

# Recreation department sponsors trips into wilderness

By Kathy Chenault

Backpacking through wilderness terrain or rafting down a river nicknamed the "river of no return" may not sound like the most relaxing way to spend the last week of summer vacation, but that's what two groups of UNL students and staff members are doing.

Eight students and two staff members of the backpacking group left Lincoln last Monday for Targhee National Forest in Wyoming. The rafting group, of eight students and three staff members, departed Saturday en route to the Salmon River in Idaho. The UNL Recreation Department is sponsoring both groups.

Dan Steller, recreation director and leader of the backpacking trip, said everyone interested in going was told what they would face.

"I stressed the types of situations we would be in, that we would each be carrying a lot of weight (50-60 pounds each) and that we would be climbing some pretty rugged territory," said Steller before leaving Lincoln.

Similar pre-trip information was provided to potential rafters by Mark Ebel, outdoor recreation coordinator and head of the Salmon River journey.

**Toughest part already behind**  
The backpackers have the toughest part

of their trip behind them, according to Steller.

"The first couple of days are the toughest because the trails aren't much more than mule paths which can be very steep and very narrow," he said.

The backpackers spent the first night in Driggs, Idaho, preparing to enter the Wyoming forest. The first few days of actual packing were taken at a slow and easy pace.

"The reason for this is to give the packers a chance to adjust to the higher elevation and to minimize the effects of the altitude," explained Steller.

"We will be climbing to some points over 10,000 feet, so naturally body functions will be altered," he said. "But we want to reduce this as much as possible."

### Rafters in wild country

Like the backpackers, the rafting group also is confronting some wild territory, but in the form of water.

According to Ebel, also interviewed before his group departed, the Salmon River is famous among white water enthusiasts.

"In fact, we recently learned that President Carter is going to be on the river for a family vacation at the same time," said Ebel.

According to Ebel, the first river-running down the Salmon was done by miners. "When they got to the bottom of the river they would dismantle their boats since they had no way to get back to the top. This is how the river gained the reference as "river of no return."

"At this time of year the waves are up to six feet high and the river grading drops about 25 feet per mile," he said.

### Packers prepare meals

According to the leaders of both groups, the backpackers and rafting members are on high carbohydrate diets while away.

"Most of the meals are high in carbohydrates because they are less burdensome and preserve better," said Ebel. He added that a limited supply of meat and refrigerated items also are taken in coolers.

The packers are divided into groups of two, each group responsible for preparing its own meals.

Each group has a frying pan with cover, and a tin can to cook with. They were also given recipe pamphlets and bread-making instructions.

The rafting group brought groceries and packaged them before departing. Ebel said they are concerned with keeping the bulk of their groceries down so they won't take up much room in the rafts.

Both groups are scheduled to return Sunday.

# Radars, police cadets to bring more UNL traffic regulation

By Kate Gaul

A new radar system and the use of University Police cadets will mean stricter enforcement of campus parking and traffic regulations this fall, according to Captain Kenneth Markle.

The radar will be in use on city and east campus streets and streets bordering the campuses, Markle said.

Streets of particular concern are 14th, 16th and 17th streets and east campus, where students have a tendency to be "heavy-footed," he noted.

For speeding on campus, students can be fined \$10. If the ticket is not paid within 20 days, the fine is increased to \$20. Students will get a city citation when caught speeding on streets that border campus and are subject to city fines.

Markle said illegal parking has been a problem in the past, especially parking in unauthorized areas and parking with no valid permit.

### Patrolling more stringent

He said more stringent patrol, aided by the use of six uniformed cadets, will help lessen the problem. However, resurfacing work on Area 27, north of the Dental College and in Area 2, between Q and R streets, could complicate parking problems. Work should be completed by the second week of September, he added.

Fines for parking in an unauthorized area and parking with no valid permit are \$5, and increase to \$10 if not paid within 10 days.

The only increase in fines over last year is for improper display of permits. They have increased \$1 and are now \$2 and \$4 if not paid within 10 days.

Markle also said that because of the larger patrol force, students who have neglected to pay fines are more likely to have their vehicle impounded.

### No payment means towing

If a student has one or more parking violation tickets unpaid after 20 days, they can expect to have their car either wheel-locked or towed, Markle said.

Markle noted that to retrieve an impounded vehicle, the student must pay the original fines plus \$5 for a wheel-lock or \$20 for a tow.

Parking permits may be purchased August 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and August 28-30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sports Complex. Permits also may be purchased at the University Police Office, 1024 Avery Ave., beginning August 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Permits are \$35 for a year or \$20 for each semester.

Staff and special permits including those for the handicapped and graduate students, can be purchased at the University Police office beginning August 21, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To purchase permits, proof must be furnished of UNL employment or registration.

Copies of the UNL Parking and Traffic Rules and Registration can also be picked up at the University Police office.

# Clipping service in danger

A newspaper clipping service started in 1976 on the state's water issues will be discontinued if students and faculty do not use it, according to a staff member at the Nebraska Water Resources Center on East Campus.

M.L. Quinn, water resources specialist, said the service includes clippings from newspapers across the state concerning the Norden Dam project, actions of the Army Corp of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The clipping service could serve as a non-scientific, contemporary source for term papers, Quinn said.

She said the articles are organized according to topic.

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