UNL police adopt Western-style hat

By Terri Willson

The Campus Police have adopted new headgear and have put their heads together to help save energy with the possible use of an electric car.

According to Campus Police Chief Gail Gada, the "new type of wearing apparel," which is a sheriff-style navy straw hat with creased middle and white rim, "sets the Campus Police off from other law enforcement officers." Gada further said this Western-style hat is "popular headgear" on other campuses, and is a change from the old uniform cap.

But new fashion is not the only modern concern of Campus Policemen. According to Gade, the force is deciding on purchasing an electric car (Elcar) which uses no gasoline and would cost .5 cent a mile to run on a charged battery.

Gade said he got the idea of experimenting with the Elcar from Campus Police at Iowa State University in Ames, who have two Elcars.

One Elcar from Ames now is being tested Gade said, to see how it functions and if it is suitable to Campus Police work. He said the UNL Purchasing Dept. will decide this fall on whether the Campus Police will buy an Elcar and if so, which model they will buy.

The Elcar would be a "savings to the university" and would cut down on noise and air pollution, Gade said.

He described the Elcar as a small foreign car which seats two. It is made of Fiberglass and is equipped with lights and horn. The Elcar, which originates from an Indiana distributor, runs 25 m.p.h. and goes an estimated 45 miles before needing recharging. If bought, Gade said, the Elcar will be driven in the city and on both City and East Campus.

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