

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

T-shirt thieves keep UNL jobs

From Staff Reports

Two UNL freshmen are completing a program through Diversion Services in connection with the theft of National Championship merchandise from the University Bookstore.

Charles Griesen, 19, and Seth Gardner, 19, were charged with Class I misdemeanor theft after being arrested Jan. 6 for allegedly taking 118 Nebraska T-shirts valued at \$1,968.

Griesen is the son of UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen.

The students, who are employees at University Printing Services, were

taking a delivery to the bookstore, police said. They left the bookstore with the shirts, police said, and loaded them into a university vehicle.

UNL Police Sgt. Bill Manning said witnesses led authorities to the men, and the shirts were recovered in Gardner's vehicle near 16th and W streets.

"They didn't have a chance to do anything with them," Manning said. "Anything that was taken was recovered."

Viann Schroeder, acting assistant to the vice chancellor of business and finance, said Griesen and Gardner were still employed with printing

services. However, Schroeder said the two were no longer allowed to drive university vehicles.

Schroeder said there was no department policy on theft. Each case is handled individually, she said.

"I'm willing to go an extra mile," said Schroeder, who oversees the printing services department. "I think we have a situation where someone gets themselves into a bad situation — are they going to be helped by being out of a job? I doubt that."

Gwen Plummer, assistant manager of University Bookstore, said the merchandise was returned and the situation was resolved to the store's satisfaction.

Ice cream heist melts quickly

From Staff Reports

A Lincoln drifter who police say robbed Snowflakes Ice Cream Parlor was scooped up by authorities shortly afterward.

Robert Jones, 31, was arrested for attempted robbery Friday night, less than two hours after slipping out of the parlor, 107 N. 27th St., with \$110.

According to police reports, Jones

shoved the cash-register attendant, grabbed the cash drawer and, after taking the money, threw the drawer at the attendant.

The attendant reported suffering from chest pains following the incident.

Police arrested Jones at 8:20 p.m. near 30th and Fisher streets. Jones was identified as a transient. He is being held at the Lancaster County Jail without bond for trial.

Auto theft leads to charges

From Staff Reports

A Lincoln man, arrested in connection with an auto theft, was also cited for an earlier robbery of an area Coastal Mart.

Dominic Deollos, 18, is being held in Lancaster County Jail on charges of theft, fleeing to avoid arrest and robbery.

Police reports show Deollos stole a white Chevy S-10 Blazer from 1924 F St. The owner had left the vehicle running and had gone inside the residence to make a telephone call.

Dale Murray told police he heard the Blazer door shut and then saw it being backed out of the driveway and driven away. He tried to stop the vehicle, but failed. Murray then called police.

An officer saw the Blazer near 33rd and Randolph streets and followed it until it struck a telephone pole. Deollos then allegedly jumped from the Blazer and ran away.

A police dog was used to track the scent of the man, and Deollos was arrested a short time later.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Sunday

1:00 p.m. — Meter lot west of Selleck, vandalism/criminal mischief, dent in door, \$250 damage.

2:34 p.m. — 625 N. 16th St., larceny from building, \$80 loss.

4:47 p.m. — Area 20 lot at 10th and Avery streets, auto accident, \$300 damage.

5:16 p.m. — Area 2 lot near Sandoz, vandalism/criminal mischief, vehicle keyed, \$100 damage.

Beginning midnight Saturday

10:20 a.m. — Devaney Sports Center, injury/sickness, party refused medical treatment.

1:08 p.m. — West side of Devaney Sports Center, larceny.

2:48 p.m. — Abel Hall basketball court, injury/sickness, party transported to Lincoln General Hospital.

3:36 p.m. — State Fairgrounds, auto accident, \$105 damage.

5:05 p.m. — Area 3 lot near Harper/Schramm/Smith, larceny from auto, CD player taken, \$500 loss.

6:24 p.m. — Area 3 lot near Harper/Schramm/Smith, auto accident, \$300 damage.

10:22 p.m. — 17th and R streets, alcohol/drunk, one party transported to detoxification center.

