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More campus crimes reported

By Amy Lenzen

Despite a national trend of decreasing crime on college campuses, UNL Campus Police investigated about 15 percent more crimes in 1977 than in 1976, according to Sgt. Joe Wehner of the UNL Crime Prevention Bureau.

No homocides or rapes were reported in 1976 or 1977. Wehner said. Armed robbery reports decreased from one to zero and six vehicles were stolen in 1977, compared with nine in 1976. But reported burglaries increased from 36 to 65 and larcenies rose from 530 to 645.

However, Wehner said crime actually may not have increased.

"We really don't know whether crime increased or people just reported it more often," he said. "But in the past four years, there has been this increase in reported crime."

There also have been more arrests. In 1977 180 adults were arrested, compared to 157 in 1976. Charges against juveniles rose from 33 in 1976 to 58 in 1977.

Most arrests were not students, Wehner said.

"Sixty percent of all people we arrested were in no way connected with the campus," he said.

Wehner said the campus' relaxed atmosphere attracts non-campus people.

Students were arrested more often than non-campus people for disturbing the peace, minor in possession of alcohol and drug possession. Non-students were arrested



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for larceny, burglary and stolen vehicle charges.

The most commonly stolen articles from dorm rooms and offices are billfolds, pocket calculators and textbooks.

"Many students don't realize that if he steals enough textbooks, the thief can make quite a lot of money reselling them," Wehner said.

Most thefts occur when students are returning from or leaving for vacations, according to Wehner. At those times, there is much confusion and a thief can easily go unobserved, he said.

Most larcenies now are occurring in the academic buildings, Wehner said. This is a change from 1976 when most occurred in dorms.

The crime rate on East Campus is lower than on City Campus, Wehner said. Fewer non-campus people frequent East Campus, he said.

In an effort to reduce theft in academic buildings and during the moving-out period, Wehner said, police will distribute informative publications later this semester.

Wehner said locked offices and dorm rooms are the most effective crime deterrents. He also recommended that students engrave their student identification numbers on belongings.

"And we ask that they report crime more," he said.



NUPIRG is sponsoring a seminar on "Citizen strategy" at 6 tonight in the Nebraska Union. Room number will be posted.

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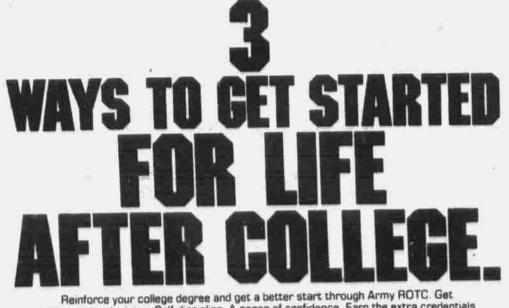
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