

Garbageman in Universityland

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Remember where you threw the last bottle of beer you drank? That old edition of *The Nebraskan* you pitched? That last form letter from the University you promptly disregarded?

University garbage truck driver Jack Petet remembers. He probably had to pick it up.

Petet and his partner make 84 stops a day with their giant blue-gray garbage truck picking up University trash.

"On the average day we take about 50 cubic yards of trash to the city dump," Petet remarked. "That's three trips to the dump — and that's a lot of trash."

The two University employees normally work eight and one-half hours a day, Monday through Friday, picking up trash. On Saturday they work about seven hours.

But a Big Red winning football season didn't make their job any easier.

During the football season they were working five hours overtime on Sundays because of cans and bottles Big Red fans had left the day before.

Petet said that the messes produced by football fans don't make his job that much more difficult. "But for the guys who have to keep the grounds clean, it's a real problem."

The football season is over. Will the garbage problems decrease?

Petet doesn't think so. He points out that when he started with the University in August,

1969, he only used to fill his truck up about two or two and one-half times a day. Now he fills it three times a day.

Despite recent student concern with the environment, the University garbage truck driver said students and custodians are "very messy with their garbage."

Petet said the University would look much better if people pressed their garbage down in trash containers.

"Whenever the winds blowing you'll probably see a lot of paper and trash on the University grounds. Most of the trash comes from the containers which are not packed well and have their lids left open," Petet said.

Even when there isn't a strong wind, most of the trash containers look like a mess, he said.

Petet's route includes all University buildings and all campus residences, both on the city and East campus.

Besides the fact that many of the containers Petet empties into his truck are overpacked and messy, he also has to contend with some dangerous occupational hazards. Some of them are unnecessary, too, he said.

For example, he talked about the poor planning of two University's dorms, Cather and Pound. "It's really dangerous the way you have to jump the

curb to get at the dock on 17th Street," he said. "When the streets are slick it can get pretty hairy."

Petet said that another unnecessary problem he has to contend with involves student parking.

"The cars parked over by the Selleck dock are the biggest headaches. They're big headaches because we have to stop twice a day at all of the University buildings which serve food," he said.

"If people were just a little more concerned, it would help.



Meeting set for Lincoln tenants

A meeting for all tenants in Lincoln will be held Friday evening. The City-wide Tenants Association, who is sponsoring the event, encourages all off-

campus students who rent to attend.

Rights, problems and organization of tenants will be investigated. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Whittier School.

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