



Barbara Hoyt, new UNL security officer... "I can't see putting on airs because I've got the badge."

She's not a meter maid

by Susanne Schafer

Don't mistake Barbara Hoyt for a meter maid. She won't be patrolling dormitory floors to hand out parking tickets.

Hoyt, 25, is the first woman hired as a full-time security officer by Campus Security, according to Chief Gail Gade.

Her work will be similar to the duties of the present four male security officers, Gade said.

Hoyt said she will investigate incidents in which both men and women are involved, share cruiser car duty with the men and patrol the dormitories at night. However, she said she will patrol primarily the women's dormitories.

The new officer voiced concern that her uniform and badge will make it difficult for her to become acquainted with students. She said she thinks students don't come to the security patrol with their problems.

"I think that in the eyes of some people a uniform can make the difference between being human and super-human. I can't see putting on airs because I've got the badge," Hoyt said. She will wear a uniform similar to that worn by campus meter maids.

Gade said he doesn't want Hoyt to patrol only dormitory hallways. He said he thinks it is important for her to become acquainted with students, particularly in spontaneous "rap sessions."

She is a graduate of Kearney State College, but she attended UNL her freshman year. She called that year "disastrous as far as studies went." At Kearney, she completed her studies in history.

During her year in Lincoln she lived in Selleck Quadrangle. Hoyt recalled that as a freshman she was to be in the dormitory by 9 p.m. on week nights, couldn't wear jeans on campus and had to check in and out through the Association of Women Students representative on her dormitory floor. "I wasn't too excited about those rules, but they were

good for those who hadn't caught on to some study habits," she said.

Hoyt said she sees herself as "basically friendly and outgoing." Evaluating her relationship with students as a security officer, she said she has sympathy for students who may be lost. But in dealing with those who pose problems, she said she must always consider what troubles the student may be causing.

Gade said he views Hoyt's employment as a "type of a challenge." He said he hopes she will be accepted by her counterparts. Some past investigations could have been aided by a woman investigator, he said.

"Let's face it, in some cases girls would rather talk with a woman than a man," he said.

She is training with the other officers. Although she will not carry a weapon other than mace, she will be trained to use a gun, Gade said.

Hoyt said she does not foresee encountering as many difficult situations as a city policewoman might. But she said she holds a green belt in karate and "knows what the floor feels like."

During her training period, she will be accompanied on her rounds by another officer. Later, she will be aided only by the student campus security officers, Gade said.

In the spring semester, Hoyt will attend law enforcement and correction courses offered by the University. She said she prefers to work with new experiences and tries not to become static. She said she views her job as something that could be developed and continued as a career.

When asked for her opinion on 24-hour visitation rights, the evolution of clothing styles and the women's rights movement, she declined comment.

"I will be involved with all kinds of students and I don't want to prejudice anyone through my opinions of their clothing or habits," she said.

Monument proposal a hoax, protests 'bulldozer mentalities'

by Bart Becker

The sighs of relief can now be heaved. It won't be built. At least not if the original proponent has anything to say about it.

Michael Epp said Friday his original proposal to build a monument in the shape of a football player over Interstate 180 just north of Lincoln was indeed a hoax. But the intent behind the proposal was not.

He said the proposal was released straight-facedly to the press to protest "bulldozer mentality of Nebraska architecture." In particular, Epp said he is upset over a proposal to construct a monument to Nebraska pioneers over Interstate 80 between Omaha and Lincoln.

That proposal, by Omaha architect Jean Dunbar, suggests constructing a 375-foot wide, 235-foot high monument to span the Interstate near the Greenwood Interchange.

The proposed \$1.5 million structure would consist of concrete piers supporting a steel span topped by a plastic sculpture of a pioneer family. It would possibly be painted to resemble bronze.

Epp's original proposal was for the construction of a 150-foot high football hero. It would have included a revolving restaurant in the helmet, a Nebraskaland museum in the lower chest and an observation deck at a "lower level."

In addition, the fiberglass football would have housed a quick-stop restaurant and low-rent student housing would be included in the lower substructure of the legs.

Electric power for the structure would have come from a windmill-like turbine located behind wind screens in the chest. The turbine would have been driven by the area's prevailing winds.

In the proposal, Epp cited the Eiffel Tower as an example of "the overwhelming effect on the locale that such a project can have."

The proposal, carried in the state's press, set off a flurry of reaction and comment.

A letter to the editor of the *Omaha World-Herald* suggested the monument should "be built facing north so Lincoln gets the view it deserves."

The proposal also reached the offices of *Sports Illustrated* magazine. A writer from that magazine called Epp Saturday to find out what the deal was.

He told Epp his associates at *Sports Illustrated* had enjoyed a laugh about the project. But they decided they'd better check to see how far out of hand Big Red mania could get.

And pioneer monument architect Dunbar indicated the new proposal would have "no effect whatsoever" on the earlier Greenwood proposal.

"From the outset, I did have a number of people who asked if I had considered putting a football player or group of players on the monument, but I feel we'd have to leave that to another group. We're definitely going to have pioneer figures on top of the monument," Dunbar said.

A pioneer monument study committee, appointed by Gov. J.J. Exon last month, is to meet Tuesday to draft a proposal for construction of the monument. The proposal will be submitted to state and federal officials.

Epp will go before the committee Tuesday to try to convince them not to build the monument. If the monument is built, Epp said, it will reinforce the "lack of environmental consciousness and sensitivity" of Nebraskans toward the natural state of the state.

"Nebraskans are paranoid about Nebraska," Epp said. "They don't like to admit they're from here. I know I used to say 'I'm from Nebraska... but I've been other places' as if Nebraska was nowhere."

"People seem to feel that to become viable the state has to compete

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