

## Motorcycle safety to be taught

A motorcycle safety course combining television lessons with "behind-the-handlebar" instruction at 14 statewide locations will begin April 21 on the Nebraska ETV Network, according to Ron Hull, Network Program Director.

The course is the first of its kind in the nation, and soon may be offered on a nationwide basis if it goes well, Hull said.

A series of 10 lessons will be broadcast over the network, April 21 through 25 and April 27 through May 2. After the first week's sessions, students will get on-bike instruction on either Saturday, April 26 or Sunday, April 27.

Motorcycles will be furnished by Kawasaki

Motors, which is sponsoring the program along with Nebraska ETV and the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE).

The instructor for the course is Kent Jessee, assistant professor of safety education at Central Missouri State University, on loan as an instructor to Kawasaki Motors.

The program's goal, according to Duane Schmidt, the NDE administrator of traffic safety education, is to provide motorcycle safety education to beginning riders who find it difficult to enroll in programs offered through public schools. The course is open to anyone over 12 and requires a \$7 registration fee, Hull said.

## Campus Police car a first

Campus Police has for the first time a new patrol car. It's a 1975 Plymouth, blue with flashing red lights, and has been in use for two weeks.

Campus Police leases its cars from the university auto pool. According to Chief Gail Gade, the force's other sedans have been hand-me-downs from other departments, or leased cars from the auto pool. He said most of the leased cars have been low mileage.

Gade said, "We welcome the new car, the first new car we've ever had," Gade said. "We feel as law enforcement officers we should have the best quality equipment in good condition."

Campus Police has four cruisers, four scooters and one four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Gade said security officers use the scooters primarily for parking lot patrols. Because there aren't quite enough scooters to go around, a sedan is used to help with parking lot checks, he said.

The cruisers are used basically for night patrol, Gade said. He said the sedans can hold two officers, which the scooters can't, and are

better for emergency work with their sirens and red lights.

Gade said the four-wheel drive vehicle, which was actually purchased by the department, was bought three years ago to help during snowstorms.

"It'll go anywhere," he said, "when nothing else is moving, we need it to pick up switch board operators, power plant people. It's for emergency situations—stranded students, people who have to get home. It's a welcome addition."

### Cost reduction program

Gade mentioned that the department would try a cost reduction program this next year. He said that Campus Security was thinking of trading in one cruiser for two scooters. The scooter force would handle all day-time activities and the patrol cars would be used only at night.

The cruisers get 8-10 miles per gallon, Gade said, while the scooters get about twice as many miles per gallon. Cost would be reduced by less gas consumption and less wear and tear on the sedans. He said the scooters also cost less to maintain.



Behind-the-handlebar instruction is part of the Nebraska ETV Network's motorcycle safety course.

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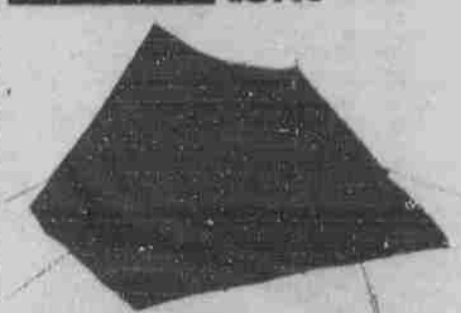
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