

*Party disturbances
and high-risk drinking :
two problems for the price of one*



Tom Casady
Chief of Police
Lincoln, Nebraska

Scan



- **Binge drinking by young people is a national epidemic**
- **Relationship to other serious problems**
 - **Alcohol-related deaths and injuries**
 - **Violent crime**
 - **Neighborhood decay**



Wesleyan student arraigned on arson charge

By the Lincoln Journal Star

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Prosecutors on Tuesday charged Brandon Lovegrove, a 22-year-old Nebraska Wesleyan University student, with attempted arson in connection with an incident at a Wesleyan fraternity in November.





Case A4-098950

September 4, 2004

Brothers Bar 1339 O Street

High-risk drinking in violent crime



- Armed robbery
- Assault
- Homicide
- Child abuse
- Rape

Neighborhood impacts



- **Noise, disorder and decay**
- **Fragile neighborhoods with many other challenges**
- **High percentage rentals**



Case A4-093238

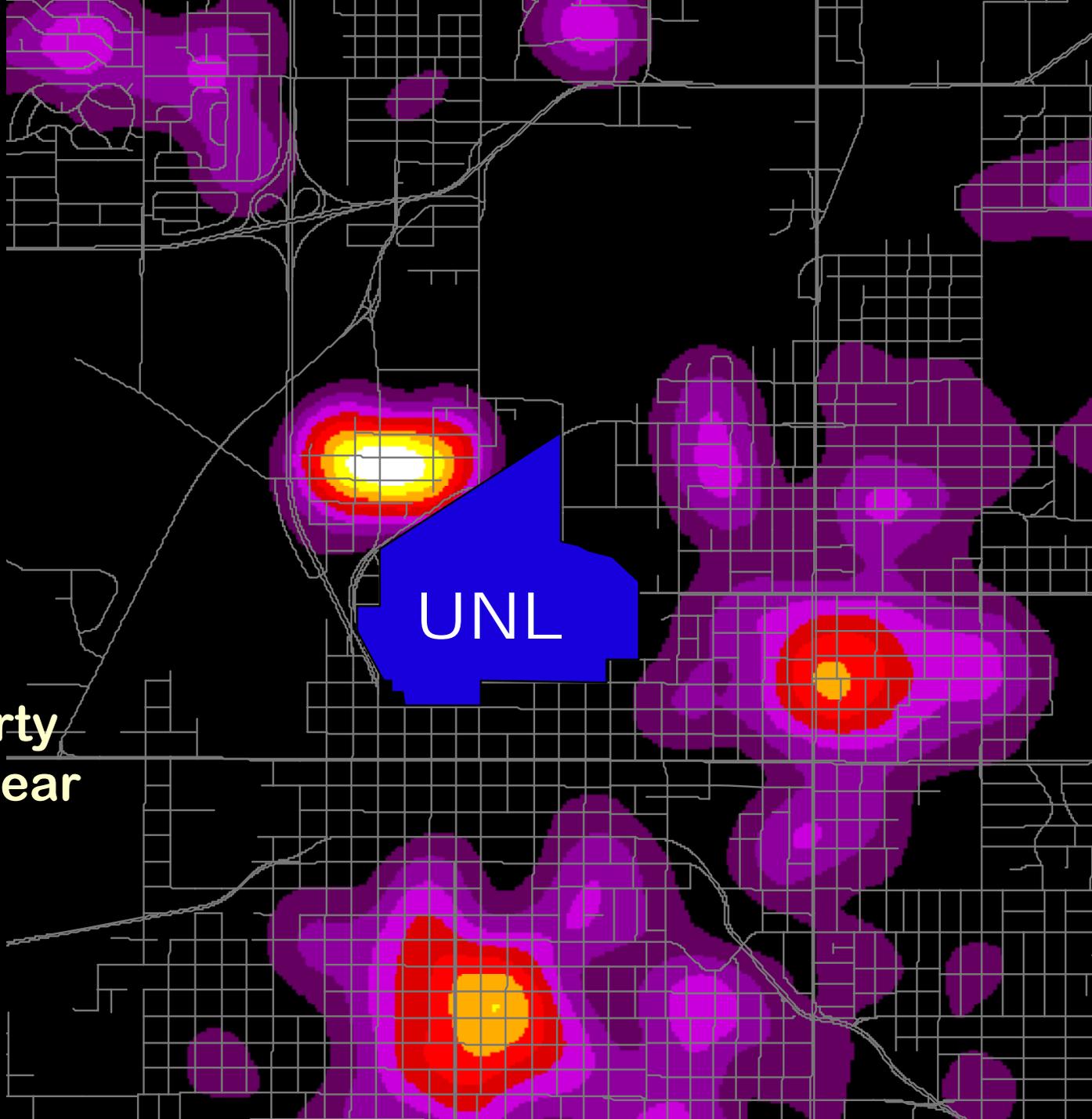
September 22, 2004

935 New Hampshire

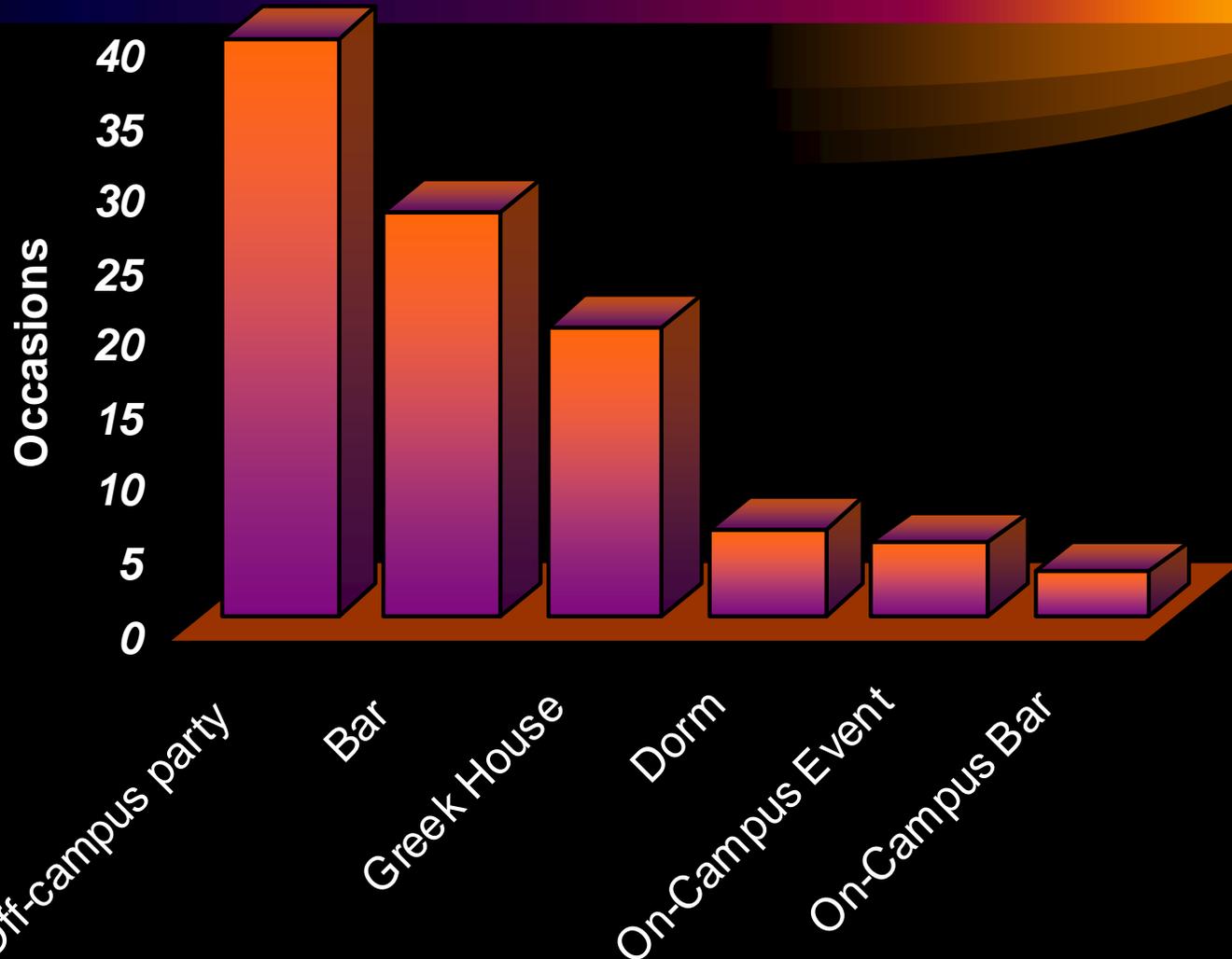
Analyze

- **What's the baseline data?**
 - College Alcohol Study
 - UNL Omnibus Survey
 - Police incidents
- **Where is the problem located?**
 - GIS analysis
 - College Alcohol Study
 - UNL Omnibus Survey
 - Last drink data

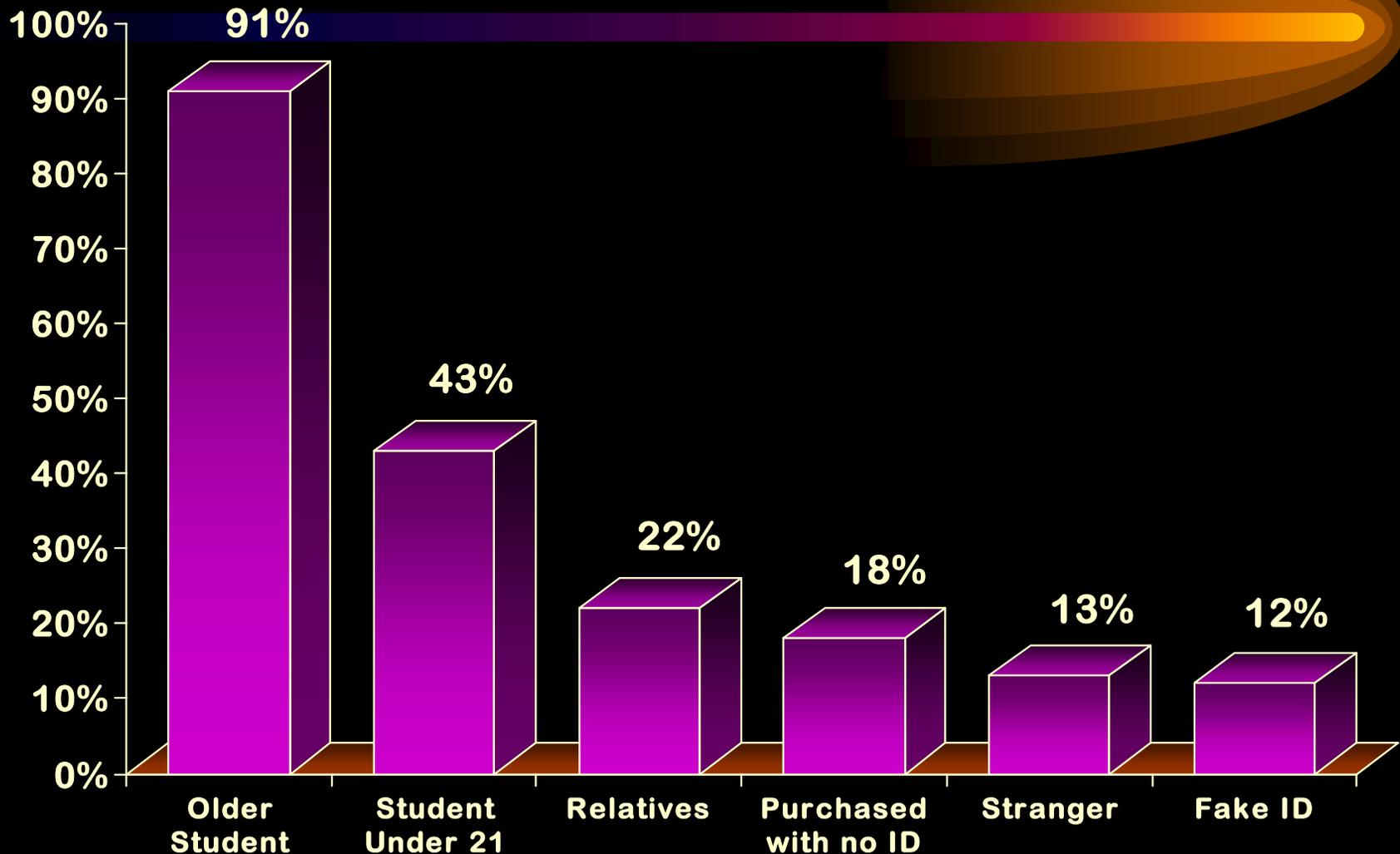
**Density of Party
Complaints Near
Campus**



