

Overdue, stolen books bind library to rules

By Tammy Sopinski
Staff Reporter

Students with overdue books and fines may find themselves unable to register for classes next semester, university library officials said.

"To the individual student it looks very unfair, but overall it works really well," said Anita Cook, chairperson of general services for the library.

Enforcement of the rules governing theft and overdue books is needed to alleviate the annual losses suffered by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Love Library, officials said.

When a student is caught leaving with library property, desk workers take the student's name, address and Social Security number to discourage other incidents. The third time the student is caught leaving the library with a book or magazine, library officials call the police, she said.

Cook said "being stern" has been effective. "Some people tried on a regular basis to walk out with materials," she said.

Cook estimated the library loses about 10 percent of its total material each year from theft. That number is low compared to the 20- to 30-percent loss at the city branch libraries that do not have security systems, she said.

Because Love Library lacks an inventory, it has no way of knowing if material has been stolen until a stu-

dent requests a missing book.

A student's transcript also may be held until the student returns a book. The library gives three notices to students, then a bill is sent for the missing material.

Any time students receive a notice, they can turn in an already-returned claim and the library will begin a thorough search for the book.

"We have a person that the major part of their job is looking for these books," Cook said. "It's a very formal and thorough process."

After the eight-week search, students are billed again. Although the librarian may occasionally forget to check the book back in and return it to the shelf, it is generally not the library's fault, Cook said.

About five or six books that a library worker did not check back in return to the shelves every week, she said. This is a small number compared to the 20,000 to 30,000 books checked out each month, she said.

"Oftentimes students just forget they have them, or they will put them back on the shelf themselves to avoid a fine," Cook said.

Once students pay the fine for a missing book, the library continues to look for the book for a year. If it finds the book, the student's money is returned. The library collects about \$15,000 to \$16,000 each year in fines to replace lost materials.

Three students arrested for obscene calls

From Staff Reports

Three University of Nebraska-Lincoln students were arrested in connection with an intimidation-by-phone investigation last week.

Timothy Tray, Douglas Richling and Frederick Morris were cited for intimidation by phone last Tuesday.

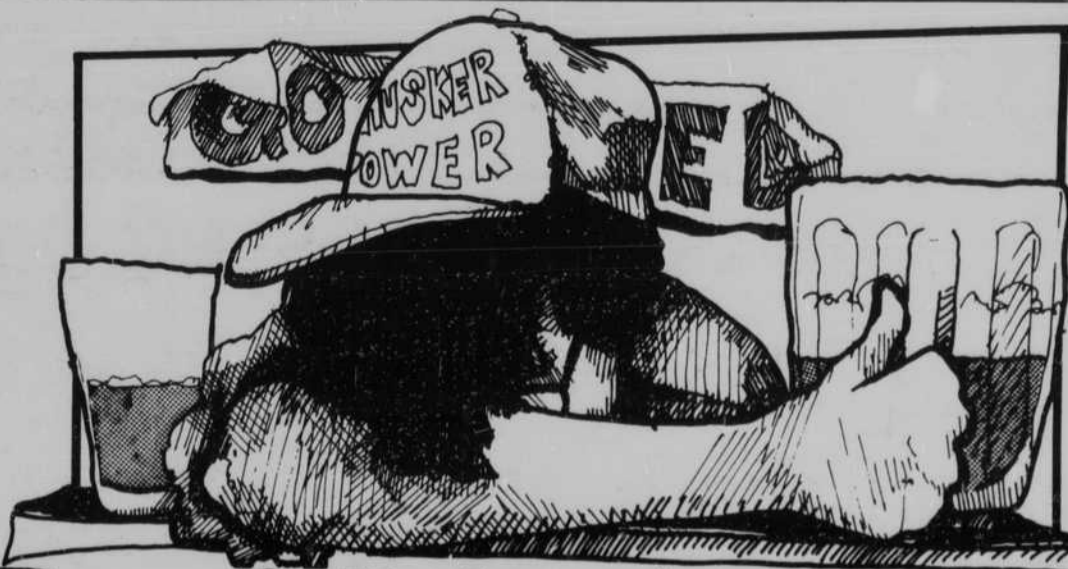
The suspects, all Cather Hall residents, were cited following a complaint made Nov. 13 by a Pound Hall

resident.

Intimidation by phone includes obscene, nuisance and annoying phone calls, said Cpl. William Manning of the UNL Police Department.

The call allegedly made by the suspects was "your basic obscene phone call," Manning said.

The suspects will go to court Dec. 7. The possible punishment for committing an intimidation by phone misdemeanor is \$500, three months in jail or both, Manning said.



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Bars full despite NU loss

By Amy Edwards
Senior Reporter

Lincoln bar owners said Sunday that Nebraska's 17-7 loss to Oklahoma Saturday didn't quench Nebraska fans' thirst after the game.

Doug Durand, manager of the Sidetrack Tavern, 935 O St., said business at the Sidetrack Saturday night could be summed up with a quote by the late state Sen. Terry Carpenter, "When Nebraska wins, bar business is good and when they lose, it's great."

Durand said there were 30 Sidetrack employees, including band members, working at one time Saturday night, as opposed to the usual 10 or 11 employees who work on weekends.

The crowd at the Sidetrack was calmer than usual, Durand said, but the management still had to "subdue" about 30 rowdy patrons.

Al Hummel, owner of Duffy's Tavern, 1412 O St., said Nebraska's loss didn't affect anyone's attitude at Duffy's Saturday night.

"They all seemed to be having a

good time," Hummel said, "We sold ungodly amounts of fish-bowls."

Hummel said the crowd "fizzles out" at about 7 p.m. on most football Saturdays, but the crowd this Saturday partied at Duffy's until 1 a.m.

Mary Orth, the kitchen manager at Chesterfield, Bottomsley and Potts, 245 N. 13th St., said there was "standing room only" in the bar during the televised NU-OU game.

Orth said Chesterfield's went through more than 100 kegs and had three different beer deliveries on Saturday to accommodate football fans.

The crowd at Chesterfield's was more subdued than usual, Orth said. A man sitting outside the bar told Orth he had planned for the game four months in advance, and broke his plastic keys to 'our house' in mourning for the Husker's loss, she said.

Bob Kaminski, owner of the Brass Rail, 1436 O St., said there were more people than expected at the bar, but Nebraska fans were in bad moods.

Kaminski said some Oklahoma

and Nebraska fans started harassing each other, but they were asked to leave before any fights broke out.

Hank Bauer, manager of P.O. Pears, 322 S. 9th St., said P.O. Pears had one of its biggest sales ever Saturday night.

Bauer said that he had enough employees, but not enough beer for the unexpectedly large crowd.

Dave Moreland, co-owner of O'Rourke's Lounge, 121 N. 14th St., said the crowd was steady all night, but he had anticipated a bigger rush after the game.

Moreland said there was a line outside the bar from 11:30 p.m. until closing, and the crowd at O'Rourke's drank heavily.

Capt. Edward Ragatz of the Lincoln Police Department said officers on duty Saturday night reported an "extremely busy night."

Ragatz said there were several parties broken up by police, but that officers had anticipated a busy evening.

"It seems like every time we have an OU game, we're extremely busy," he said.

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