

# Shop owner's case is delayed by plea

By Michael Ho  
Staff Reporter

A plea filed by a Lincoln automotive repair shop owner's attorney has delayed the owner's prosecution for at least a month, a deputy county attorney said this week.

Judson R. Cushing, owner of Judson Automotive Ltd., 601 N. 27th St., is charged with one count of theft and with two counts of theft by deception.

The state filed the charges in March on behalf of two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and a UNL graduate.

Cushing's attorney filed a plea in abatement Monday. A plea in abatement is a request that a judge review again the evidence in the case to ensure

that probable cause exists for a trial. Because the judge will have to review 1,700 pages of transcripts, a decision isn't expected until late September, said David Stempson, Lancaster County deputy attorney.

No trial date can be set until a decision has been reached on the plea.

The theft charge is a result of allegations by Katharine Taber, a UNL law student who took her car to Judson Automotive last year for an estimate on clutch and engine repairs.

She has testified that Judson Automotive dismantled the car and started repairs without her authorization. The shop refused to release the car until she paid \$439 for the unauthorized repairs, she testified.

The state alleges that that constitutes actual theft of the car, not attempted theft, because the shop deprived Taber of her car for 20 days.

The two charges of theft by deception were filed after two students testified that Judson Automotive charged them for new parts after the shop dismantled the cars' engines and re-installed the old parts.

A fourth charge of criminal mischief was dismissed June 27 by Judge Gale Pokorny, who cited insufficient evidence to support the charge.

At the arraignment in District Court July 18, Cushing declined to respond to the charges. As a result, the court entered automatic pleas of not guilty on all three counts.

Theft of property worth more than \$1,000 is a Class III felony, punishable by a maximum of 25 years in prison and a fine of \$25,000. Theft by deception is a Class IV felony, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.



Tom Kunz, junior news-editorial major, watches as his ID card is scanned at the University Bookstore. Starting this semester, the photo ID card will be the only one accepted at UNL.

Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan

## Gay/lesbian group gets \$4,590 grant

The Gay/Lesbian Student Association has received a \$4,590 grant from the Chicago Resource Center.

The grant was awarded to fulfill three areas of need, a press release said.

First, GLSA will hire a part-time staff person.

Second, the grant will enable GLSA to expand the Gay/Lesbian Resource Center through the purchase of additional books, audio and visual tapes and subscriptions to periodicals and circulators.

Third, the grant enables the GLSA to maintain general operating costs incurred by the resource center.

# UNL students to see fees increase by 10.7 percent

By Jennifer Davis  
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New programs and higher staff salaries mean University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will be paying 10.7 percent more in student fees this year than last year, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Full-time students will pay \$155 in student fees per semester, while part-time students will pay \$70 per semester, Griesen said. About \$6.8 million in student fees should be collected, he said.

Each student will pay \$5.14 more for improvements to the Lee & Helene Sapp Recreation Facility, Griesen said. The fee will increase again when Phase III of the campus recreation project is completed.

A 9.3-percent salary increase for Fund B employees also raised student fees, Griesen said. Fund B finances the Nebraska Unions on City and East campuses, the Commonplace, the University Health Center and the Office of Campus Recreation.

A 38.5-percent increase in the cost of employee health insurance also contributed to the increase in student fees, Griesen said.

A 10-percent increase in fuel costs to run the unions, the Commonplace, the health center and campus recreation also raised fees, he said.

Fund A fees, which finance student-run organizations such as the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, the University Program Council and the Daily Nebraskan, are refundable to students upon request. Griesen said \$7.54 could be refunded, out of the \$155 to be paid this year in student fees.

ASUN fees are \$2.67, UPC fees \$4.03 and Daily Nebraskan fees \$3.84.

Fewer than 1 percent of university students request a refund, Griesen said. When students receive a refund of the UPC fees, they are ineligible to attend UPC-sponsored events, he said. Fund B fees are not refundable.

Each student pays \$23.94 to the Office of Campus Recreation, \$72.98 for the health center, \$29.04 for the unions and \$21.50 for debt service.

# Photo ID to be only accepted card

By Jennifer Dods  
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Only one identification card -- the photo ID -- is needed by students this year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said Doug Zatechka, director of university housing.

This is the second year UNL has used the student ID card and it will be the only one accepted throughout the university, including the libraries, residence halls and athletic games, Zatechka said.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Unions, said the card would be integrated fully at UNL this fall when the Nebraska Union cash registers are programmed to accept it as a charge card.

Swanson said about 23,000 students had photo IDs.

Warren Embree, systems coordinator of support services for the university, said about 1 percent of students, or 200 to 220, did not have ID cards yet.

"Students on campus this fall who don't have their cards will run into certain roadblocks," Swanson said.

To use the Lee & Helene Sapp

Recreation Facility, students must present their cards which will pass through a computer scanner to check their student status. Full-time students who have paid their student fees and part-time students who have paid special fees are allowed to use the center.

Scanners also are used by the athletic ticket office when students pick up tickets and enter football games with another student's football ticket. The residence halls use scanners to check whether students have paid their food service fees, Zatechka said.

"Electronic scanning is working very, very well," he said.

Other places on campus do not scan, but require that students show their ID cards. At the Office of Registration and Records, students must show their IDs when requesting transcripts.

At the student accounts office, they need their ID to pick up checks for loans and financial aid. At the bursar's office, they need it to receive paychecks.

Also, students must show their IDs at the University Health Center, at

student elections and to enter University Program Council events, Zatechka said.

UNL started the \$310,000 system last fall to combine several ID cards into one easy-to-use card, he said. The photo card also will keep students from abusing the system by preventing non-students from using student services and getting into football games.

All freshmen and students in residence halls received the cards last fall. Other students had a choice of the photo card or the old plastic cards, Zatechka said. In the spring semester, only photo IDs were given to those students wanting a valid ID. All UNL departments required the card except the libraries.

Anita Cook, coordinator of automated systems for the libraries, said that at the end of May, the libraries changed their computer systems to accept only the photo IDs.

Beginning and returning students don't need to do anything but update their photo IDs by filling out an application when they check out their first books from the libraries, Cook said.

# Freshman Friday gets new name, programs

By Kara Wells  
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The return of Freshman Friday to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this year is marked not only by a new name, Big Red Welcome, but by the addition of three programs.

Bill Schlautman, New Student Enrollment assistant for Big Red Welcome, said the name was changed

because the average age of students had increased. He said the word "freshman" was misleading because there were more nontraditional students attending UNL.

Another reason for the name change, Schlautman said, is that Big Red Welcome is not only for freshmen, but also for transfer and graduate students.

Pat McBride, coordinator for New

Student Programs and Services for Campus Activities and Programs, said three new programs were being offered Friday at Big Red Welcome. To emphasize that the Big Red Welcome is not just for freshmen, programs for nontraditional, graduate and international students have been added, he said.

These three programs are in addition to various support activities for new students, McBride said. He said other activities include a class schedule tour, a Strategies for Success session, and sessions for students to meet their college dean.

Tim Moore, coordinator for co-curricular programming for CAP, said there would be a welcome festival at the Bob Devaney Sports Center track from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. He said booths would be set up for student groups and local businesses, offering information and services to new students.

Moore said about 200 booths would be at the festival.

Big Red Welcome wraps up Friday night with the Party on the Plaza, which Moore said "is designed to welcome new students to the university."

Organized by the University Program Council, the Party on the Plaza features entertainment by the Lincoln Jugglers Association, a caricaturist, and the band Mr. Peabody, Moore said.

About 2,300 people attended last year's Party on the Plaza.

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