

Badger Bashing

In a rematch of last season's NCAA Pacific Regional Final, the Nebraska volleyball team swept Wisconsin on Wednesday night. **PAGE 10**

**Dark but not Brooding**

Former Omahan Alexander Payne makes films about heavy social issues but with hilarious commentary. **PAGE 12**

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ON CLOUD NINE

Mostly cloudy, high 75. Cloudy tonight, low 47.

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Spread of drugs feared after thefts

BY JAKE BLEED
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Burglars attempted to break into another veterinary clinic Monday night, police said, raising the total to five and the fear of new drugs hitting Lincoln's streets.

One of the drugs taken in Monday's burglaries is known as a common narcotic in larger cities. The effects of the other drugs stolen are unknown by police.

Employees at the South Ridge Animal Clinic, 2901 Pine Lake Road, reported finding signs of an attempted break-in on the clinic's doors Wednesday morning, police said, but suffered no losses.

But two other veterinary clinics — the Animal Care Clinic and Parkview Animal Hospital — both reported the loss of Ketamine or a similar drug, Ketaset, after break-ins Monday night, officer Katherine Finnell said. One other clinic reported losing cash, and another reported no losses.

Seventy milliliters of Ketamine, 10 milliliters of Valium and 450 milliliters of Xylazine were stolen in total.

Ketamine was first developed in 1965 and has been used by recreational drug users as early as 1971. In Lincoln, Ketamine is rare as a narcotic, but common in larger cities throughout the nation, Capt. Duane Bullock of the Lincoln Police Department's Narcotics Unit said.

The Justice Department's Drug Enforcement Agency declared Ketamine a controlled substance Aug. 12 and registered it a schedule III drug, which means it's a drug that could create a moderate physical dependency or high psychological dependency.

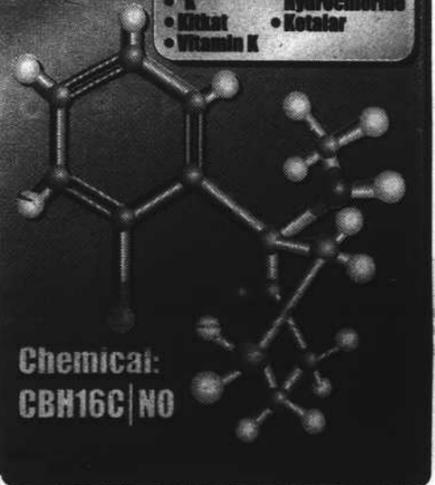
Anabolic steroids, codeine or hydrocodone with aspirin or Tylenol and some barbiturates are also schedule III drugs.

Florida police seized 11,000 vials of the drug

A Nickel Bag of Names

Common in
the nation,
names. Here

- Ketamine
- Ket
- Ketaset
- Super Acid
- Special K
- Mary Kay
- Super K
- Ketamine Hydrochloride
- "K"
- Kiklat
- Kotatar
- Vitamin K



MATT HANEY/DN

in early September, the nation's largest Ketamine bust yet. The vials were valued at \$4 million.

Like PCP, the drug causes users to feel intoxicated and hallucinate.

Lincoln Police Capt. David Beggs said the drug is also used as a date-rape drug.

Ketamine lowers a user's heart rate, and large doses can lead to oxygen starvation of muscles, brain and heart.

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Plan would let police take cruisers home

■ City council to vote on
take-home program for officers
living in problem areas of Lincoln.

BY SARAH FOX
Staff writer

Neighbors living in areas near Vine or Holdrege streets may feel safer if a resolution is passed by the city council to allow officers to drive their police cruisers home.

If the resolution passes, police officers in selected areas of Lincoln would drive their cruisers home with them instead of driving their own cars to and from work each day.

Hopefully the presence of police in neighborhoods would deter crime.

"The real benefit would be to the community, and that's what's important," Richard Mackey, administrative officer for the Lincoln Police Department, said. "When I was in the sheriff's

office a few years back, I took home my vehicle, and my neighbors liked having a patrol car in the neighborhood."

