

The project, funded by the Woods Charitable Foundation of Lincoln, was organized in part by Wendy Weiss, an associate professor in textiles, clothing and design.

"This project follows a long line of projects with community art," Weiss said. "I'm thrilled to see the artwork on the wall."

Man agrees to plea bargain, pleads guilty to drug charge

By **JAKE BLEED**
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As part of a plea bargain, Tanner Andrews pleaded guilty to the class IV felony possession of a controlled substance in Lancaster County District Court on Monday.

On March 1, police arrested Andrews on the charge of possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a controlled substance.

As part of the plea bargain, the state dropped the possession of a firearm charge after Andrews pleaded guilty to the additional charge.

Andrews could be sentenced to up to five years in prison and/or fined up to \$50,000.

The charges stem from a March 1 search of Andrews' home in an apart-

ment building at 4600 Briarpark Drive.

Police found a .38-caliber revolver reported stolen from a burglary in November 1998, 2.1 grams of cocaine and another weapon in Andrews' car for which he has not been charged.

Any additional charge stemming from Andrews' possession of the weapon is not subject to the plea bargain, Deputy County Attorney Jim Rocke said.

Andrews shared the apartment with Derek Graves, who was arrested after the search for the murderer of a 17-year-old Southeast High School student, Brandon Pickinpaugh.

Andrews has not been connected to Pickinpaugh's death.

Graves was arrested along with Jeremy Kurtzer and Jedidiah

Ngirchoimei March 1 in connection to the Feb. 18 shooting of Pickinpaugh in a McDonald's parking lot on Van Dorn Street.

Police said the three were trying to rob Pickinpaugh of the three-fourths of a pound of marijuana and \$950 Pickinpaugh had with him at the time of the murder.

Another Lincoln man, Dennis Sciscoe, was arrested for concealing evidence after the murder and charged as an accessory to the felony.

All five men initially pleaded not guilty to their respective charges and are awaiting trial.

Rocke said the plea bargain agreement arranged with Andrews did not require him to testify against Graves, Kurtzer, Ngirchoimei or Sciscoe.

Council denies liquor license

■ **The N-Zone denied special license to serve alcohol at outdoor beer garden on NU gameday.**

By **SARAH FOX**
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The city council voted 4-3 Monday to deny a special designated liquor license to The N-Zone, stopping the bar from having an extended beer garden on gameday.

The N-Zone, 728 Q St., applied for a license to serve alcohol in an area north of the building for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. The Nebraska football team plays Southern Mississippi on that day.

Because of an incident in July at The N-Zone, police Chief Tom Casady said denying the license was a good idea.

Two undercover police officers visited The N-Zone in late July after the police department received

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reports that the bar was charging a single price at the door for unlimited drinks, Casady said in a telephone interview.

The officers saw people dancing on tables and chairs. Several patrons who were voluntarily tested by the officers were over the legal limit to drive, Casady said.

"We were somewhat taken aback that the management seemed to be unaware of what was happening," Casady said.

Charges against The N-Zone have been filed with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

The city council also denied The N-Zone's Aug. 30 request for a special license for all home Nebraska football games as well. Casady testified Aug. 30 in opposition to the license, which only the city can issue.

Since Aug. 30, all but two servers and all bartenders at The N-Zone have completed a hospitality risk

management class, which teaches alcohol laws, Mike McCarty, manager of The N-Zone, said.

"Most of the staff is 19- or 20-year-old college kids who don't know much about the rules," he said.

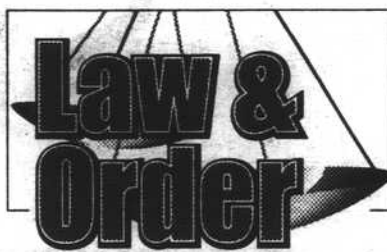
The N-Zone also passed two compliance checks conducted by the Responsible Hospitality Council last weekend, McCarty said. The Lincoln police department is a member of the hospitality council.

Jerry Shoecraft, Lincoln city council member, voted Monday to approve the license. Shoecraft owned a bar in the Haymarket for four years and said football Saturday special permits "help you pay your bills."

"Nebraska football is big business," Shoecraft said. "Bar business is not a great lucrative thing. There are slow days in January and February."

Casady said it would be easier for the police department if the city council didn't issue any special liquor licenses at all.

"We're up to our eyeballs in action on football Saturdays," he said. "We have more than we can handle."



Police officer's shoulder dislocated during fight

A Lincoln police officer suffered a dislocated shoulder while intervening in a fight early Sunday morning but was still able to make an arrest and drive himself to the hospital.

People near the intersection of 16th and O streets alerted officer Matt Franken to two men about to fight, officer Katherine Finnell said.

Franken grabbed both men and tried to move them away from a crowd of spectators.

One man broke out of Franken's grip which, Finnell said, pulled the officer's shoulder out of its socket.

Franken chased the man, 22-year-old Martin Piotrowski of Omaha, and arrested him with the aid of several bouncers from the Temptations Dance Club, at the corner of 16th and O streets.

Police charged Piotrowski with failure to comply with a lawful order.

Franken then drove himself to BryanLGH West hospital where he was treated and released.

Police also arrested 24-year-old Brian Fahey of Scottsdale, Ariz., the second man in the fight who was grabbed by Franken; 22-year-old John Raymer of Lawrence, Kan.; and 22-year-old Justin Jones of Omaha for fail-

ure to comply with a lawful order.

Raymer and Jones were bystanders who failed to disperse from the crowd surrounding the fight.

None of the arrested men were University of Nebraska-Lincoln students nor did they give Lincoln addresses, so all five spent the night in jail on the charges.

Fan arrested for trespassing

A California man was arrested Friday night after climbing on the roof of the Big Red Shop, 701 N. 10th St., with another man and spray-painting "Cal" and his initials, UNL Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

Edward Kleinhaus of Kennsington, Calif., was arrested and spent the night in jail on a criminal trespassing charge.

Also spray-painted on the roof of the Big Red Shop were the letters "E.K." which Bushing assumed were the initials of Kleinhaus' accomplice, who escaped arrest.

Concessions tent burglarized

A concessions tent near the south side of Memorial Stadium was burglarized sometime Friday night or early Saturday morning, Bushing said.

A Parking and Transit Services officer called UNL police after finding a 6-foot cut in the side of the tent around 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Bushing said.

Five cases of soda and a 27-inch color television were missing from the tent for a total loss of \$550. Damages to the concession stand totaled \$1,500.

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