Binge Drinking Locations



Source of alcohol for underage UNL drinkers

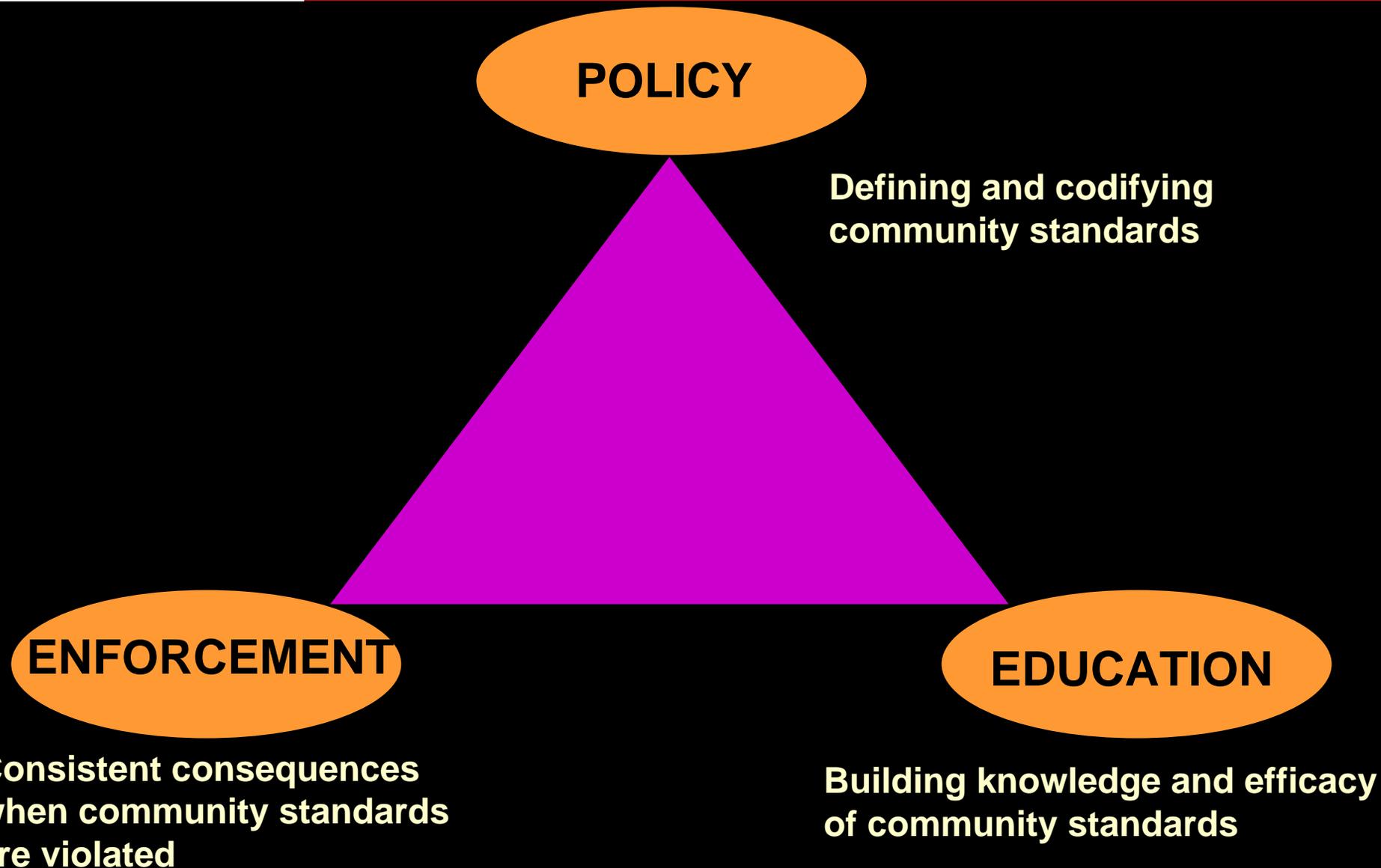


Respond



- **NU Directions Coalition**
- **Strategic planning process**
- **Series of goals and strategies**
 - 13 goals, 4 task groups
 - Policy and enforcement

