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## Energy talks brief foreign scholars

Fullbright-Hayes scholars from Europe, Southeastern Asia, New Zealand and Central Europe this week convened for a four day seminar on energy problems in the United States at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

The seminar was opened Sunday by UNL Chancellor Roy Young. The 11 Fullbright-Scholars also were visited by three keynote speakers from other schools who discussed various energy problems.

Carl W. Hall, dean of the College of Engineering at Washington State University, discussed the responsibility of education to the problems of energy. Hall said energy education should begin in elementary school with physics and natural sciences and should continue through college.

Hall also discussed education in the People's Republic of China. Engineering education, missionaries,

factories, research institutions and planning commissions were topics concerning China that Hall covered.

Hall said the United States is not in an energy crisis situation. Reserves of oil will not run out but will become increasingly expensive. When energy consumes 50 percent of income, he said, the matter will become a crisis.

The relationship of education and energy was presented by Kenneth Picha, director of the Massachusetts University Office of Energy Research and Education. He said although there has been a recent lack of concern for the health of science in the United States, there are signs that federal initiatives to strengthen science are being considered.

John McKetta from the University of Texas explained to foreign students the proportions of the energy problem in the United States and outlined the approach the United States is taking to solve the problem.

## Fire marshal probing Abel blazes

Director of University Housing Douglas Zatechka was to meet last night with members of the student government to ask their cooperation in helping stop a series of fires that have been started in the trash chute at Abel Hall.

The State Fire Marshal has been called in to investigate the fires. Both Zatechka and an investigator from the fire marshal's office, Kenneth Kraus, say that while damage has been light, the potential of personal injury from smoke is very great.

"A lot of students feel, 'Hey, it's a fireproof building, there's no danger,'" Zatechka said. "But the stuff in the building isn't fireproof. It burns like the devil."

According to University Police, three fires have been started in Abel since Sunday.

Kraus said, "We feel somebody's packing the trash

chutes, then lighting them. I can't come right out and say it's arson, but it's a problem."

The fires normally end up in the trash container in the basement of Abel, and, once they become hot enough, activate the overhead sprinklers and the fire alarms, which forces the evacuation of Abel, according to Kraus.

Zatechka said monetary losses from the fires are minor and there have been no injuries so far.

"But you can't put a dollar amount on the loss of a life," he said.

Zatechka said the fire marshal's office has made some recommendations about putting an end to the fires. Some of the recommendations are being followed, he said, and others are under consideration.

## City employs van in deterring crime

Crime prevention on wheels in the form of the Community Service Van is part of the Lincoln Police Department's team policing effort according to Officer Vern Campbell, an LPD crime prevention specialist.

"It's gotten the word out to the people," Campbell said, explaining that the van is a converted mobile home housing displays on proper door locks and home alarms as well as crime prevention literature.

Anyone can call the police department and arrange for officers to talk to groups about different crime topics and see films or lectures in the van, Campbell said.

Cub Scout groups, neighborhood block-watching groups and businessmen have used the Community Service Van. Recently, it was displayed at Gateway Mall.

Campbell said the van was funded for public use through a federal grant about three years ago.

"We (LPD) were in a transitional phase," he said, which has developed into a community-based policing effort that emphasizes citizen involvement and awareness.

"Lincoln is geographically divided into five areas," he said, each of which is watched by a police captain, lieutenant, and team of officers, including a crime prevention specialist.

Campbell said the police do security surveys for their individual areas and try to get to know the people of the area.

"The main person to prevent crime is the citizen, not the policeman," he said.

"We can give them (citizens) the information to prevent crime, but they have to implement it."

Campbell said the Community Service Van, with its display boards and ample meeting room, has been important in getting crime prevention tips out to areas where people can conveniently take advantage of them.

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