

Student watch group prepares night patrols

By Kirk Zebolsky

The Student Watch Group, hoping to expand night patrols to East Campus, postponed its starting date because it needs more volunteers, President Troy Lair said.

The group has enough volunteers, most of them returning from last semester, to patrol City Campus, but not enough to patrol East Campus, Lair said.

Patrols will begin on City Campus Feb. 13, two weeks later than originally planned, Lair said. In the

meantime, group members are trying to recruit new volunteers, Lair said. New volunteers will receive orientation and training Feb. 13, 14 and 15, and will begin patrolling East Campus Feb. 20.

Lair said people have asked the group to patrol East Campus. The group sees a need for a patrol there because of lack of security, he said.

"There are doors to 24-hour dorms that are unattended and open," Lair said. "The lighting is worse than the lighting here on City Campus."

Since East Campus is a part of the university, Lair said, the group should include it when trying to make UNL safer.

Besides patrolling East Campus, the group plans to patrol Friday and Saturday nights if it recruits enough members within the next three weeks, Lair said.

Eighty volunteers patrolled last semester, and Lair said he hopes to double that figure this semester.

Student patrollers are civic-minded, Lair said, and have to be willing to give up their time without pay.

"They're trained to know what to do in an emergency," Lair said, "but their main purpose is to be a deterrent to crimes on campus."

Lair said he feels the group which began patrolling last semester started out well. Lair said the campus police department's yearly report will reveal whether the crime rate has lowered in areas the group patrolled.

Lair said the group plans to patrol indoors on cold nights this semester and to monitor the coming and going of students attending night class.

Lair said one problem the campus has at night is car-towing. A person has to walk to the police station, and somehow get to the towed-car lot, if his car has been towed after hours. Lair said 300 cars were towed after hours last semester.

The UNL Parking Advisory Committee will discuss the issue during its Feb. 10 meeting.

Association approves residence hall rate increase of 3.5 percent

By George Phillips

Residence hall rates may increase 3.5 percent next year if the NU Board of Regents approves the 1984-85 Housing Rates Study, Douglas Zatechka, the UNL director of housing said.

The possible increase, which the Residence Hall Association approved Thursday, would be the lowest increase among the Big Eight universities, Zatechka said. Double room rates would change from \$1,860 to \$1,925 per room per year, he said.

The actual cost increase, not including university overhead charges and the rounding factor, would be \$60.51 per room. Overhead charges, which meet the university requirement that the housing department always operate in the black, will cost \$1.82 per room, Zatechka said. The rounding factor raises each room's cost by \$2.67 and brings students' payments to an even amount, he said.

The 3.5 percent increase will cover the costs of housing expenditures and debts, which together total more than \$11 million.

Projected total expenditures, Zatechka said, total \$9.9 million. He listed the following as the main contributors: food, at \$2.7 million; office services, at \$1.7 million; and utilities at \$1.1 million.

The housing department will pay about \$1.2 million for debts accumulated from residence hall construction.

Zatechka said the quality of residence hall life will not decrease because of the new housing rates.

RHA also approved its 1984 spring budget. Treasurer Tom Lauder introduced a controversial change in executive salaries. Executive salaries in previous years were on a graduated scale. This semester, executive salaries will be \$150 for every executive officer.

RHA voted to join the Nebraska Association of Residence Halls.

John Christian, executive assistant and author of the motion, said the organization offers an opportunity for Nebraska colleges to exchange information.

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Police Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL Police Department between midnight and 6 p.m. Sunday:

12:05 a.m.—Two persons reported fighting near Cather Food Service. Persons were gone when officers arrived.

12:19 a.m.—Twenty-year-old male reportedly jumped from a second floor window in the 6000 building of Selleck Quadrangle. Person reportedly jumped following a domestic argument. He was taken by ambulance to Lincoln General Hospital where he is listed in good condition with cuts and bruises.

3:49 p.m.—Accident reported in Parking Area 1 at 17th and R streets. Estimated damage is \$50.

6 p.m.—Vehicle reported stolen at 1740 Vine St. Case was unfounded.

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