Environmental Model Used by NU Directions



Retail enforcement strategy

- Underage sales
- Serving intoxicated persons
- High-risk marketing



4 LEASE **GAME OVER**
323 3100 **CITY 48**
 STUDIO 14

← MUSEUM
OF HISTORY
PERSHING →
AUDITORIUM

EMERGENCY
SNOW
ROUTE

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Responding to the party scene

- Focus: off-campus drinking parties
- Objective: increase perception of risk by underage and high-risk drinkers and hosts
- Increased arrests
- Reports to student judicial affairs
- Enhanced publicity and word of mouth

Party Patrol

- Six officers, one sergeant
- 6 nights per semester
- Undercover party-goers
- MIP arrests
- Focus on hosts/tenants
 - Maintaining a disorderly house
 - Sale without a license
 - Procuring alcohol for minors
- Monday Press Release/Conference
- Special attention to first week of school

Law & Order

Weekend parties keep cops busy

By TOM JORDISON
DN Staff Writer

The Lincoln Police Department's party patrol was active over the weekend, issuing 134 citations.

"It's about the busiest weekend for the party patrol that I can remember," Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said.

The citations included urinating in public, maintaining a disorderly house, selling alcohol without a license, obtaining alcohol for a minor, possession of stolen property, littering, giving false information, consuming alcohol in public, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, negligent driving and possession of narcotics, Casady said.

He added that one of the real problems the patrol faced was large numbers of parties in the same neighborhood.

Of the nine parties the party patrol busted, most were in the area of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, near 10th and Y streets, Casady said. Another party was busted at the Econo Lodge, 2410 NW 12th St.

Not all the people who received citations, though, were UNL students.

"Our experience has been in the past that half the people who get arrested are UNL students," Casady said.

One of the busted parties belonged to former Association of Students of the University of Nebraska presidential candidate Kevin Koss.

Koss, whose Sausage Party failed to win the ASUN elections last spring, threw a party at his residence at 1018 Y St. and was later cited for possession of stolen property, maintaining a disorderly house, procuring alcohol for a minor and distributing without a license.

Among the stolen pieces of

BUSTED

The Lincoln Police Department's party patrol issued 134 citations and busted nine parties over the weekend. Police said many of the parties were in the area of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. The citations were:

Urinating in Public	1
Maintaining a Disorderly House	17
Selling Alcohol Without a License	11
Procuring Alcohol for a Minor	17
Possession of Stolen Property	9
Littering	2
False Information	5
Consume Alcohol in Public	3
Contributing to a Minor	1
Negligent Driving	1
Possession of Marijuana	3
Minors in Possession	64

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property were two street signs and a dispenser for the Lincoln Journal Star.

"The suspect said the dispenser was 'kind of his,'" Police Captain Joy Citta said of Koss' citation.

Among the tactics used by the LPD in the past to decrease the number of wild parties have been to work hand-in-hand with landlords in hopes of enforcing tenant rules.

"If landlords can't enforce their rules, they face citations," Casady said.

The department received more than 50 complaint calls during the weekend regarding wild parties, but the wild party detail, which consists of six officers and a sergeant, only was able to get to nine of them.

"You can easily be tied up for two to three hours," Casady said.

'Party Patrol' hits the streets across Lincoln

NU Directions member among those cited by police.

BY AARON SANDERFORD
Lincoln Journal Star

Kevin Koss, a junior in computer science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, kicked back Friday, enjoying his first day back in town.

His friends, including one who rents a house with him at 1018 Y St., had a few beers and watched as the night sky darkened.

Koss, 20, a recent candidate for the student government presidency at UNL, said he knew most of the 25 or 35 people who showed up.

According to police, he didn't know two of his guests: They were cops, participants in an undercover sting to curtail wild party complaints.

"They claimed they had two women buy beer from guys in the house," Koss said. "Me and my roommate weren't selling any beer."

"I think they're fabricating stuff." Koss' house was one of nine addresses Lincoln police visited over the weekend as part of their crackdown on parties run amok.

Officers wrote more than 130 tickets to partygoers, among the most ever written on a weekend sting.

Most popular among them were tickets for minors in possession of alcohol — 64.

Another 19 people, Koss included, were cited for maintaining disorderly houses, and 17 were cited for procuring alcohol for minors.

Police Chief Tom Casady played videotaped footage from the weekend's parties for reporters Monday, pointing out the kegs, beer bottles and marijuana bong.

In recent years, Casady and his officers have taken a tougher stance on wild parties — basically gatherings loud or disruptive enough to stir neighbors' complaints. They've regularly patrolled known party neighborhoods for students and non-students alike.

Police have a vested interest in responding to party complaints, Capt. Joy Citta said, because no one else can protect the neighbors who choose not to party.

