

Welcome grows to weekend extravaganza

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It's known as the free stuff free-for-all. Students expect to come home from Big Red Welcome with their bags brimming with pencils, pens, water bottles, posters and other sundry items. But this year, the event has grown from the evening Sunday street festival to a weekend extravaganza - complete with free food, free movies and a lineup of entertainment. The events begin Friday night at 9 p.m. with a pep rally

and wrap up Sunday night with the annual street fair. The events in between include laser tag at the Campus Recreation Center, a midnight showing of four movies at the Star Ship 9 theaters, a pancake breakfast and a multimedia dance on the Nebraska Union plaza. "Big Red Welcome has a successful 14-year history of greeting new students," said Pat McBride, director of New Student Enrollment. "The program has evolved from Freshman Friday in 1996 to a weekend filled with activities, which promote a sense of

belonging to the University of Nebraska." The pep rally will be held at the Coliseum and will feature appearances by Husker football players Keyuo Craver, Matt Davison and other Husker athletes. The NU Pep Band and Spirit Squad also will be on hand. After the rally, students will line up for a class picture. Also after the pep rally, students can get free food and play laser tag at the Campus Recreation Center. At midnight, there will be a special showing of four movies at the Star Ship 9. One thousand tick-

ets will be available. On Saturday at 10 p.m., an improvisational comedy group will perform along with the rock groups Casting Pearls and Remedy. There also will be a step-show demonstration and a game of Family Feud. There will be a multimedia dance at 10 p.m. and a pancake dinner at midnight. The annual street fair will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday on R Street between 12th and 14th streets. It will follow the New Student Convocation at 5 p.m. in the Lied Center. The street fair will include a concert by Rubberneck.

Big Red Welcome

Friday

Pep rally
9 p.m. @ the Coliseum
Featuring appearances by Husker football players Matt Davison and Keyuo Craver, John Cook, new head volleyball coach, and Barry Collier, new men's basketball coach, will also speak.

Laser Tag
10 p.m. @ Campus Recreation Center
Along with laser tag, students can get free food and participate in other activities until midnight.

Movie
Midnight @ the Star Ship 9 Theatre
1311 Q St.
Movies include Shanghai Noon, Big Mama's House, U-571, Frequency, Where the Heart Is and Erin Brockovich.
The first 1,000 tickets will be free; the rest cost \$1.75.

Saturday

Union Events
10 p.m. @ the Nebraska Union
An improvisational comedy group will perform along with rock groups Casting Pearls and Remedy. There will be an NU version of Family Feud. There will also be a step-show demonstration. Hamada Entertainment will offer a multimedia dance throughout the night.

Free pancake breakfast
Midnight @ Memorial Plaza

Sunday

New Student Convocation
5 p.m. @ the Lied Center for Performing Arts

Big Red Street Fair
6 p.m. @ R Street between 12th and 14th streets
There will be free information and giveaways from local vendors, campus organizations and the media. The University Program Council will feature a concert by Rubberneck in the Union Plaza beginning at 8 p.m.
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Deadbeat landlords may be added to guides

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Students seeking off-campus housing can face several challenges, including finding a good landlord and deciphering the lease. But one task usually outweighs the others: trying to not get ripped off. To give students more help in making their housing choices, the student senate is revamping the off-campus housing guide provided by Commuter Services. Right now, the guide offers a listing of available off-campus housing, which is updated weekly. But the new guide will be more comprehensive, with information about starting and ending a lease, tenant rights and utilities service, said Joel Schafer, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska. Schafer said he hopes the new edition will be ready in February. Another possible addition to the guide is a landlord approval system, Schafer said. Landlords will be asked to comply with a set of requirements

determined by ASUN and Student Legal Services, and if they do, they will be deemed as providing approved housing. Such requirements may include having a landlord's lease reviewed and approved by Student Legal Services and signing on to a "Tenant's Bill of Rights," Schafer said. The document may contain basic rights to protect students, such as the right to heating or the right to have a service call answered within a certain amount of time, he said. Schafer said ASUN also will track the number of housing complaints Student Legal Services receives in the next year to decide whether a landlord's approval should be reviewed. Sarah Siefkes, property manager at Claremont Park Apartments, said she would be willing to comply with ASUN's requirements to gain an approval. Landlords' leases must currently fulfill requirements set by the Landlord Tenant Act, so most leases should pass a review by Student Legal Services, she said.

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