

Smokies at UNL now equipped with radar unit

By Paula Dittrick

Motorists speeding about campus may find themselves stopped by a UNL Police cruiser equipped with a radar unit.

John Duve, assistant to UNL police director, said the "basically federally supported" highway program gave the unit to the UNL Police this summer.

The unit was among 91 units the Highway Safety Program helped buy in effort to reduce the number of speed-related deaths in Nebraska.

The unit, which is the size of a tape deck, will operate in either a stationary or moving capacity, Duve said.

Officers are being trained to use the unit, which Duve said has not yet been used around campus.

Level of safety

"We're not concerned about how many speeding tickets we can write, but we're concerned about accomplishing a level of safety," Duve said.

He said the unit will be used to create a "public relations program rather than as a crack down" on campus motorists. UNL Police plan to increase the number of speed limit postings and to issue a large number of warnings initially.

Duve said he hopes the use of radar can help increase an awareness of the need of safety and a sense of courtesy among students.

He claimed motorists display a total disregard for pedestrians and a lack of knowledge as to how fast they are going.

The radar probably will be used in various spots around campus, according to Duve, who said UNL Police are concerned with speeds on campus streets as well as the speeds on city streets running through campus.

He cited the East Campus Loop, and 15th and 17th streets as problem areas.

Streets monitored

UNL Police has authority anywhere within the state, Duve said. He said the city streets between the UNL campuses will be monitored.

"I don't think the university should take the attitude of some communities that we can't do anything until so many people get killed," Duve said.

He said radar will be used to gauge the average speed

Zorinsky is still taking off doors

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Sen. Edward Zorinsky opened a new door in Lincoln last week and made sure it would stay that way.

While visiting his new Lincoln office during opening ceremonies last week, it was only a matter of minutes before the freshman senator followed true to form and ordered the office door removed from its hinges.

Office manager Tom Ryan said this is typical of Zorinsky, who had the doors of his Omaha mayor's office and later his Washington, D.C. senate office removed as a sign of open government.

It will channel citizen input from Nebraska back to the senator's Washington office and provide an in-state information center for citizens' complaints and problems, Ryan said.

Since Lincoln is the seat of state government, the office will be in touch with major state issues, and be able to send representatives to appear in the senator's absence, Ryan said.

The office is inside the Federal Building at Centennial Mall and O Streets. Phone number for the office is 471-5246.

"People are calling wanting to know his (Zorinsky's) stand on certain issues, requesting budget information on the amount of money a federal agency is spending, and so on," Ryan said.

Ryan, a 1971 UNL graduate, will man the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. He has worked as Zorinsky's Lincoln field representative since March.

cars travel in certain areas. He predicted such research may be taken to the Lincoln City Council if the UNL Police request a change of the speed limit in certain areas.

The area on 17th Street between R and Holdrege streets is a possible spot that the UNL Police may ask for a lower speed limit, Duve said.

"There is a large amount of pedestrian traffic here and you've got a blind hill by Cather-Pound. The flow of traffic is coming from downtown and our feeling might be to request the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph to Vine Street."

He said this would affect the traffic flow and "an

engineering problem might be caused by a speed reduction."

Duve admitted there have been "very few" car-pedestrian accidents around campus. He said there have been incidents at the city crossing of 16th and S Streets and near the 501 Building on 10th Street.

He said he is anxious to see what will happen as a result of a radar program and added he "doesn't think it necessary to write tickets to get people to comply."

Any speeding ticket issued by UNL Police would be considered a moving violation and the offender would be charged \$10, Duve said.

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Top ROTC post goes to female

By Mary Jo Howe

It was a moment of glory for the new battalion commander of UNL's Army ROTC being sworn in Thursday under the glare of television lights. But the new commander claims that she will wait until the work starts before thinking about the glory.

She? That's right.

The first cadet colonel battalion commander is female, the first female promoted to that top position.

Linda Swanson, 21, is a fourth year member of ROTC, but she has really been in the army all her life. Her father is a retired army major and the Swanson family has lived in nearly every state during his career.

"I've just always wanted to be an officer in the army," Linda said. "My father didn't really have anything to do with it, except I love the travel."

Linda's goal is to work at military intelligence and see how high in rank she can go. She said her Spanish major and Italian and History minors should be an aid in that line of work.

Many awards

The pretty brunette is already a highly decorated soldier. Along with the commander position, she was honored Thursday as a Distinguished Military Student, which is based on grade-point average and leadership. She also has been named the number one cadet as a freshman and junior based on academic GPA.

