

New work-study procedures allow students to pick jobs

By Natalie Weinstein
Staff Reporter

New procedures in the work-study program may be causing some confusion.

John Beacon, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said that in the past his office automatically has matched students to campus positions.

Beginning this semester, students who receive work-study as part of their financial-aid package must find jobs themselves, mainly through the part-time job board in the Nebraska Union.

Only about one-third of the authorization notices have been picked up from the financial aid office. The notices are needed before students can interview for work-study jobs.

Work-study has been offered to about 3,000 UNL students for the fall and spring semesters, Beacon said. About 1,200 so far have rejected the offer, he said.

As of Thursday afternoon, about 603 of the remaining 1,800 students had picked up their authorization notices. Students who reject work-study still can receive the work-study money as part of their student loans. But students who don't work must pay back that money.

Beacon said he isn't sure why more students had not picked up their authorization notices. Some might be waiting until they have more time to apply for jobs, he said. Others might

not even realize that there is a change in the procedures, Beacon said, even though everyone was notified by mail.

Forty-four UNL departments took part in a work-study job fair Aug. 24. All eligible students were notified about the fair by mail.

"The response was disappointing," Beacon said.

The new system is supposed to benefit students, campus employers and financial aid office workers.

Beacon said students now can find jobs they are interested in, instead of having to accept randomly assigned positions.

Thus, campus employers are more likely to have qualified students working for them, such as chemistry majors, instead of English majors, working as chemistry lab assistants. Financial aid office workers also benefit by having to do less work.

Work-study allows students who applied by the March 1 deadline to earn up to \$1,500 -- another change. Previously students could only earn up to \$1,000.

"I want them to take advantage of this," Beacon said of the eligible students.

The program benefits students in two ways, he said. First, the money students earn as part of work-study will not count against students as income on next year's financial-aid need assessment. Second, students can graduate owing less money, he said.

A gift from KFOR Police bikes are patrol possibility

By Amie DeFrain
Staff Reporter

Thanks to donations and a local radio station, Lincoln police officers soon may be patrolling the city on mountain bikes.

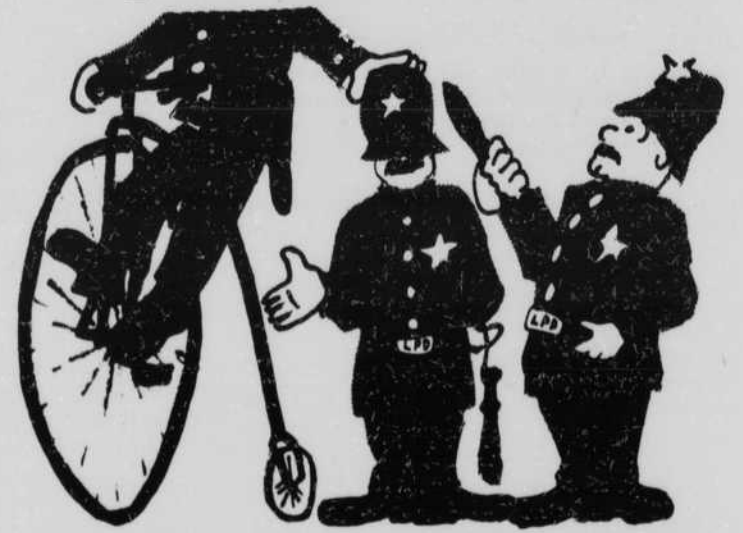
Brad Hartman, KFOR station manager, said the eight Cannondale bikes are a gift from the radio station and participants in an August KFOR fund-raiser called "Volksbike."

The bikes were bought from Bike Pedalers, 1353 S. 33rd, for \$375 each, he said.

Capt. Ed Ragatz of the Lincoln Police Department said that in the past, officers used their own bikes for nighttime undercover projects.

The department hasn't kept specific records on how many times bikes were used in Lincoln police operations, he said.

Cities like Seattle have bike patrol units that ride daily, Ragatz said. These unit officers sport matching uniforms and use specialized bike gear, he said.



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Ragatz said uses of the new bikes by the LPD are in the planning stages.

He said he still wants bikes used for nighttime projects, but is thinking about having officers patrol the downtown area and parks during

the day as well. "Bicycles have a whole gamut of uses (for the department)," he said.

Ragatz said the decision to use the bikes will be left to each of the four patrol area supervisors.

Potential demonstrators discouraged by fear of breaking the law, activist says

By Michelle Cheney
Staff Reporter

Many people have trouble voicing their convictions against abortion because they are afraid of breaking the law, an anti-abortion activist said Thursday.

Denny Hartford, chairman of the Omaha Christian Action Council, told about 50 people that the fear of being civilly disobedient may prevent some Christians from demonstrating in anti-abortion activities.

Speaking at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law on East Campus, Hartford said he has been arrested for praying on the steps of the Supreme Court and for praying across the street from abortion clinics.

Hartford said he thinks his actions are an example of a defense of necessity. He said this defense holds that potentially illegal activities are considered acceptable if they contribute to a greater end.

Hartford used the example of saving a girl from a burning house. He said he might have to break and enter to save her, but he would not be charged for any crimes because it would be necessary to commit a crime for the greater good of saving a life.

He said saving an unborn child is a necessary and good end to achieve. This is why he considers his anti-abortion activities to be a defense of

necessity. This defense usually is unacceptable in court for anti-abortion demonstrations, Hartford said. He said some laws that rarely are enforced in other cases are used against pro-lifers.

For example, he said, he was praying across the street from an abortion clinic with two other people when he was arrested for not having a parade permit.

Hartford said picketing and sit-ins interrupt the status quo and police like to stop small demonstrations before they snowball.

In a post-speech interview, Hartford said violent protests are wrong. He said he would not condone activities such as bombing abortion clinics.

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Awareness was the goal of the vigil, said Nanci Rivenburg, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student and vigil organizer.
"I don't want people to be able to forget violence," Rivenburg said.
The vigil, originally scheduled for Aug. 31, was postponed by organizers so the link to the murder of J. Eric Jones would not be as close, said Dave Whitaker, a UNL student and organizer of the vigil.
Jones was shot Aug. 27 at a Lincoln party. The crowd was a mix of homosexuals, heterosexuals, blacks and whites.
"We were trying to avoid making him into a martyr," Whitaker said.
"Having a death so close to home finally made people get off their butts and do something," Rivenburg said.
Karen Eckery, a counselor at the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center, told the group that hatred and violence continues when people laugh at a racist joke or make fun of homosexuals.
"When you leave here, take the message that we will not accept the violence," Eckery said.
John Taylor, chairman of the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, encouraged all participants to lobby for a hate-crime bill that is pending before the U.S. Senate.
The bill will be voted on this month, Taylor said.
The bill, if passed, would require the U.S. Justice Department to gather statistics on violent crimes, Taylor said. The statistics would make it possible to pass additional legislation against violent crimes, he said.

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design a recruiting strategy and develop a pool of candidates.
The association's services cost \$19,800 plus expenses. A search generally lasts four to six months, Stead said.
Sharp said Leadership Development Associates' services also include a pre-search study. The firm charges \$800 a day per professional person working on the study.
The firm's services generally cost between \$16,000 and \$22,000, he said.
All of the consultants said more extensive pre-search studies last longer and add to the cost.
Following the meeting, Blank said that while a consultant will be needed for the presidential search, none of the presentations convinced him that an outside consultant is needed for the internal analysis.
Any internal analysis would have to last longer than a few days, Blank said, which is how long most of the consultants had said the normal pre-search study would last.
But Blank said he agreed with a point Sharp made in his presentation -- that an outside consultant can provide an objective opinion in such an analysis.

Micro Madness
Free Microcomputer Classes
The Computing Resource Center is offering free microcomputers seminars to UNL faculty, staff, and students. The seminars will feature an introduction to Microsoft Word on the Macintosh.
No reservations. Macintosh sections are limited to 15.
Macintosh seminars will be held in Henzlik microcomputer lab.
Microsoft Word on the Macintosh
Tuesday, September 12 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Wed., September 13 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

police
REPORT
Beginning midnight Wednesday Sept. 6
2:53 a.m. -- Three males reported prowling vehicles parked in Areas 1, 2 and 20 near 1820 R St. No arrests.
11:06 a.m. -- Hit-and-run, non-injury accident reported in Area 39 near Vet Basic Sciences, \$400.
11:44 a.m. -- Microwave oven stolen from Phi Delta Theta fraternity, \$88.
2:34 p.m. -- Bookbag reported stolen by University Bookstore in Nebraska Union, \$100.
5:59 p.m. -- Seat covers reported stolen from vehicle parked in Area 20 near Harper-Schramm-Smith, \$50.