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UNL has third-largest drop in campus crime

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln posted the third-largest decrease in crime for U.S. campuses in 1994, listing a more than 30 percent drop between 1993 and 1994.

Ken Cauble, university police chief, said the decrease was the result of changes made a few years before.

According to the report, UNL saw a 30.5 percent decrease in crime from 1993 to 1994. Specifically, Cauble said decreases in larceny/thefts and aggravated assaults were responsible for the

overall decrease.

The report, published by the trade publication Campus Security Report, compared FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 1993 and 1994. UCR data for 1995 was released early this summer and was not used in the study.

Cauble credited the drop to community policing, crime prevention education efforts, increased areas of patrol for community service officers and better reporting from students.

"It's the development of a community feeling towards what's going on," he said. "For the last 102 years, that's what campus policing is all about.

"The good ones have always been

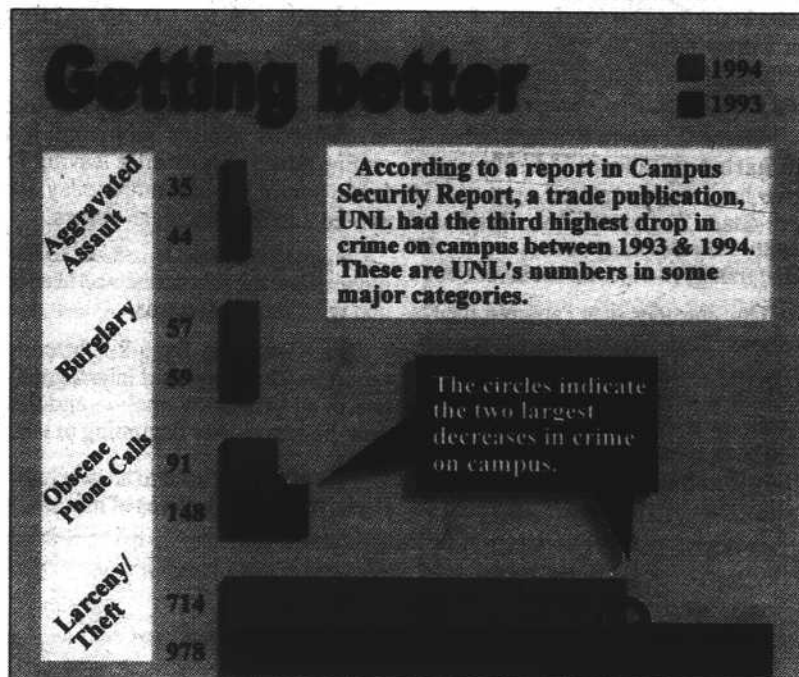
community policing."

California State University at Northridge reported a 51 percent decrease. The school reported that the reason for the decrease was added security measures after an earthquake struck the area.

California State University at Long Beach reported a 46.7 percent decrease, which they credited to increased patrolling efforts and recognition of high-crime areas.

Cauble told Campus Security Report that no special measures were taken to increase security. Better com-

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Buzz cut



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BRYAN HINKLEY, an employee of Abloom flower shop, hands out a coupon for flowers and a sunflower to Heather Schwenzer, a UNL senior dance major, outside Nebraska Union Wednesday morning.

NU designs budget for building renovation plan

Tuition increase one option to pay for maintenance, repairs

By **ERIN SCHULTE**
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It's going to take around \$95 million to renovate crumbling buildings on University of Nebraska campuses, but students shouldn't find the entire price tag attached to their tuition bills.

NU President Dennis Smith is proposing in the 1997-98 budget a plan to issue \$95 million in bonds to cover deferred maintenance, said James Van Horn, NU vice president for business and finance.

Deferred maintenance projects include things such as fixing roofs and plumbing, renovating buildings to comply with Americans with Disabilities codes and getting up to standard on fire and lighting codes, Van Horn said.

At UNL, buildings to be repaired would include Richards Hall, Lyman Hall, and Love Library, he said, and the projects are necessary.

"The university needs very badly to attack this problem of deferred maintenance," Van Horn said. "We

"Putting the entire burden on the students is highly unlikely."

NANCY O'BRIEN
NU Regent

have a huge backlog."

The bonds would be paid back over the next 12 years, at a rate of \$10.4 million per year. About half the yearly payment would come from state-allocated funds, but NU would have to come up with the other half itself — maybe by raising tuition.

Tuition increases in past years have hovered around 3 percent, or about the rate of inflation. If NU's half of the yearly bond payment debt was shoul-

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Free Choice president defends abortion rights

By **CHAD LORENZ**
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Relying on her conscience and Catholic background, Frances Kissling told 150 Planned Parenthood patrons how to be a Catholic and an abortion rights supporter in a town where that mix has meant excommunication.

As president of Catholics for a Free Choice, Kissling has had to defend her stand against not only those who oppose abortions, but her fellow worshippers and strict Catholic leaders.

And she defended her stance again Wednesday night in Lincoln, where Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz excommunicated members of her organization and Planned Parenthood, along with 10 other activist groups, earlier this year.

But Kissling said Bruskewitz's edict couldn't come between her and God. Only her conscience could do that.

"We were always taught that you follow your conscience, even when it conflicts with the teachings of the church," she said.

History shows those who doubted the church's teachings have changed the world, she said. In defying the church, Galileo determined the world was round, and slavery abolitionists convinced others slavery was wrong.

Therefore, Catholic leaders like Bruskewitz need to accept members of their flock who don't agree with the church's stance, Kissling said.

She equated Bruskewitz with the leader of a corporation who fires employees who disagree with the

company's belief, Kissling said.

The bishop should instead treat members of his diocese like a family, she said.

"You don't say that people you don't agree with are not members of the family," she said.

But the church can't understand a woman's right to choose because all its leaders are unmarried men and have no experience with such decisions, Kissling said.

"If men could get pregnant, family planning would be a sacrament," Kissling said. "Where do they get off talking about reproduction and contraception issues?"

The church also puts women in a difficult position because of its stern attitude against sex as a way of expressing love, Kissling said.

"It is the railing against expressing sexuality, of discussing reproductive issues, that contributes to women's decisions to have abortions."

Catholics, more than non-Catholics, have chosen abortion because they are embarrassed of their pregnancy or wish to keep it a secret, she said.

About six anti-abortion rights protestors showed up at the front of Cornhusker Hotel, where Kissling spoke Wednesday night.

Kissling said Catholics for a Free Choice wanted to educate women to make a clear choice, not pressure them into abortion.

"I do not promote abortion. CFFC does not promote abortion. We would like to live in a world where abortion is unnecessary and unthinkable, and we work to create that world."



Kissling