

Precautions can help students avoid crime

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Police hope to reduce the number of simple, opportunity thefts this fall, said UNL crime prevention officer Bob Fey.

Last year, 850 thefts — the most frequently occurring crime at UNL — were reported to the UNL police department.

Most of the items reported stolen were personal belongings, such as bookbags, wallets, purses, checkbooks and coats. Many students are not "keeping an eye on their belongings," Fey said.

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UNL crime prevention officer

"Thefts occur most frequently when the victim feels comfortable in laying a possession down" and leaving it unattended, Fey said.

"No building on campus is immune" to theft, he said.

Also, last year 156 burglaries and 39 assaults were reported to UNL police, but these statistics were not high compared to other universities, such as Kansas State University and Iowa State University, Fey said.

Pat Glasier, coordinator of residential education at UNL, advises students living in UNL residence halls to keep their doors locked when going to the bathroom, cafeteria or another room. The UNL police department's residence hall security track advises students "to

lock your doors — even during short naps or while you are just down the hall."

"Use some common sense in keeping valuables at home," Glasier said. "Do not bring your \$5,000 watch that grandmother gave you for Christmas."

Valuables such as purses, wallets, checkbooks, cameras and calculators, should be kept out of sight, Fey said.

Glasier advised students to "be aware of strangers loitering suspiciously in hallways or stairwells.

"Confront them. Ask them what they are up to, and if you can't, have someone else — like a resident assistant — do it," Glasier said.

The 850 reported thefts (excluding two car thefts) last year averages to 2.32 thefts per day.

Students' bookbags should never be left unattended, Fey said.

"A student's 'life' is often contained in them — wallet, homework, keys, calculators, besides their books," he said.

When students go to buy books at the bookstores during the first and second week's rush to buy books, security guards will be present, watching the traffic around the unattended bookbags. Students are not allowed to bring bookbags into the bookstores.

When students move into UNL residence halls, extra security staff will be there "to make sure things don't walk off," Glasier said.

Nothing is secure from theft, including bicycles.

Fifty-eight bicycles were reported stolen during 1984, and a "significant increase" in bicycle thefts — 24 — were reported between April and June during the same time last year, accord-

ing to Joe Wehner, who works in the UNL police criminal investigation and prevention department.

Wehner advised students to lock their bicycles to a bicycle rack that people frequently walk by, making it more conspicuous for the thief. Bicycles should be locked with a heavy chain and lock, not with a "plastic coated wire and cheap lock," Wehner said.

Glasier said students who live in UNL residence halls can put their bicy-

cles in their rooms.

Thefts from cars also occur at UNL, Fey said.

"Lock your car and roll up your windows — especially if you have an expensive stereo with a power booster and speakers," Fey said.

Vandalism is second to thefts in frequency at UNL, he said.

"Some people confuse vandalism with cranks or pranks," he said. Vandalism occurs when property is damaged or destroyed, he said.

"If you see someone loitering around a parking lot and looks suspicious, don't hesitate in calling us," Fey said.

Most sexual assaults at UNL are acquaintance-rape types, Glasier said.

"I would not advise women to walk alone at night," she said.

Fey agreed with her and said that, although no sexual assault cases were reported to UNL police during 1984, the crime could go unreported.

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