She is a member of the Order of Meit, Phalanx—a Scholastic Military Fraternity, the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, the American Veterans of WWI, Korea, Viet Nam for Outstanding Contributions to the ROTC program, Reserve Officers Association, and the Pershing Rifles and Tactics group.



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Linda Swanson, first UNL woman in ROTC to become a battalion commander, is aided with her new epaulets by her father and Lt. Col. Buchmann.

Linda doesn't feel it's unusual for a woman to obtain the position of battalion commander, although this is the first year there have been senior women cadets.

Women were not allowed into the ROTC program at UNL until 1972, she said. Of the group that joined when she was a freshman, only two made it to the senior year.

But more women are joining all the time and she said she is certain there will be an increasing number of women in the top ranks.

Linda also is the first woman from UNL to go to the ROTC advanced summer camp at Ft. Louis, Washington.

For five weeks, she "played soldier"—driving tanks, leading attacks through fields of daisies and going to classes. She learned how to take apart and put together machine guns, the proper radio procedure, first aid and tips on survival.

Lack of sleep

About the only part of the camp she disliked was the lack of sleep. The cadets must be up at 5 a.m. and in bed by midnight.

"The ROTC program is great for building confidence, leadership, and getting the advance on a good job," she said.

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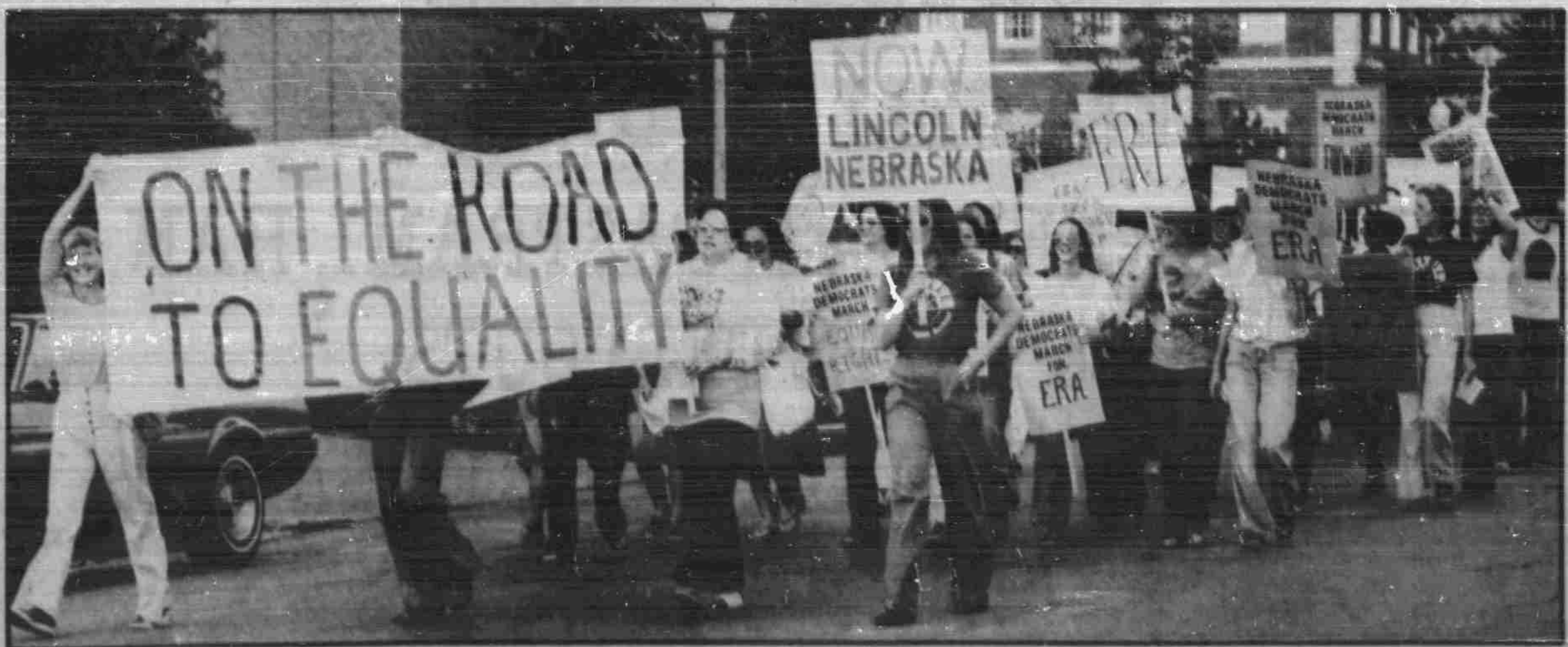


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Lincoln members of the National Organization of Women (NOW) walk in support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).