

Off-campus patrol paid by NU Directions

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NU Directions' allocation to the Lincoln Police will not increase the amount of patrolling officers do around student neighborhoods, said Lincoln Police Capt. Joy Citta. LPD sends out a party enforcement squad about six to 10 times per year, she said. During these times, seven to nine officers will patrol neighborhoods heavily populated with college students. Two to four undercover officers may also be used to send into to parties to observe if any illegal actions, such as selling alcohol without a license, drug

usage or underage drinking are occurring, she said. Ryan McAleer, a junior physical education major, said he thought NU Directions' effort was a good attempt to try to curb underage drinking. But McAleer said students who want to drink illegally will drink regardless of officers' efforts to break up parties. McAleer said at most parties he's attended, many students just leave when the gathering is broken up, without consequence. "They'll just find another place to drink," he said.

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safety will also be improved by the project, Dixon said. All of the medians will be expanded to help keep out-of-control cars from crossing into oncoming traffic. In most places, the medians are 64 feet wide. The construction will widen them to 76 feet, Dixon said. The Department of Roads plans to tear up the existing road and replace it with three lanes of concrete, but Dixon said they should be able to maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction during the construction, which will be completed in phases.

State Fair is sweaty, sticky fun

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distributed free posters to the children. "We are here strictly for the kids," Blair said. Five-year-old Curtis Pester enjoyed being Blair's co-pilot. "They (the planes) go really fast," Curtis said with an excited smile. On the opposite end of the fair, Bobo, the mouthy clown, was high and dry. Bobo, a white faced and jovial clown, was part of a game where

participants toss baseballs at a target that, when hit, drops Bobo into a barrel of water. Bobo encouraged people to play the game by taunting and teasing them when they walked by his booth. A carnival worker named Tumbleweed assisted people in their mission to dunk Bobo. Tumbleweed, who wouldn't give his legal name, has been working the fair circuit for 14 years. His deeply tanned face and squinted eyes reveal the years he

has spent hawking tickets to eager fairgoers. Tumbleweed said that he has been all across the country working at fairs. "I love all of the traveling, the good money and the friends," Tumbleweed said. As Bobo remained dry on his perch, Tumbleweed confessed a secret desire to drench his carnival pal. "Sometimes I just want to walk up and pull the wire (that dunks Bobo) myself," Tumbleweed said and laughed.

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