The original "Party Patrols," as police labeled them, were funded partly by NU Directions, a campus

'Party Patrol' citations

64	Minor in possession of alcohol
19	Maintaining or inmate of a disorderly house
17	Procure alcohol for a minor
11	Sell alcohol without a license
9	Possession of stolen property
5	Providing false information to an officer
3	Consume alcohol in public
3	Possession of a controlled substance
2	Littering
1	Contributing to the delinquency of a minor
1	Negligent driving
1	Urinating in public

Party places

744 Charleston St.
927 N. 30th St.
1018 Y St.

1201 Charleston St.
321 W. Charleston St.
323 W. Charleston St.
1425 N. 19th St.
1116 Nelson St.

2410 N.W. 12th St., Room 170

Source: Lincoln Police Department

organization at UNL that aims to curb high-risk drinking.

Casady co-chairs the group. And Koss himself is a student member, appointed by the president of the Association of Students at the University of Nebraska.

"My hope is that we all influence each other by sitting at the table together," said Tom Workman, assistant director of student involvement at UNL, and a spokesman for NU Directions. "I'd rather have someone at a table than not."

Koss is one among a chorus of critics complaining that police tactics are simply sending students and problems elsewhere.

College students are always going to drink, he said, and some are going to drink as minors. Cracking down on wild parties puts drunken young people on the streets.

Also, he said, officers who likely parried themselves — or still do so after their shifts — shouldn't be holding students to higher standards.

Nor should they treat students as children. Koss is particularly angered by officers who call students' parents to share their children's exploits.

Our latest approach



- **Maintain targeted party enforcement**
- **Focus on landlords, managers and owners**

Information for landlords

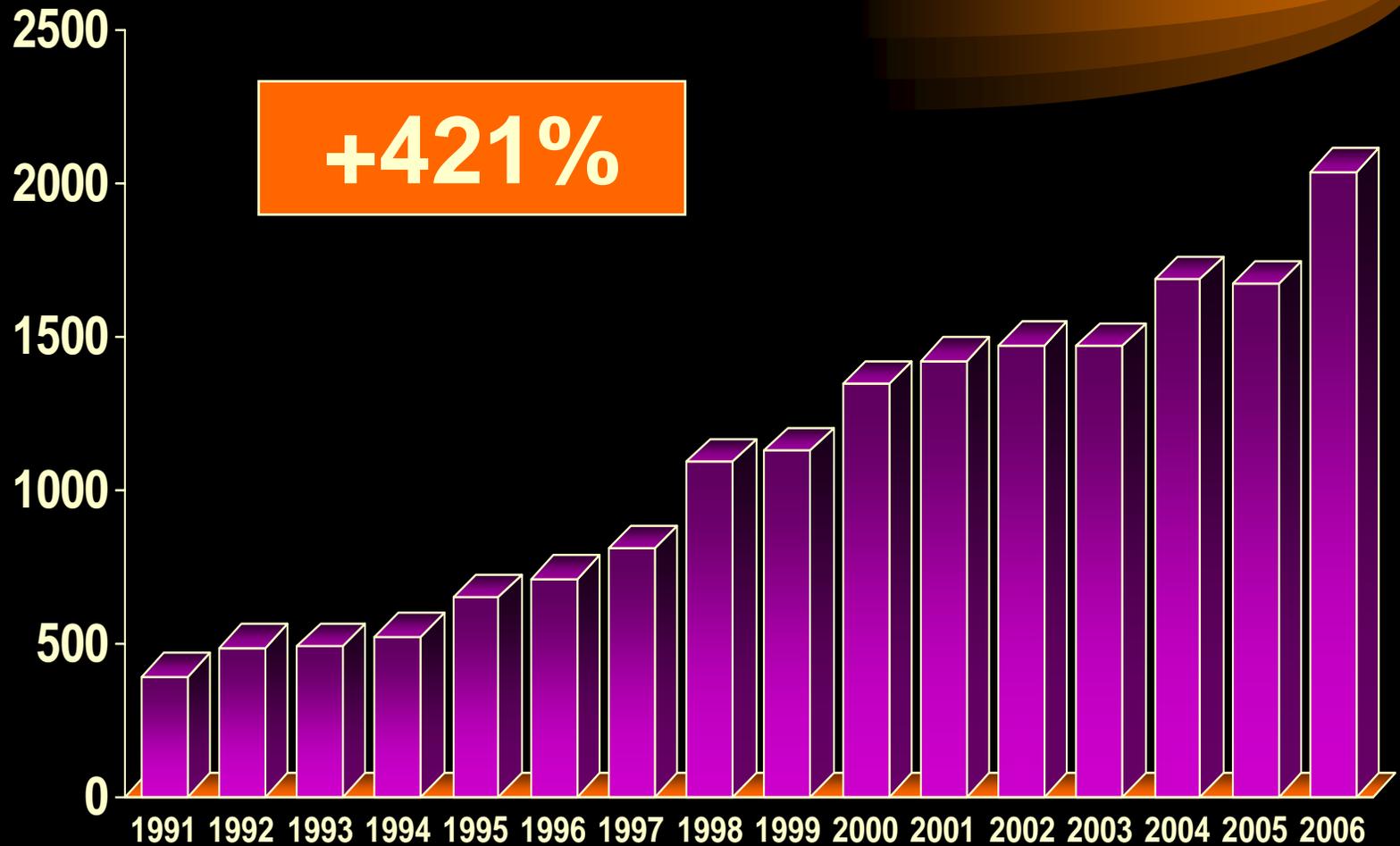
- **Police CAD data for previous 6 months by address**
- **Available 24/7/365 via Internet**
- **Presentations to business associations**
- **Brochure with the details**
- **On-line background checks for prospective tenants**

