



Mary Schmitz, Schramm Hall student assistant, attends the Council on Student Life meeting Thursday. Story on Page 2.

## Editor rebuts story's critics

UNL Campus Security Chief Gale Gade said Thursday that the facts in a Wednesday *Daily Nebraskan* article about a suggestion by one security officer to another that he enter the office of UNL Ombudsman James Suter and copy confidential information were correct.

But the story's headline, "UNL police blamed in break-in attempt," was misleading and inaccurate, Gade said.

"There was never any break-in," he said. "It was merely a suggestion which was never carried out."

"The original story was not presented in a clear way," Gade said. "Its organization and the use of the word break-in made the story inaccurate."

Suter also said the facts in the story were correct, but he thought the headline and implications about a break-in were inaccurate.

He said the article implied that he was accusing the campus police of breaking into his office. "I never accused anyone of a break-in," he said. "There never was any break-in."

But Suter was "upset" that Tom Keith even suggested to the officer that he should enter his office and copy confidential information, he said.

Gade said he has no plans to reprimand Keith for his actions. However, Suter said that "if I should be able to verify certain information, which has not yet been verified, I feel that Keith should be reprimanded."

In a statement published in the *Daily Nebraskan* Thursday, Suter said the article would hamper negotiations between his office and Campus Security officials.

Gade said he believes the story has given the campus police a "black eye," and the publicity has angered the 12 men involved.

In response to criticism from Gade and Suter in a Thursday *Lincoln Journal* article dealing with the incident, *Daily Nebraskan* Editor-in-Chief Michael (O.J.) Nelson said, "I will stand behind what the reporter has told us—we believe it is correct."

The *Journal* article quoted both Suter and Gade as saying they doubted that the officer was ordered to break into Suter's office.

"They agree there was a request, be it an order or suggestion, to enter Suter's office and copy confidential information. In my opinion that is what matters," Nelson said.

He said he agrees the headline perhaps was not the best possible one to use, but it was not meant to deceive anyone.

"The headline, while important, is not as important as the facts in the story, and both Suter and Gade have said that the facts are accurate," he said.

The *Daily Nebraskan* learned through an informed source Tuesday that in August a security officer entered Suter's office in Burnett Hall to make a routine phone call to the switchboard operator at Nebraska Hall.

While in Suter's office, the officer noticed a list of 12 officers' names next to the phone, Gade said.

The officer, curious as to why the names were there, reported the incident to his superior, Sgt. Tom Keith, Gade said.

He said Keith then suggested to the officer that if he was patrolling that area again, he should enter Suter's office and copy the list of names.

However, the officer never went back to the office, and the matter was not pursued by Keith, Gade said.

According to Suter, the men whose names were on the list were security officers who had come to him with grievances against the Campus Security office.

## Class textbooks, manuals may head bestseller list

By Susanne Schafer

Feel ripped off when you have to buy the instructor's textbook for a class? Well, you might be reading one of the top-selling books in its field.

"If an instructor wants to get his message across, the best way to do it is to write his own book," according to John Wehr, manager of the Nebraska Book Store.

In a partial examination of the course books in the Nebraska store, Wehr and a *Daily Nebraskan* reporter found about 53 books now used as required or suggested readings for fall semester courses that are written by the instructors of those courses.

Subjects range from introductory economics to classifications of American Indian languages. Both hard-bound and paper back books and lab manuals are included in the books. Wehr said he has no estimate of the exact number of books written by instructors at UNL.

Some books are national best sellers. *Economics*, fifth edition, written by UNL economics professor Campbell R. McConnell, is probably the second-best selling college economics book in the country, Wehr said.

*General Chemistry*, an introductory chemistry book written by Henry F. Holtzclaw Jr., UNL chemistry professor, is "clearly in the top few in terms of sales," Wehr said.

Most books written by instructors are in technical fields in the colleges of engineering and business administration, Wehr said.

Some books are very specific, such as UNL civil engineering professor Adrian Legault's book on highway and airport engineering, because it is one of a kind.

The practice of instructors writing their own textbooks is common in most good

universities, Wehr said, but he admitted a few of the books were "hard to sell."

"But no book is the best book," Wehr said. "You can tell a poor instructor when he confines a student to only his own book."

"In order to make valid judgments, most instructors require students to read other books beside their own. A good instructor will require three or four books, which, of course, wipes out a student's budget," Wehr added.

Professors who require their own texts don't make money unless the publisher can sell more than 5,000 books, he said.

Instructors may make a "killing" Wehr said, if the book is accepted by other colleges and by his colleagues as their text.

"Then you know that it is a good work and students have a good text," Wehr said.

Contracts differ with individual publishers, but royalties normally amount to about 10 per cent on the first 5,000 books sold. Up to and over 10,000 copies, the royalties may run 15 per cent of the book's cost. Either the wholesale or retail cost of the book may be considered, according to the contract.

Wehr said he suspects a few teachers require their books to add to their royalties, but they are in the minority.

Wehr said that he cannot keep some of the books on the shelves. Some never need reordering, he said.

One book, *Working with People*, by UNL associate professor of social work Naomi Brill, which is suggested for classes in social work, is also popular with people outside the university, he said.

"Ministers, practicing social workers, teachers, —they all come in to ask for it," he said.



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