

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL Police Department between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday:

8:59 a.m. — Security alarm reported sounding at Brace Hall. Employee accidentally sounded alarm.

9:43 a.m. — Wallet reported lost or stolen on City Campus.

10:30 a.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from car parked near Nebraska Hall.

11:10 a.m. — Stereo equipment reported stolen from car in Parking Area 3 on New Hampshire Street.

1:22 p.m. — Misdemeanor assault belatedly reported near 15th and Vine streets. Person was struck by unknown jogger.

3:01 p.m. — Typewriter elements reported stolen from Teachers College.

5:01 p.m. — Loud stereo disturbance reported at 22nd and Vine streets.

Officers contacted the persons responsible.

6:32 p.m. — Person reported suffering from a cut foot in Parking Area 5 near 16th and W streets. Person was treated and released at the University Health Center.

6:52 p.m. — Cars reported moved out of their parking stalls in Parking Area 6 near Burr Hall on East Campus. Persons responsible were warned by officer.

9:38 p.m. — Unidenti-

fied person reported removing emergency phone from its hook in Hamilton Hall. Person was gone when officer arrived.

9:45 p.m. — Ring belatedly reported stolen at Harper Hall.

Proposal changes options for freshman registration

By George Phillips

The director of admissions and advising said Wednesday at an ASUN meeting that a possible registration change would require incoming freshmen to either attend New Student Orientation in the summer or register for classes during general registration instead of mailing in pre-registration packets.

Al Papik said he also wants to help high school students register, rather than letting them choose classes themselves. UNL should try to get representatives from the different colleges involved in this effort, Papik said.

The changes should personalize registration and improve efficiency Papik said. Making the adjustment to college life easier could help decrease the 27-percent drop out rate between freshman and sophomore years, Papik said. He said the statistics were compiled in a study by Chancellor Massengale.

The program should eliminate freshman registration frustrations because students would receive academic counseling from advisers in their college. The advisers could review students' records and decide which courses students should take. Currently, 20 percent of new students have incorrect academic programs because they changed their majors by the time they enroll, Papik said. Incoming freshmen also have their schedules returned as incomplete 52 percent of the time because of scheduling conflicts, Papik said.

About half of all incoming freshmen now attend orientation, Papik said. Since the program would eliminate the option of mail-only registration, orientation attendance should increase, he said.

Enrollment also might be increased with this program. UNL admits about 6,000 students a year. Of those, about 4,000 actually enroll, Papik said.

Massengale and UNL college deans have given support to the idea in principle but have requested more information on specific funding and program changes, Papik said.

Senators raised concern about the NSO attendance requirement, saying it could create a hardship for students who live far away from Lincoln or have summer work conflicts.

Papik said he agreed that hardships may arise but said students can afford one day to start off right in college. He also said Nebraska is the only Big Eight college that has mail-only registration.

In other business, ASUN passed a resolution making the Nebraska vs. Colorado football game the 1984 Migration Game, which ASUN and Cornco members attend together.

Another resolution that the senate passed supports the planned expansion of student legal services to include litigation services. President Mark Scudder said the expansion had the support of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

The senate approved 21 appointments to various councils, committees and boards.

Area paper screams for more readers following first issue

Because it is imperative that people's thoughts and beliefs be heard, the *Siren* newspaper was born, according to Eric Shanks, the newspaper's producer.

Shanks said the newspaper began as a literary magazine, produced by he and a few friends with ideas they wanted in print.

"Through essays, poems, and short stories, the special quality I've observed in my friends through the years can be enjoyed by as many people as we can reach," Shanks said.

The second \$1 issue of the *Siren* currently is on sale at 14 bookstores and newsstands. The last issue was free, Shanks said.

"This issue we are charging the outrageous price of \$1 simply to see how many readers we have," he said. "Now that I know that so many people will read the *Siren*, the next issue will be half the cost."

Getting the paper distributed for readership and response is the paper's most important goal now, Shanks said. Shanks said that after six days of distribution to newsstands and bookstores, 25 percent of them sold.

However, Shanks said that distribution is a problem. "I'm very dissatisfied with the local news agency because they will not distribute my paper because they say it's not sellable," he said. "Here is a local enterprise that could serve another local enterprise yet refused to support it for purely economic reasons."

Most of the writers of the *Siren* do not know each other, Shanks said. Two of these are UNL professors, he said. The paper also receives many of its stories in the mail, he said. Most of the artwork is done by hand and Shanks puts in photographs for beautification, he said.

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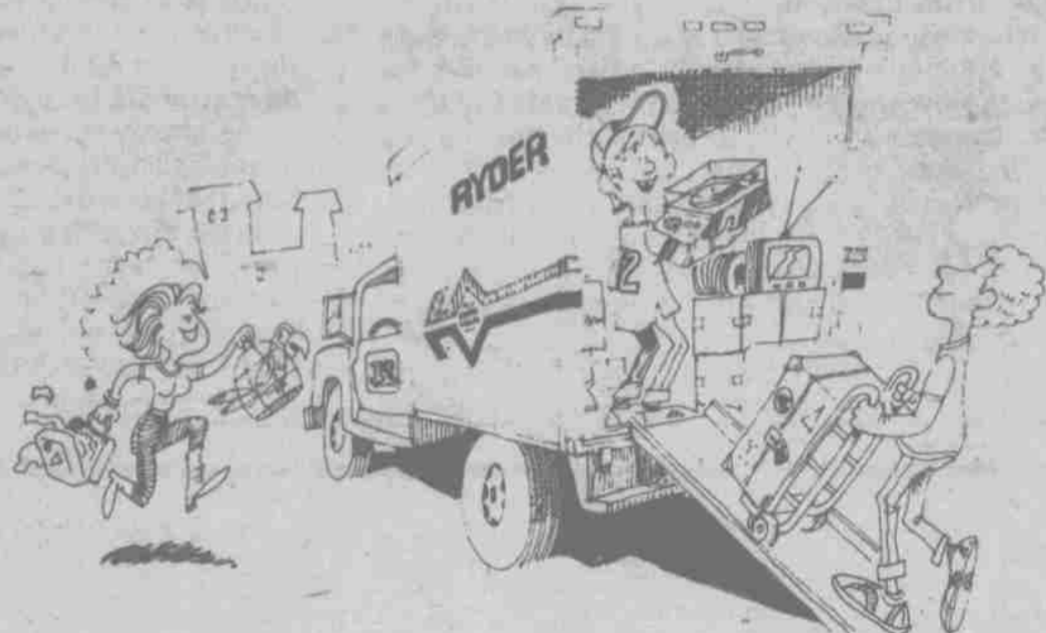
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