Assess

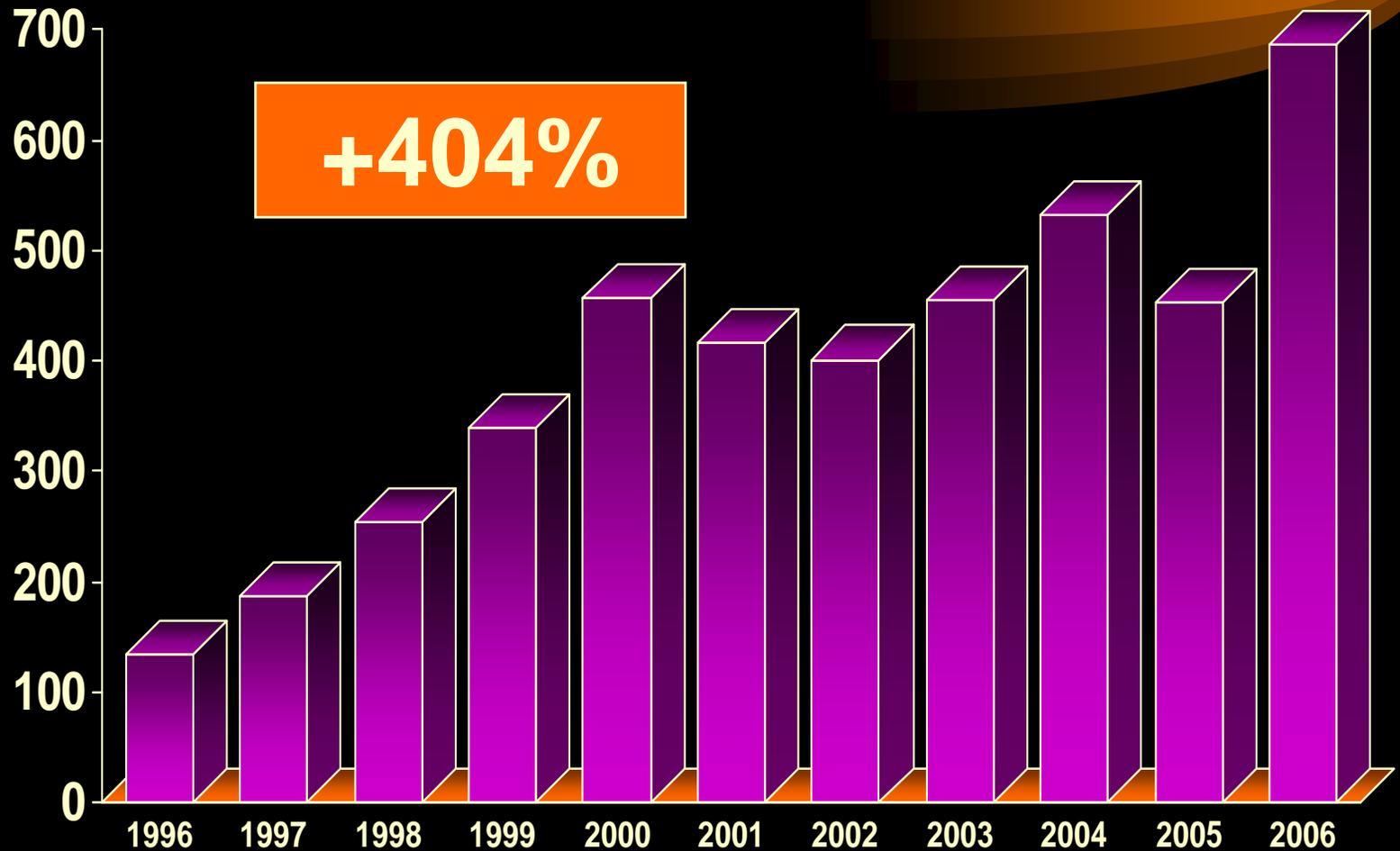


- Arrests way up
- Complaints way down
- High risk drinking by UNL students steadily reduced
- Secondary effects reduced

