

Student Shoplifters Attempt Easy Thefts

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A surprising number of college students try their hand at shoplifting, but not because they "need" the articles they steal.

This is the consensus of Herbert Naber, store manager at Walgreen's in downtown Lincoln. Naber says he is catching more people, including nearly 20 University students this year.

"Students seem unaware of the consequences when they are caught shop lifting. They want to keep up with their friends or just steal because they heard it could be done," said Naber.

Talk around campus that "it is easy" to shop lift seems to tempt students to try it, according to Naber. Then when they are apprehended, students are shocked by some of the consequences.

Anyone caught shoplifting is taken into custody by the Lincoln police if a store prefers charges. The offender must get a lawyer according to police policy in order to get out of jail. Juveniles are of course referred to juvenile authorities for their punishment. County or City Attorneys will set the charges and prosecute because theft is the breaking of a state law. Fines generally are \$10 in addition to lawyer's fees.

Naber says students then are afraid of parental action after seeing their name in the paper. Several times students have pleaded that charges not be preferred because their parents might take them out of school.

A shop lifting student also faces social probation and loss of scholarships from the University administration although students are seldom thrown out of school.

"We don't feel the problem can be solved by letting offenders go; then they feel it can be done again and nothing is gained," said Naber.

Naber pointed out that girls steal more, or at least are caught more than boys. Walgreen's line of cosmetics and similar items apparently attracts the female sex. He also notes that every age and economic group are part of the problem.

"As many as eight a day have been stopped at Walgreen's and that makes shoplifting a serious problem," said Naber.

Police Captain Robert Sawdon said that college students are a "definite minority".

"Apparently the old saying that there is a little larceny in all of us is true, because seldom is dire need the reason for these particular thefts," said Sawdon.

Sawdon emphasized that the police department is not the prosecuting agency. He says that only the store's prosecution, the city or county attorney's filing of charges and the judge's decision all governed by state law determines the severity of punishment.

Once a sixteen-year-old girl

walked into Walgreen's and walked out with a bottle of hand cream in her purse. When Naber asked her about the bottle and she said, "I bet you thought I was stealing that."

It turned out that the young lady had been comparing prices with another store's products. She brought the bottle in with her and produced a sales slip to prove it. She and Naber agreed on the mischance, ending that episode.

"We try to cooperate as much as the student cooperates," Naber said.

Seven Attachments Ratified At Spring Summit Meetings

The coming of Spring brought only a few couples who were hit by the love bug over the week-end.

PINNINGS

Judy Young, Wesleyan Alpha Gamma Delta sophomore in business teaching from Filley, to George Eychner, Delta Upsilon senior in Teachers from Grand Island.

Joan Beerline, Gamma Phi Beta junior in Teachers from Ord, to Denny Albers, Sigma Chi junior in Arts and Sciences from Hastings.

Jackie Daffin, junior at Lincoln General from Unadella, to Robert Patterson, Sigma Nu senior in electrical engineering from Lincoln.

Joan Decklinger, Wesleyan Alpha Gamma Delta junior in education from Dawson, to Larry Lanning, FarmHouse junior in engineering from Dawson.

ENGAGEMENTS

Holly Eklund, Kappa Delta senior in Teachers from Gresham to Milton Rogge, University Alum from Auburn.

Sharon Mass, Burr Hall freshman from Silver City, Iowa in Business Administration

to Mike Mielke, freshman in agriculture, from Treynor, Iowa.

Carol Eversoll, junior in Teachers from Grand Island to Randal Fritzer, junior in Arts and Sciences from Lincoln.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

UNION public relations committee will meet at 4:30 in 234 Union.

STUDENT COUNCIL will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Union Pan American room.

UNION hospitality committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. in 334 Union.

QUIZ BOWL will be held at 7 p.m. in the Union small auditorium.

YWCA freshmen will meet

Review

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Very clever invention.

Frank Vybiral's costuming is an immense job, and very well done.

"Hamlet" is, to be sure, at least one of Shakespeare's most difficult plays to produce, and its success rests for the most part on the person playing the title role. Crawley handled the all-important part without obscuring the difficulties involved, yet was generally quite good. Surely his interpretation was not entirely in his own hands.

Housing Difficult For Negroes

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The excuses vary and the methods are devious. Mr. and Mrs. Saul Harp (Mr. Harp is an Air Force Captain at Lincoln Air Force Base) often entertain University Negroes. Mrs. Harp explained the humiliation of Negro students when they are accepted for living quarters over the phone and then told the space is taken when they inquire in person. These avoiding methods reach an extreme when renters charge unusually high rent, Mrs. Harp said.

There are, however, two agencies in Lincoln which combat this personal humiliation a Negro suffers while searching for living quarters — the Council of Churches and Student Services in University Administration.

Neither keeps a list of places that will rent to Negroes, but both help Negro students find good housing. The Council of Churches acts as a go-between if it knows of someone with good housing who will take a Negro. It keeps track of people who voluntarily say they will take Negroes and it helps Negroes secure good housing through member churches.