11:49 p.m. — Area 5 near Harper/Schramm/Smith, 3rd degree assault.

More foundation grants goal of UNL researchers

Competitive program benefits departments by return of revenues

By Matthew Waite

Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is looking to increase its piece of the National Science Foundation grant pie, said Donald Helmuth, associate vice chancellor for research.

Helmuth said Monday that in the next year, UNL would compete for large grants from NSF that would set up academic centers and fund interdisciplinary research projects.

According to an NU Board of Regents' report, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has received more than \$5.2 million in grants from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

In that time, UNL won \$474,409 from the NSF, a federal program. In 1993-94, UNL won more than \$8.2 million in competitive NSF grants.

Earning a grant starts with NSF posing a problem or possible project

to departments across the country. Departments then draft and submit proposals to solve the problem.

UNL sends several hundred proposals to the NSF each year, Helmuth said, and is successful in getting grants.

Many research projects in the UNL physics, chemistry, engineering and education areas are funded by the NSF, Helmuth said.

Some have potential for a large revenue return, he said. Helmuth said a physics project in the testing phase now, called the Physics InfoMall, was one such project.

The project, a CD-ROM database of physics textbooks, received a \$1.8 million grant from the NSF. Helmuth said part of the grant would allow money from the project to be returned to the university.

Helmuth said the InfoMall was the first in his memory where the money went directly back to the university. He said other grant projects that made money went back to the grantor, with a small percentage going to the university.

NU seniors to take on legends

From Staff Reports

Seniors from the national champion Nebraska Cornhuskers will take on Husker football legends in the fifth annual Hoops for Heart basketball game tonight at Lincoln Southeast High School.

The legends have won three of the previous four matches, which are sponsored by the American Heart Association. Bryan Memorial Hospi-

tal and radio station KLIN are also sponsoring the game.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under. They can be purchased at the door, Walgreens, Nebraska Bookstore, Lawlors at Edgewood, Stacy's Locker Room, Play it Again Sports or the American Heart Association office.

All proceeds go to benefit the association's research, community service and educational programs.

Micron

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because Micron's decision is coming soon, prolonged opposition to the bills could hurt Omaha's chances to lure the plant.

Efforts to use the Micron plant to pressure him into helping the ethanol industry were misdirected, Nelson said, because he is a big supporter of the fuel.

He said \$500 million in construction was under way on ethanol facilities, and \$200 million to \$250 million in additional construction was

planned.

"My word should be good enough for them," Nelson said.

Nelson will meet with several senators together to try to put the infighting to rest.

"I'll work with all parties to do what's right," he said.

Nelson said his cooperation extended to an amendment proposed by Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly. It would lower the required investment needed to receive the benefits in LB828, LB829 and LB830, and aims to lure a different plant to Lincoln.

"I've been a big champion of ethanol, Micron and a Lincoln plant."

Casady

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also used their access to the news media ..."

He then stopped, and declined to talk further.

Part of the healing should include a better understanding of the police department, Casady said.

"But I really don't know how attentive the general public is to these meetings," he said.

The scars from the past months have marked not only the Renteria family and the city of Lincoln, but also the Casady family and the police department.

At home, he said, his wife and children are getting out from under the "deep depression" that has surrounded the family for the past few months.

"It was always there, all the time — thinking about it, talking about it, day after day," Casady said.

But the dark cloud has not lifted

from the department.

Casady admits he is "definitely out of the communications loop" with officers in his return. The same goes for the administration and the paperwork.

His first full day as chief was Monday while most of the department had the day off. He spent time cleaning out files and getting caught up on what has been done in his absence.

"At the police department, everyone's emotional energy has really been sucked away by the storm of controversy surrounding the death of Francisco Renteria," he said.

"The focus is still on the aftermath of the death of Francisco Renteria. And it's likely to remain that way for some time into the future."

Casady said he knew that would also be his focus as he returns to the career he says defines him. But he said he didn't know what kind of mark the past months will place on his life.

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