

Officer: UNL unaffected

Law would require university police to release records

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UNL police already are in step with proposed federal legislation that would require campus police units to make arrest records public, the police chief said.

An amendment offered by Sen. Tim Wirth, D-Colo., to the 1991 Violent Crime Control Act would require campus police departments to make arrest records available to the public.

Wirth's amendment would change the Family Educational Rights and Privacy act of 1974, which currently prohibits the disclosure of students'

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To qualify for the scholarship, students would have to be U.S. citizens, meet requirements for admission as a trainee of their local police forces, demonstrate a sincere motivation to stay in law enforcement, and possess the mental and physical characteristics necessary to discharge effectively the duties of a law enforcement officer.

Chancellor approves cancellation of tickets

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The chancellor approved this week the parking advisory committee's recommendation to cancel all parking tickets for meter violations after 6 p.m. from Aug 17, 1991, to, but not including, Oct. 1.

The recommendation had been proposed by a resolution by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

arrest records without their permission.

Ken Cauble, chief of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln police force, said all incident reports taken by the campus police already are open to the public.

An incident report is taken when officers are called to service, he said. The report includes what happened, where it happened and the names of any individuals arrested.

Cauble said he believes making the information available to the public is important.

"We have never considered it right to try and keep information from the public," he said. "My personal feeling is that the best way to serve the community is to keep them informed and involved."

Cauble said the legislation would be helpful at universities where administrators attempted to underreport crime statistics. That is not the case at UNL, he said.

"We are concerned about what is going on," he said, "and we want

The legislation would authorize \$100 million a year for the program in 1992 and 1993 and \$200 million a year for 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Similar versions of the bill were passed by the Senate on July 11 and the House of Representatives on Oct. 22. The two now must confer on the bill to iron out differences and then send it to President Bush.

Vincent Webb, chairman of the criminal justice department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he supported the act.

people to know so they can protect themselves."

Andrew Hudson, Wirth's deputy press secretary, said the senator originally had been motivated to introduce the legislation because of conflict between federal and state laws at Colorado State University.

Colorado state law requires all arrest records to be made public, and in following the law, CSU violated the federal legislation that prohibited the release of such records.

After the Department of Education threatened to cut off CSU's federal funding if it continued to release student arrest records, Wirth introduced the amendment that would legalize the release of campus arrest records.

Hudson said the amendment originally was aimed at CSU, but Wirth's office found the same conflict between state and federal law at many universities.

"We received quite a few calls that said this was going to help out at many campuses," he said.

He said it could provide substantial financial assistance for UNL's 400 criminal justice students.

"For those people who are eligible," he said, "it is certainly a sizeable source of financial assistance."

Although he said the new program should be evaluated critically to determine if it will serve a pressing need, Webb gave it his support.

"Overall, I'm cautiously pleased and optimistic if it gets funded," he said.

All tickets that have been paid will be refunded. Eligible individuals may claim the refund at the parking services office, located at 1335 N. 17th St., during regular business hours from Nov. 11 to Dec. 10.

Business hours are 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Everyone claiming a refund must present proper identification and evidence that they have paid the ticket. Refunds not completed by Dec. 10

will be forfeited.

Parking tickets that were not paid have been voided.

Also, as a change to parking regulations recommended by the parking advisory committee, the five-day area designated Area 17 will be enforced Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., after which lots will be open to any Area 10, 20, night, remote and reserve stall permit holder.

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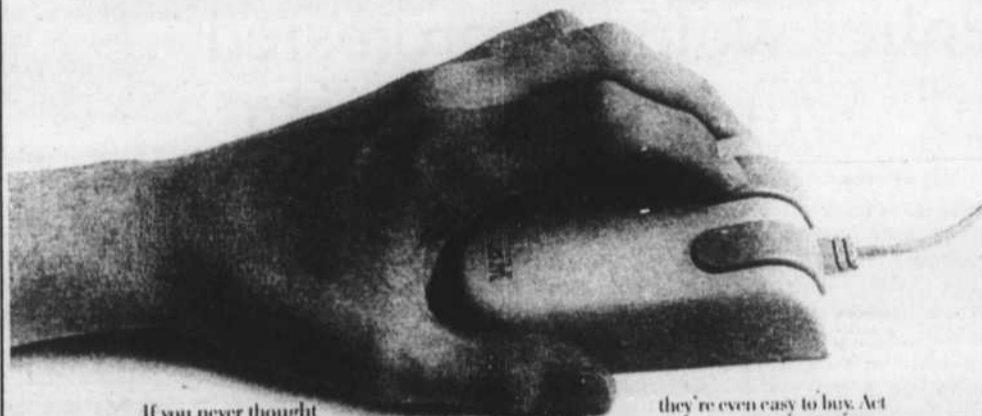
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