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UNL Police Officer Brian Peters, left, and Cpl. Brian Scusa are going to the Atlanta Olympics this summer as security guards.

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reputation." Other guards might have to be trained to deal with crowds.

"It's second nature to us," Peters said.

"We know how to settle things down before they become too intense," Scusa said. "Crowds can be very powerful, especially if they're working for a single goal, like tearing down goal posts."

Their training as bicycle policemen also may have had a hand in being chosen.

Scusa said during training, they learned how to do things on bikes such as go up and down stairs.

Bicycles are excellent for maneuvering through crowded areas quickly, Peters said, which might be something they will do in Atlanta.

Scusa and Peters both will be in Atlanta for 21 days. They are using vacation time, but Scusa said the university would not mind their long absence.

"We have the chance to bring back what we learn in Atlanta," he said.

They will be staying for free in

the Olympic Village, and all of their food will be provided, although they do not get paid.

They have received donations from two Lincoln groups — the Fraternal Order of Police and UNL's Greek Affairs — to help cover expenses such as airplane tickets.

Mary Ann Holland, staff assistant at Greek Affairs, said the office wanted to help pay back the two men for what they had offered to greek students.

UNL police give safety and security presentations to greek houses and have a good rapport with the greek system.

"We had money left over from greek week, so we wanted to give it to them as a token," Holland said. "The greek system wanted to do something very nice."

Only one other officer from Nebraska will be going to the Olympics, Peters said.

Although they're not sure exactly what they will be doing when they get there — whether it be supervising or taking tickets — Peters said he thought of one thing he would like to do.

"I'd really like to watch the Dream Team play."

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

TERRORISTIC THREATS

A 21-year-old Lincoln man was threatened by a man attempting to break into his car Tuesday night.

Jeff Palik was leaving a friend's apartment to go to his car parked on 4th Street between C and B streets, according to police reports.

About 2:20 a.m., he saw a man rearing into the passenger side of his car. When Palik asked the suspect what he was doing, he said, "Walk away or I will stab you," and he pulled out a 6-inch blade, police reports stated.

Palik went back to his friend's apartment and the suspect later fled north.

Palik reported \$100 damage and said his car window was broken and his stereo was lying in the street.

The suspect is described as a white male, about 18 or 19 years old, 6 feet tall, light build, with a goatee. He was wearing a white baseball cap, black jacket and black jeans.

ASSAULT

Police arrested a man on suspicion of second-degree assault Tuesday night for allegedly beating a 19-year-old with a club.

Police were responding to a fight on the 2300 block of R Street at 9 p.m. when they encountered a brown Mercedes speeding away, police reports stated.

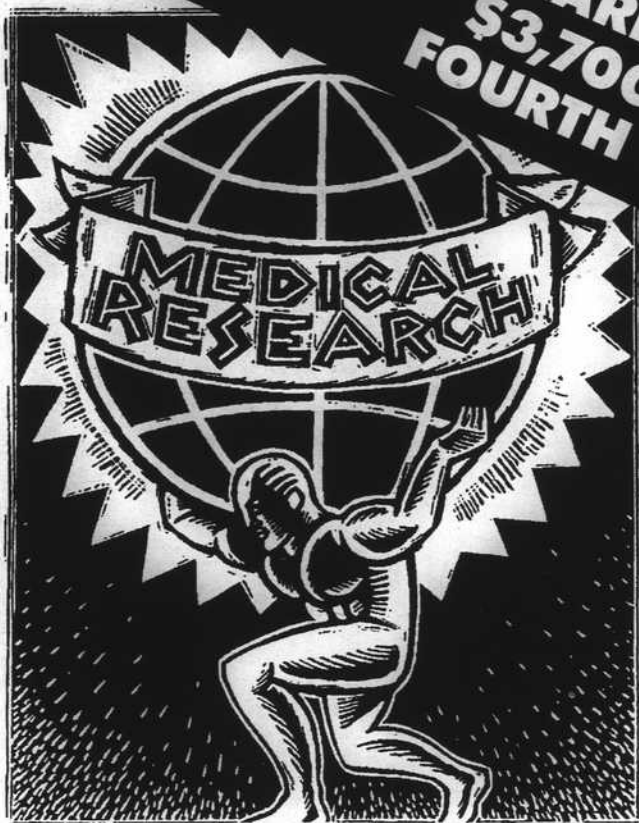
The victim, Jeremy Davis, told police he was hit several times with a club after he slipped and fell on the sidewalk.

Witnesses told police that Davis had been attacked by the driver of the Mercedes.

Police stopped the car near 22nd and Vine streets and arrested Fontano Guy, 20, for assault.

Davis was taken to Lincoln General Hospital and treated for a broken arm.

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