Ronald Wright of Student Services said that they do not keep a formal list of what housing Negroes can secure either, but that they make it clear to people who would to register space with Student Services that they should take any student.

Student Services questions further, though. It asks people who want to register with it if they will accept a Negro. It then tries to provide a channel through which University Negroes can obtain quick and good housing.

Wright explained that even some of those who say they will take a Negro backtrack when actually confronted. The excuses vary as far as one statement he has experienced in regard to a person avoiding renting to a Negro, "We don't take boys who smoke."

But the opinions and experiences of the students themselves point out the real depth of the housing picture here.

Mrs. Harp told of the problem Gil Gebo, a University student, had with housing. Gebo was married last summer, but because he could not find adequate housing his wife could not come to Lincoln first semester. Finally, they obtained space in and are now living at the University's married students' apartments at 4300 Holdrege.

She also explained that there isn't even token housing integration in Lincoln.

Ron Moore, who is quitting school, explained that even in University dormitories discrimination is evident. Negroes are spread throughout the dorms, he said, but almost invariably have another Negro for a roommate. According to Moore, someone figures Negroes have more in common, which they probably do. They are usually out-of-state students, most are athletes, and of course they have the same color skin.

In the social aspect people go out of their way to speak, some even to be friends. But the Negro doesn't appreciate "patronization" or people who carry a "white man's burden," Moore said.

Anyway, he continued, there are no soul-searching landlords.

Joe Wills, architecture, lives at 1029 R Street. Wills said he was turned down several times until Student Services helped him. Then he found housing at his current address. According to Wills, the house there is managed by the First National Bank of Lincoln and rents to a certain percentage of white, Negro and foreign students.

Edwin Hansen of the First National Bank said that the bank did manage the property, but that there was no set percentage of different races that the property was to be rented to. But, he added, they did like to keep a certain degree of difference in the building.

He said that there were three white families in the building which has nine apartments. The rest are Negroes or foreign students. It is openly rented to whomever can afford it.

Hansen added that they have never drawn the line as to color with that property. But, he told of one prospective renter who turned down an opportunity to rent there because, as he told the caretaker of the building, he thought he would be kind of "outnumbered" by the Negroes and foreign students.

Joan Adams, a freshman, said that she didn't request a Negro girl for a roommate in the girls dorm, neither did her roommate, but they got them. She said she didn't know if it was done that way on purpose.

One girl, according to Miss Adams, requested a white girl for a roommate because of a long-standing high school friendship. The same situation prevails in the girls' dorm that does in the boys' dorm—Negro girls are spread out around the dorm, but are roomed together. Some of the girls did request a Negro roommate, Miss Adams said.

Kappa Alpha Psi (KAP), a Negro fraternity, renewed its charter at the University last semester. Even some of the problems here are complex.

Mrs. Harp said her husband was interested in KAP; he is an alum. She explained that if KAP does grow strong and take all University Negroes in, the other fraternities will not integrate, and some white boys might join KAP.

A sophomore Negro athlete said that KAP would accept a white boy. He also thinks that mixed roommates, in the dorms, at this time, would be beneficial. It is not too early for that, he said.

Of course, it should be voluntary, he added, and even right now, though there are one or two mixed roommates, Negroes are almost always roomed together.

Chuck Tulliss, resident adviser at Selleck Quadrangle, said there is no real policy on making room assignments with regard to race.

People are roomed together on the basis of major field of study or major interests. Many of the Negroes in Selleck are athletes and want to be roomed together, Tulliss said.

Last year, he continued, Selleck had a few rooms with mixed roommates, but within a week or so the Negro and white boys both had come to him requesting room changes so as to live with students of their own race.

Most of these complaints come from white students, Tulliss said, and oftentimes these changes are affected at the request of their parents.

If students request a roommate of a different race, however, their request is granted unqualified, Tulliss said. Selleck has one mixed room now, he said, and Cather Hall has several.

Gene Young, a senior, explained the student housing situation off campus this way: here the Negro faces conservatism at every step, not in the political sense, but in the sense that people just want things to stay the way they are. The Negro is a progressive individual today, Young said.

The general excuse encountered, he said, is reasoned this way, "We've never had a Negro here, why should we start now. You're good people, you don't lie and you don't steal, but we just can't have you here." And that was the consensus of the replies to the ten phone calls listed above—that they just couldn't have a Negro there.

Ron Moore sums it up cynically but with some truth this way, "A lot of off-campus housing is shabby. So, you ask a guy for a place to live and its shabby, and he says, in effect, you're not good enough for it. Well, that's fine. But, maybe you thought you were doing him a favor by asking for it."

TONIGHT'S Quiz Bowl SCHEDULE

7 p.m. — Beta Theta Pi I vs. Phi Delta Theta
 7:25 p.m. — Kappa Sigma vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
 7:50 p.m. — Alpha Gamma Sigma vs. FarmHouse
 8:15 p.m. — Hesperus Hall vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon

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Three Students Have Perfect Grades

Although 9,000 undergraduate students were trying to do it, only three University of Nebraska students were able to obtain a perfect grade average (9.000) for 12 hours or more last semester.

