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NINETEEN- TO 20-YEAR-OLD MALES make up the largest group of crime victims at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Men reported 67 of the auto larcenies in 1995, compared to women who reported 27 percent of the auto larcenies. Six percent were unclaimed.

Crime victims often young, male

This is part four of a five-part series about crime on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

UNL police officers are focusing crime-prevention education efforts on younger students.

By **MATTHEW WAITE**
Special Projects Reporter

Chad Kudym was just going to a study session for chemistry.

It was dark, but he parked his bike in a well-lit area outside the front doors of Hamilton Hall.

When he came back outside to ride home,

his seat was gone, taken by thieves.

Kudym was a 20-year-old junior at the time. He didn't report the incident because he didn't think he would ever see the seat again.

Had he reported the crime, he would have been part of the second-largest age group of victims on campus.

Nineteen- and 20-year-old men are meeting campus police more often than any other age group — both as victims and perpetrators.

Younger students are victims more than older students, according to the data. The data shows traditional college-aged students are the most victimized.

The largest group of victims were 19-year-olds, with more than 420 victims. