# UNL cops tops in recoveries

By Mike Weibel

UNL Police recovered the highest percentage of stolen property in the Big Eight last year, according to preliminary figures.

Bob Fey, a UNL Police information officer, said 38 percent of approximately \$150,000 in stolen property was recovered in 1983. The University of Colorado in Boulder ranked second, recovering 34 percent of the reported \$228,500 in stolen property.

"University statistics can be very misleading," Fey said. Property may be recovered from previous years and also from different places.

Last year, burglaries increased throughout the Big Eight, but UNL had the lowest number reported, with 116. However, the figure shows an increase of 26 burglaries from 1982 to 1983.

Kansas University in Lawrence recorded 212 burglaries last year, an increase of 45 from 1982.

Fey said statistics usually follow trends. If one university's burglary rate rises, others will do the

Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, with one of the lowest crime rates in 1982, refused to public-

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ize their statistics for 1983.

Crimes such as rape, assault and theft increased last year at UNL, Kansas and Kansas State.

UNL reported 906 total crimes in 1983, the second lowest after Kansas State's 834.

Fey said the increase may have resulted because the public reported more crimes than in past years. UNL's number of thefts, 730, was within the Big Eight range. Colorado had 874, and Kansas State,

Fey said the difference between burgiary and theft is that burglary is forced, like a break in, and theft is not.

In a separate category, UNL reported 138 items lost and never returned.

Nine vehicles were stolen from university property last year at UNL, but campus police recovered 12, showing again what Fey said are misleading

Fifty-five bicycles were stolen at UNL last year, with only seven recovered.

Cars and bicycles are worth more today than in previous years, which may be why thefts are high,

Another reason for the high rate, Fey said, may be the student populations at each university. Large numbers of students often reflect higher crime rates, Fey said.

## **Police** Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL Police Department between 2 p.m. Tuesday and 8 p.m. Wednesday: Tuesday

2:16 p.m. — Person reported ill at Schramm Hall. Person taken to Lincoln General Hospital.

3:30 p.m. - Statue reported vandalized at Sheldon Art Gallery. Estimated damage is \$50.

5:30 p.m. — Car window reported broken in Parking Area 12 at 14th and Vine streets. Estimated damage is \$100. Wednesday

9:16 a.m. — Two tables reported stolen from Burnett Hall. Estimated loss is \$140.

10:51 a.m. — Two computer disc drives reported stolen from Henzlik Hall. Estimated loss is \$600. 10:55 a.m. — Cash reported stolen from wallet at

616 N. 16th St. Estimated loss is \$10. 2:37 p.m. - Lincoln runaway reported found in

4 p.m. — Four hubcaps reported stolen from a car

in Parking Area 2 near Sandoz Hall. Estimated loss is \$125. 4:55 p.m. — Security alarm reported sounding at

South Stadium. The cause is unknown.

8:49 p.m. — A 19-year-old male resident of Abel Hall arrested for allegedly passing forged check. Checks were allegedly taken from a fellow floor resident. Arraignment was scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in Lancaster County Court.

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### U.S. naval bombardment kills general, ABC says

NEW YORK - ABC News reported Thursday that Wednesday's massive U.S. naval bombardment of positions around Beirut killed the commanding general of all Syrian forces in Lebanon and a large part of his general staff. Quoting intelligence sources, it said the command's bunkers were located near the town of Hammana, 15 miles east of Beirut, ABC News said sources both in the United States and Israel claim the shelling destroyed the Syrian communications and planning nerve center there which coordinates all movement of Syrian forces in Lebanon. According to military sources, after the suicide truck bombing that killed 241 U.S. servicemen at Beirut Airport in October, the western intelligence community located every key Syrian military installation in the region.

So, when the battleship New Jersey opened fire yesterday, Pentagon sources say its gunners knew exactly what targets to go after.

Military sources said 30 shells smashed into the key Syrian command bunker, each shell weighing about 2,000 pounds and capable of clearing an area half the size of a football field. Intelligence sources said the destruction of

#### the key Syrian installations was no accident. U.S. suffers defeat, Libyans say

BEIRUT, LEBANON - Libyan officials Thursday said the United States had suffered a "stunning defeat" in Lebanon and was resorting to "gunship policy" to extricate itself. The official Libyan News Agency JANA, monitored in Beirut, said: "The Reagan administration, relying on gunship policy, is trying to emerge from the stunning defeat it suffered from Lebanese national forces in Arab Lebanon. This seems to be the first time a big imperialist power has tried to cover up its defeat and the failure of its policy and aggressive plans by a cowardly and speedy evacuation by sea." JANA said Reagan's decision to withdraw the 1,600 U.S. marines from Beirut "was dictated by the crushing nationalist blows to the marines . . .

### Cosmonauts transfer to station

MOSCOW — The three cosmonauts aboard the Soviet Soyuz T-10 spacecraft docked their vehicle with the orbiting Salyut-7 space station Thursday and moved into the station, the official news agency Tass reported. The Soyuz T-10 blasted off from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Central Asia Wednesday. The crew transferred to the station in the latest phase of the Soviet program to develop permanently manned orbiting complexes. Tass said the crew had started work on "a vast program" of activities aboard the station. Their stay was expected to last several months.

The cosmonauts made no comment on the joking remark from one of the five American astronauts aboard the space shuttle Challenger that "it's getting pretty populated up here."

#### Senate votes to end filibuster

WASHINGTON - The Senate Thursday voted to end a filibuster blocking approval of a bill to impose the death penalty for major federal crimes such as attempted assassination of a president. By a 65-26 vote, the Senate broke the filibuster by death penalty opponents led by Sen. Edward Kennedy. Senate leaders said they expected final approval of the measure after a one-week Senate recess next week. The outlook in the House is uncertain.

#### New planetary system may form

ITHACA, New York - A new planetary system, not unlike the earth's solar system, might be forming around a star 500 light years away from the sun, a team of astronomers from Cornell University, the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Hawaii said Thursday. The team, using the world's largest telescopes, said they have detected a cloud of small, solid particles whose combined mass roughly equals that of the earth surrounding a recently formed star in the constellation Tauris.

This star, known as HL Tau, has about the same mass as the sun but is located about 500

light years away. The team of astronomers said that the cloud showed that conditions around HL Tau are right for the formation of a planetary system. The astronomers added that the moons and planets of the Earth's solar system were formed by the agglomeration of small dust particles.