

# Lost, found articles mostly unclaimed

If you ever wondered what happened to the umbrella you left in class one rainy day or that watch you misplaced, maybe it's at UNL's Lost and Found Dept., now located at Campus Security headquarters.

According to Lt. Chester Parnham, officer in charge of lost and found, most items turned in remain unclaimed and eventually are auctioned off or given to charity.

"We haven't donated anything to charity since the first of the year," Parnham said, "and it may be at least 90 days before we auction anything."

Until recently, insufficient storage space has been the reason.

Before lost and found moved to Campus Security headquarters it was located in the mail room at Nebraska Hall.

Bob Cuning, postal service supervisor at Nebraska Hall, said the lost articles took up too much space there.

Because storage space also is a problem for Campus Security, most articles found are stored in Hide House, a now defunct tannery located west of the headquarters.

Parnham noted, however, that articles are kept at Campus Security headquarters for two weeks before unclaimed items are moved to Hide House if not claimed.

"But things of any value, such as watches and rings are kept in the vault at the security office," he said. "Anything returnable, we try and get back to the owner."

Unclaimed valuables are cataloged and tagged, with one tag attached to the article while the other tag is placed in a book for reference. A student then signs this book when claiming a belonging.

Most articles turned in are odds and ends that just collect dust in storage boxes, Parnham said.

A menagerie of books, glasses, carkeys and clothing are the most common items found. The most unusual item turned in was a stray cat, Parnham said.

He cited one instance where a purse was found with the owner's driver's license in it.

"We couldn't fine her right away, as she had recently moved and left no forwarding address," he said. "After three days, she was finally located and said she would be right down."

Like many students, she has yet to come down to the Campus Security headquarters to claim her possessions.

Parnham suggested students call the headquarters first to see if their lost articles have been turned in. He noted that many buildings on campus don't send things in right away.

He mentioned one incident last year where a custodian didn't know where to turn in found items. They were brought to Campus Security only recently.

"We're trying to get the building custodians to turn in at regular intervals, preferably once a week," he said.

# calendar

- Wednesday**  
 12 p.m.—Interfraternity Council chapter advisers luncheon—Nebraska Union  
 12 p.m.—Consumer Aid Group luncheon—Union  
 12:30 p.m.—CSL Fees and Fines Committee—Union  
 1:30 p.m.—Student Development staff—Union  
 3:30 p.m.—Consumer Aid Group Conference "Louis Rukeyser"  
 4:30 p.m.—Fees Allocation Board open hearing—Union  
 5 p.m.—Phi Beta Kappa Initiation—Union  
 5:30 p.m.—Engineering Toastmasters—Union  
 5:30 p.m.—Gamma Lambda—Union  
 6:30 p.m.—Arts and Sciences Advisory Board—Union  
 6:30 p.m.—Mortar Board—Union  
 6 p.m.—Sigma Xi—Phi Beta Kappa dinner—Union  
 6:30 p.m.—ASUN Senate meeting—Union  
 7 p.m.—Free U "Why are We in Vietnam?"—Union  
 7 p.m.—Interfraternity Council—Union  
 7:30 p.m.—Free University "Bahal Fakh"—Union  
 7:30 p.m.—math counselors—Union  
 8 p.m.—Summer Orientation—Union  
 8:30 p.m.—Nebraska Union Board—Union

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