

Flasher prowling Abel

A flasher, dressed in a trenchcoat, has been exposing himself to a girl in Abel residence hall, according to a Campus Police officer.

The officer, who didn't want to be identified, said all Campus Police officers received a memo from a residence hall director or a student assistant about the flasher.

According to the memo, the flasher, who wears a nylon stocking over his head, knocks on the door of a girl who lives in Abel.

"Evidently, it upsets her a lot," the officer said, adding that the girl simply faints each time she sees him. The officer also said the memo suggested that the flasher lives in Abel.

"We're supposed to keep an eye out for him," she added.

Campus Police Sgt. Al Broadstone said he had not received any complaints about flashing.

"I can't even think of one that has been committed in the last month," he said.

Broadstone said the last reported incident was in September. He said flashes most commonly occur in the library stacks.

"The last one I can remember that has been reported occurred in front of the Women's P.E. Bldg.," he said. "The guy was standing out there totally nude."

Broadstone said flashers usually are persons who have been arrested before. He said the women who report flashing to the police usually can identify the person from mug shots.

He said if women would report flashings to police as soon as they happen, police could catch the person before he leaves the area.

However, immediate reports usually are not made, he said.

"Usually the girls wait until they get back to their rooms, or even until the next day to call," Broadstone said, adding that women sometimes do not even report it to the police.

Campus Police Chief Gail Gade said there was a case recently when a person went into one of the residence halls where a girl was showering, opened the shower curtain and then left. Gade said similar incidents often happen.

Persons caught exposing themselves can be charged with indecent exposure.

Power dispute unresolved until end of academic year

It may be the end of the academic year before the final ruling is made on the power debate between NU Board of Regents and the Nebraska Legislature.

John Gourley, university general counsel, said the regents will cross-appeal Nebraska Atty. Gen. Paul Douglas' appeal made Friday to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Douglas appealed Lancaster County District Judge Samuel Van Pelt's ruling which said the Legislature has control over general appropriations to NU.

The regents Appeal, which hasn't been written yet, Gourley said, must be filed within 30 days of Douglas' appeal. Each side must brief the appeals.

Gourley said a briefing takes 60 to 90 days, followed by 30 to 60 days before the suit's hearings.

The earliest time a decision could be made is in the spring, he said.

State Assistant Atty. Gen. Pat O'Brien, who is handling the case, said the state has filed notices of appeal, but hasn't written it yet.

The appeal will call for modification of Van Pelt's ruling on five counts, he said.

O'Brien said the requests include modification of legislative control over the board's expenditures, modification of legislative statutes involving contracts, capital improvements and computer operations, and modification of Van Pelt's requirement that the governor and the Legislature approve gifts of more than \$10,000.

Gourley said the university counsel will "attack all provisions that the court didn't adopt." However, he said he cannot specify those until the appeal is written.

"Newspapers have made a big deal over tuition clarification," Gourley said, but "I've never seen that" in the Supreme Court ruling.

"I've always thought it was part of the university's self-generating funds, but I'm sure both sides will ask for clarification," he said.

The State Supreme Court would not handle the power question between the two bodies last year, O'Brien said, because "as a matter of course the Supreme Court doesn't handle original jurisdiction."

However, appeals are a matter of right, and are a Supreme Court function, he said.



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