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Wind sprints

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Kelly Daley, a freshman pre-veterinarian major, jogs through the melting snow on a windy, but warm, Tuesday afternoon.

Interviews to help decide budget cuts

Spanier speaks to college deans, vice chancellors

By Susie Arth
Senior Reporter

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier and his cabinet are in the process of interviewing college deans and vice chancellors to determine where to lower the ax for budget cuts.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said Spanier had completed more than half of his interviews. "We are attempting to give the cabinet an understanding of what each of the colleges and each of the vice chancellors offices are all about," Howe said.

"We sit down and see what needs

to be strengthened and ask 'If you had to take a cut, where would you take it from?'"

Upon completion of the interviews, Howe said, the chancellor and his cabinet will make decisions as to where the cuts will be taken.

Randal Haack, director of budgets and analysis, said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had absorbed about a \$3.4 million budget cut in the past year. The university system as a whole, which includes the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and UNL, has swallowed a \$6.9 million reduction in the past year, he said.

Haack said he intended to issue a report to Spanier in December of his recommendations on how to phase the cuts into the permanent budget.

Some of the cuts would be temporary, he said, while others gradually would be phased into the final, permanent budget.

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Admissions standards hearings to begin today

By Corey Russman
Staff Reporter

A second series of public hearings to discuss proposed changes in admissions standards for three of the four University of Nebraska campuses starts today in Nebraska City.

University officials are using the hearings to explain the proposed changes and to gain input from the public, said Joe Rowson, director of public affairs.

Rowson said the first set of hearings, which took place Nov. 18-20, was successful. Teachers, counselors, parents and school board members attended the meetings, he said.

Rowson said the input received from the hearings showed a general support for the proposed changes, but there still were issues that needed to be considered.

For example, Rowson said, concerns were raised as to whether elementary and high schools would be able to accommodate changes in admissions standards at the University

of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"Some individuals feel it is the wrong way to go," he said.

After the hearings, Rowson said, the proposed admissions standards will go to the NU Board of Regents for review December 12. The new standards would take effect in the fall of 1997.

The proposed changes in admissions standards would require students to complete 16 core courses in high school to be admitted to an NU campus.

The new core would include four years of English, three years of mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences, two years of study in one foreign language and one additional course.

Students applying to UNL would have to fulfill the additional requirements with an algebra-related math course. Applicants to the two other campuses could fill the requirement

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Bike thieves target academic halls, official says

60 bicycles taken so far this year

By Steve Smith
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who ride their bikes to class had better beware; their main mode of transportation may be snatched from under their noses.

UNL police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said bikes that had been stolen on campus usually were nabbed from outside academic halls, and not near residence halls as many people thought.

During the fall semester, Bushing said, 61 percent of bikes reported stolen were taken from academic buildings such as Avery and Andrews halls.

Only 39 percent of the bikes were taken from residence halls, such as the Harper-Schramm-Smith and

Cather-Pound complexes, or fraternities and sororities, he said.

Although bikes are left for short periods of time outside academic halls, Bushing said, they are hit the hardest because their owners are in class.

"It doesn't take very long for someone who has been doing this for a while and who is carrying a pair of wire cutters in a backpack to swoop down and take a bike while everyone's in class," he said. "It's not as if the students are leaving these bikes there for long periods of time."

Students living in residence halls are less likely to get their bikes stolen because they take them to their rooms, Bushing said.

"Normally, though, they can't take their bikes to class," he said.

Time of day hasn't played a big part in the thefts either, Bushing said. Reports of stolen bikes have come in at all hours of the day.

He said about 60 bikes had been stolen since August — the average number of bike thefts compared to

other semesters. But Bushing said he could remember semesters during which more than 100 bikes were taken.

The best way to prevent bike theft is to use a good lock, Bushing said.

"Some students will spend \$1,200 to \$1,400 on a bicycle, but not invest in a good lock," he said. "The idea is to get a good lock so you're not just saying, 'Here, just take it.'"

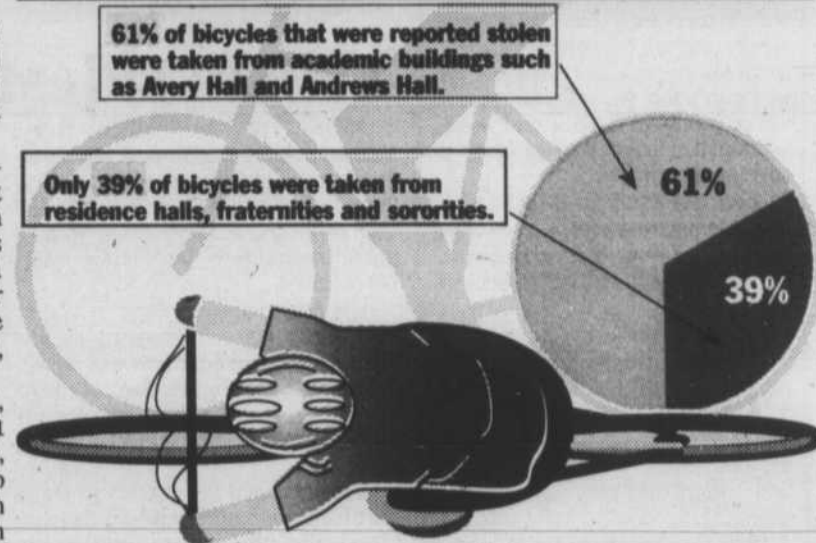
A U-lock, or a thick lock that suspends the movement of tires, makes it more difficult to steal a bike than a conventional lock that simply attaches a bike to a rack or pole, Bushing said.

Students also neglect to copy their bike's serial numbers so they are able to identify it once it is recovered, Bushing said.

Other identification is acceptable, he said. The UNL Police Department offers a system called Operation ID, which involves engraving a code onto the bicycle and registering it with police. Interested bike-owners can contact the police department for more information.

UNL bicycle theft

60 bicycles have been stolen on the UNL campus since August. This is average compared to other semesters.



Source: UNL Police Department

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