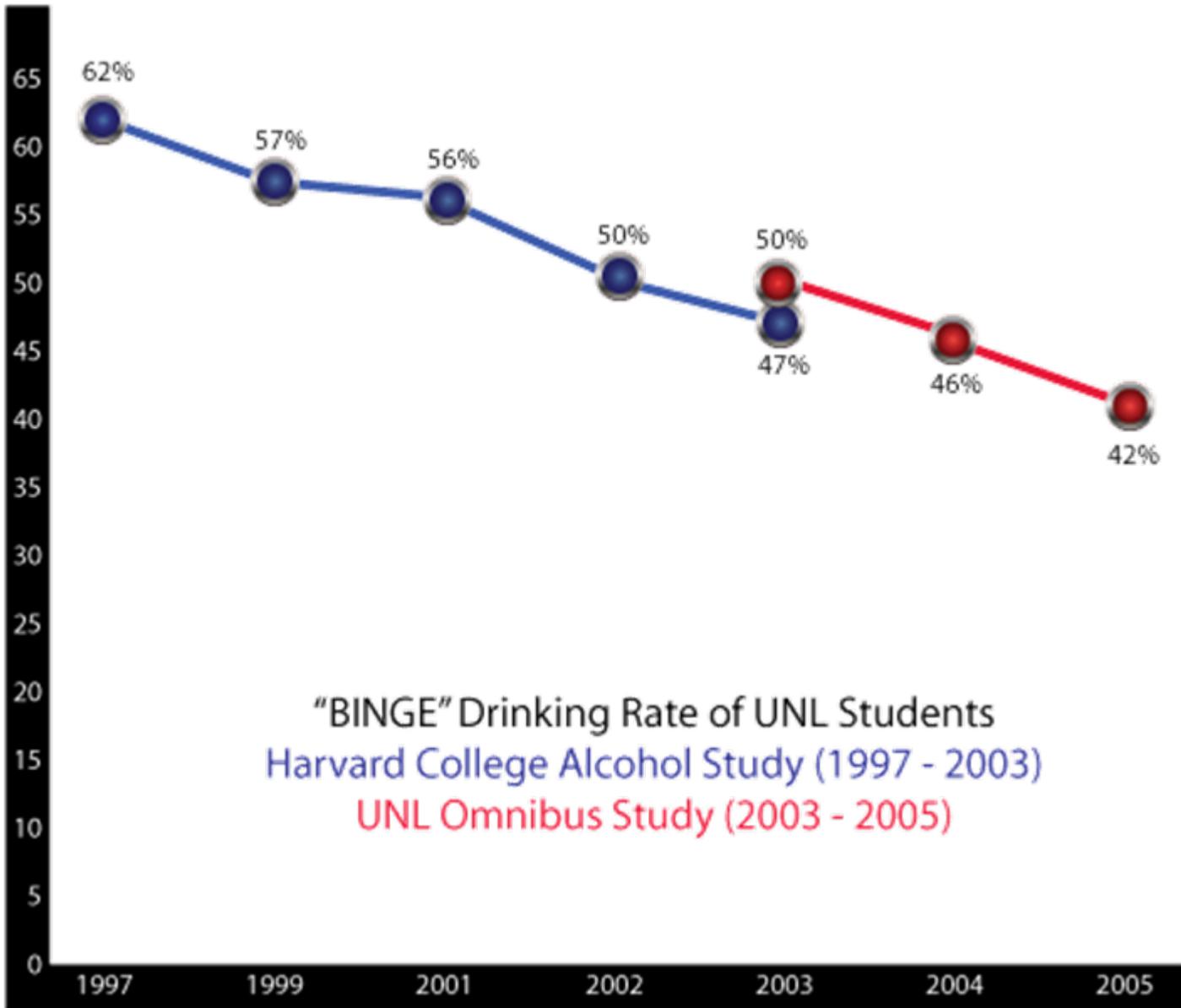
MIP arrests



Maintaining a disorderly house arrests



PERCENT OF UNL STUDENTS REPORTING DRINKING AT "BINGE" LEVELS

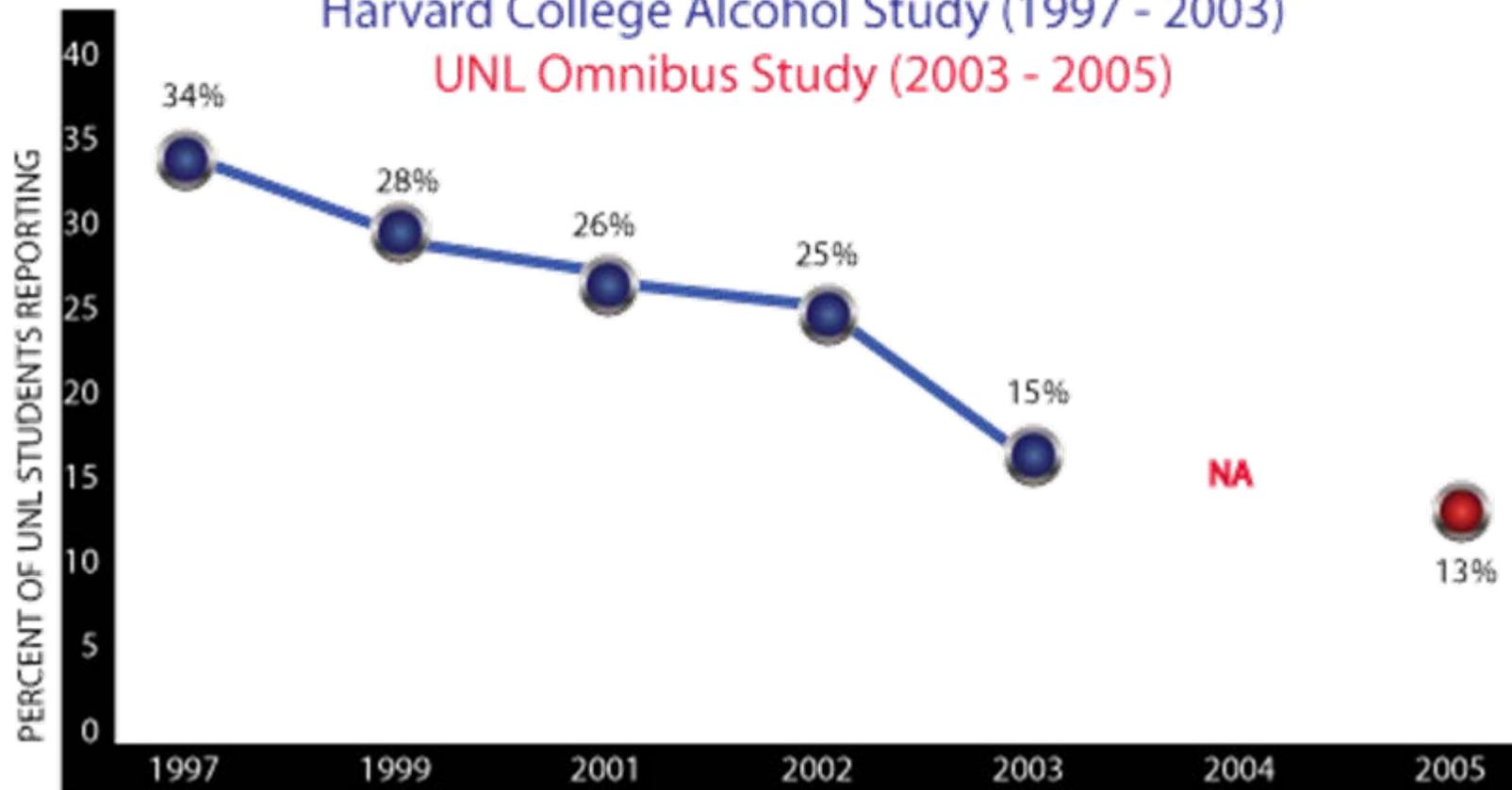


"BINGE" Drinking Rate of UNL Students
Harvard College Alcohol Study (1997 - 2003)
UNL Omnibus Study (2003 - 2005)

UNL Students Experiencing 5 or More Harms Due to Their Drinking

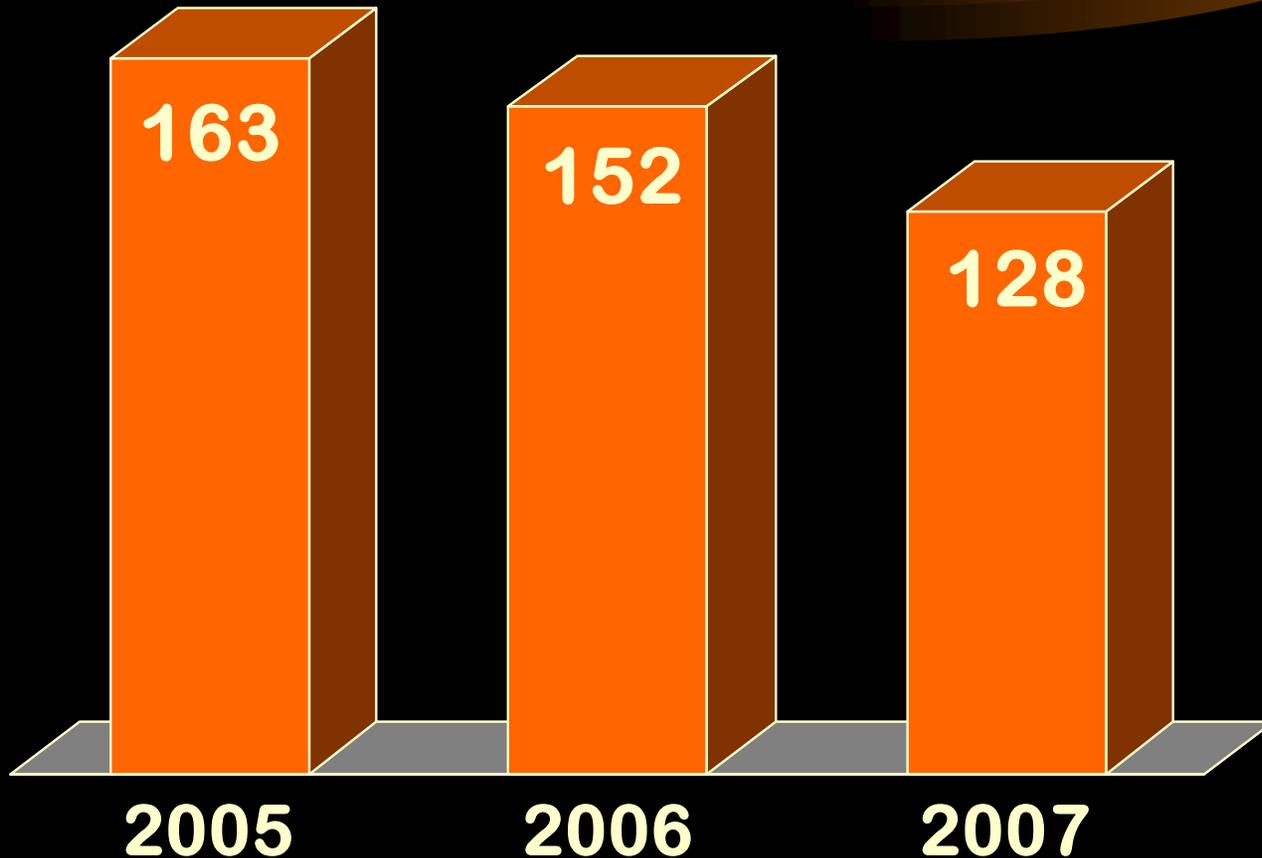
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Party disturbance CFS

Monthly Average



Police, student leaders unite against wild house parties

By LORI PILGER / Lincoln Journal Star

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Thinking of throwing a "back to college" beer bash?

Lincoln police and student leaders from the city's three largest colleges gathered Wednesday as part of a campaign called "We Agree" to spread the word about the consequences for hosting parties that get out of control.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln student president David Solheim said college students account for a fraction of the wild parties in Lincoln, but they share in the responsibility for the reduction of the harmful effects.

What we've learned

- The importance of data
- Enforce high-risk marketing-related violations in retail areas
- Target party enforcement efforts
- Publicize, but don't polarize
- Arm police with property owner information
- Get property owners to step up
- Enlist neighborhood associations



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