They were Michael White, a senior majoring in chemical engineering; Catherine Origer, a junior majoring in pharmacy and Michael Miller, a sophomore in Teachers College.

Rounding out the top 15 scholars last semester, all earning grades between 8.765 and 8.929 were:

—Fred Leistritz, a freshman majoring in agricultural economics.

—Joann Strateman, a junior majoring in German and French.

—Linda Larson, a senior majoring in psychology.

—Judith Woodward, a February graduate with "high distinction" in education.

—Leroy Baker, a senior majoring in civil engineering.

—Joan Jones, a junior majoring in English.

—Dennis Wallwey, a junior majoring in chemistry.

—Carl Van Steenberg, a majoring in anthropology.

—Garry White Watzke, a White freshman majoring in history.

—Robert Stunmeier, a junior majoring in chemistry.

—Dale Hanson, a senior majoring in mechanized agriculture.

—Kenneth Cada, a freshman majoring in chemistry.

Another 221 students were able to earn an 8.00 or higher for semester grades. They are:

Kinross, Gail Larsen, William Holmes, Nadene Gardner, Jeffrey Leiko, Diane Armor, Janet Hayward, Gary Larson, Erin Osterholm, Barry Kori, Laura Lake, Gerald Marouat, James Chromy, Janice Armstrong, Stephen Bergquist, Sharyn Heikes. 8.499-8.600

John Goedecken, Neil Wellenstein, James Linn, Donald Moses, Richard Elliott, Richard Vogt, Gary Bargas, Gary Dealman, Erma Winters, Sam Sammelstein, Norman Rosenberg, Gaylord Nordine, Juliet Simpson, Roger Gogwils, Stephen Brown, Russell Fuller, Ericka Barton, Marilyn Justice. 8.399-8.500

Jane Wilson, Russell Ishak, Robert Brightfield, Larry Lozman, John Rebersdorf, Brian Soirel, Robert Anderson, Frances Murdoch, Linda March, Thomas Larsen, Nancy Furness, Ronald Hospodka, Mark Beech, Maryvonne Davis, Richard Denton, Alan Porter, Kent Seachler, Georgianne Kotisak, Marvin Yost. 8.299-8.300

Charles Boyd, Lorman James, Sally Schneider, Karen Woodward, Harold Goree, Robert Melner, Thomas Hallinan, Allan Harms, Kay Kerensbrock, Louise Drake, Robert Roschy, Ruth Werning, Gary Waldgren, Karv Johnson, Claude Faulkner, Frank Surber, Samuel Soosner, Roger Noel, Will Mistrzynski, Louise Ellis, Burton Thomson, Carl Coon, Linda Lanner, Michael Wylie, Carol Phelps, Richard Smith, Carol Kiehn, James Maxwell, David Shoemaker, Mary Haight, Victoria Dowling, Robert Gotchee, Donald Haunway, Jr., Kay Mitchell, Charles Smith, Dianne Wendell. 8.199-8.200

Steven Nelson, Frederick Kazama, Terry Vogt, Anzelm Mohsen, Gary Klammann, Michael Liddy, Dennis Beeson, Bill Potts, Harratt Hunker, Geoffrey Trook, Roseann Sheda, Joan Skinner, Roger Schwabauer, Larry Koop, Christina Perrin, Charles Roberts, Ronald Price, Linda Miles, Shirley Carroll, Mary Schmitt, Peggy Pries, Judith Boehmer, Judith Young, Judith Hensler, Merisa Johnson, Roger Kennedy, Ronald Klein, James McCall, Jr., Gaylyn Meyer, Janice Wootie, William Biaz, Merlin Parke, Jane Hendersberg, Randall Heikman, Lela Kennedy, Mary Bakow, John Rogers. 8.099-8.200

Andrew Tasho, Judith Flack, Stanley Schepers, Conarve Callaway, Rosalind Mohsen, Leonard Wolf, Robert Miles, Steve Kees, Michael Leman, Ruth Weismeyer, Naomi Bevans, Patricia Brown, Stephen Davis, Allen Ote, Karen Hanks, David Wilhelm, Ruth Chesnut, Nancy Schmitt, Gay Kiehn, William Eshbar, Richard Kiger, Jr., Betty Jordan, James McMinis, Ronald Paulson, Dennis Hildred, Douglas Deas, Carol Vanderyacht, Richard Vybiral, Joann Reinken, Linda Reno, Richard Hill, Dennis Dood, Leonard Rossi, Doris Kaid, Kenneth Anderson, Ann Brandenburg, William Hines, Mona Morris, Kay Guzm, Lawrence Rice, Charles Telford, Pat Schaefer, William Hasemire, Robert Kaputka, Theodore Bahr, Dennis Sullivan, James Javensport, Stuart Embury, Marvin Froese, Everett Madison, Michael Silverman, Jr., Arthur Stock, Melinda Nelson, Carol Pothier, Debra Bernhardt, Linda Lanning, Mary Schmitt, Tuba, John Hermanson, Douglas Love, Merilo Remmen, William Johnson, Lee Marshall, Perry Moore, Janet Coufal, Donald Schroeder.

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