

CPR, first-aid courses discounted for students

■ **Beta Theta Pi and Campus Red Cross team up for Wednesday program.**

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Students can learn CPR and first-aid skills in a new program sponsored by Campus Red Cross and Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

The course consists of four Wednesday night classes, each from 7 to 9 p.m. The first course takes place tonight.

Ann Echternacht, Campus Red Cross president, said she hoped all University of Nebraska-Lincoln students would consider taking the course.

"It's very important to be trained

in CPR and first aid, and many jobs require it, so it's a nice thing to have," she said.

As of Sunday, 20 of the 50 seats in the course were still open, said Mark Kratina, a Beta Theta Pi member.

Normally, CPR and first-aid courses cost \$20 or more. This course costs only \$5 because the books that will be used are on loan from the American Red Cross, Echternacht said.

Group discounts are also available, Kratina said.

The program will likely be offered two more times this semester, with a second session starting Oct. 13 and a third starting Nov. 10, Kratina said.

Beta Theta Pi is promoting the course by hanging posters, distributing fliers and visiting other greek houses.

But just because a fraternity is sponsoring the course does not mean

non-greek students are unwelcome, he said.

Kratina's involvement with Omaha's Red Cross led him to seek a class on campus.

He said he saw low numbers of young adults in the CPR and first-aid classes he took in Omaha and wanted to change that, so he called the Campus Red Cross and suggested a discounted course for college students, he said. His idea was met with interest, Kratina said.

Kratina believes the training is important because it could save a life some day.

"You never know. Somebody could pass out and need your help. It's a great skill to have," he said.

All classes will be held at the Beta Theta Pi house, 1515 R St. To sign up, students should either call Ann Echternacht at (402) 438-5973 or Mark Kratina at (402) 436-7834.

Party bust leaves beer in hands of deputies

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legal age to drink.

The party, held on private property, was Delta Tau Delta's Annual Just Happy to Be Here Event.

The property belonged to a Martell man, Lyle Sittler, 56, who told Deputies the party took place with his permission.

No party-goers were arrested or ticketed at the bring-your-own-beer event.

Jarrett said he credited the impact of anti-party policing in Lincoln for the movement of the party out into the county and the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's office.

"There's absolutely no doubt about it," Jarrett said. "(Lincoln Police) will do their thing, and we'll do ours."

A press release written by Delta Tau Delta President Matt Meyer said the party "addressed all risk-management issues," and the party was held "in agreement with all Chapter and National rules and guidelines."

The "small fraction of the house" that was present at the party went home after deputies arrived. Members of the fraternity who had yet to arrive remained in Lincoln, the press release said.

Good Life Coaches manager Jim Holt said the fraternity rented buses to take people to and from the party and that the buses returned in acceptable condition.

Meyer said he would not comment on other issues until after he'd met with UNL Chancellor James Moeser and Greek Affairs Director Linda Schwartzkopf.

Parking, landscape positions still vacant

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an interim director this summer.

Marker replaces Ellyn Meyers, who served as the director of Landscape Services until last August. She was named the landscape director of the Hidden Lake Gardens, a satellite operation of Michigan State University, Marker said.

Even though Marker hasn't held a position in Landscape Services, he is prepared to take on the duties as manager, he said.

Working on a number of temporary special projects since 1996, Marker said his broad background would help him fulfill the duties the office requires.

"The variety of experience I've gained over the last 10 years suits me very well to serve with a high degree of comfort in this position," Marker said.

The length of each interim director's term depends on the time it takes to advertise and interview candidates for the position, Main said.

Once a suitable candidate has been found, the interim director stays in the position until the new director can leave his or her job and settle in at UNL.

Main expects the process to take about five or six months.

Carpenter said he was applying for the position permanently. Marker said he expects to take on a new assignment when a director is appointed.

Colder weather could end seasonal allergy problems

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Until the first hard freeze occurs, Saathoff said students suffering from allergies should refrain from opening windows to keep pollen and other irritants out of the air around them.

Students should also try to avoid exercising outdoors in the morning because most of the pollen is released between 4 and 10 a.m.

"Early morning is the worst time," she said. "People enjoy running in the morning, and they oftentimes drive to work or class with their windows down. They should try to conceal themselves from the pollen. It's common sense if you stop and think about it."

Saathoff said pollen may not be the only cause for allergies. Other things including molds and animal hair can also cause allergic reactions.

"For some people, the mold is

worse than pollen," she said. "Sometimes, a new cat or new working conditions can also give people trouble."

The typical symptoms of allergies are a runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing and a sore throat from post-nasal drip, Saathoff said.

Students with these symptoms should go to the Health Center and talk to the allergists. Often, allergies are confused for colds, so an allergy test may be needed, Saathoff said.

"We have over 60 antigens that we use to test for allergies," she said. "The allergists select which test to do, and within 15 minutes, you'll know what you're allergic to."

After the test, students can either get a shot or medicine to help them get through the allergy season.

The pollen count can be checked each day through the Health Center on the Internet at: www.unl.edu/pollen/

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