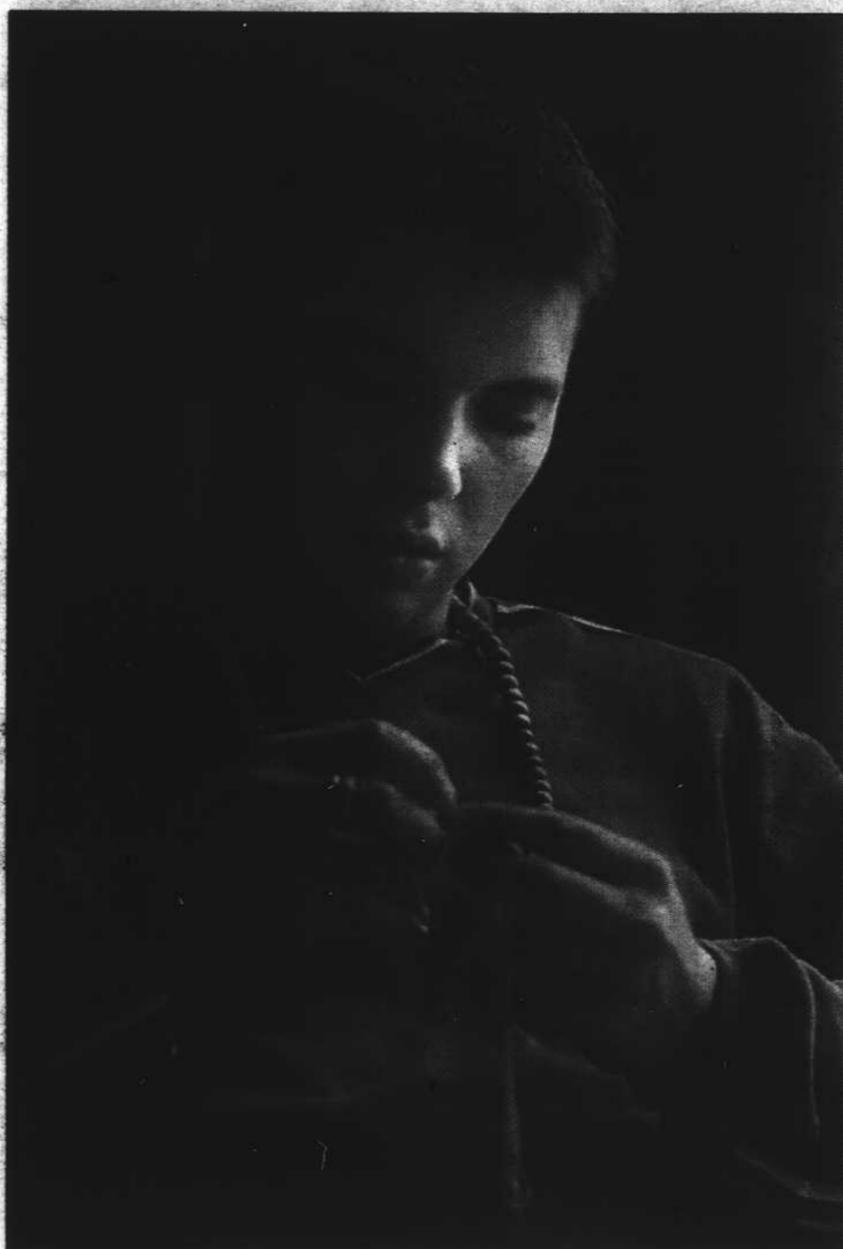
Mackey researched take-home vehicle programs in different U.S. cities after he was hired by the Lincoln Police Department last February.

The current plan would allow about 10 police officers to bring cars home to a "test" neighborhood — an area roughly bounded by Cornhusker Highway on the north, South Street on the south, Wyuka Cemetery on the east and Salt Creek on the west.

The police department chose this neighborhood because it needs police protection the most, Mackey said. The program will be limited to one area at first because the department cannot afford to implement the program throughout the entire city.

The "test" area was chosen by Lincoln's Department of Urban Development. If the pro-

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HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN

UNL SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY AND ECONOMICS MAJOR KYLE LONG recites a basic Buddhist prayer with his "chat-chkee" prayer beads. Long, who spent part of the summer in Siberia on an internship, performs the prayer twice a day.

Summer in SIBERIA

UNL student
spent internship
working to promote
tourism in Russia,
strengthen economy

BY BALIE KEOWN
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When University of Nebraska-Lincoln senior Kyle Long found out he may have the chance to take a summer internship in Siberia, he knew it was one of those odd twists of fate.

"I knew I had to do it," Long said. The Iowa-based Reap International, the

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