## launches anti-theft project

By Rebecca Ross

Last year \$24,000 worth of personal property was stolen on campus. This year, Campus Security hopes to reduce that figure through an identification program.

The Scriber Program, according to Merlin Howe, Campus Security investigator, involves inscribing a student's or staff member's personal property with their social security number.

Within the next two weeks, Campus Security will have inscribing pencils available for students who want to protect their tape decks, radios, stereos, TVs, bicycles, typewriters and other items of value that can be inscribed.

Through the Residence Hall Association (RHA) dormitory and co-op residents can check out the inscribers ASUN will handle off-campus students and the Panhellenic Council will handle fraternities and sororities, he said.

The student will be given a card, Howe said, to record the items he has inscribed. This card will be filed with Campus

Howe said this program has been used by several California communities and has caused the crime rate for house burglaries to drop.

This program will be especially helpful for the dormitory student," Howe said. "Persons are often too trustful. They leave their doors unlocked and don't really know the people who are living in the dorm."

Gail Gade, Campus Security chief, said marking the social security number on items helps improve the recovery rate of stolen goods.

"The more numbers you have on an item," he said, "the

greater the possibility of tracking it down." Howe said if something that is marked is stolen, Campus Security can give the serial number to the Lincoln police. They can then use the National Crime Information Computer, in Washington, D.C. to find out if the item has turned up anywhere else in the state or nation

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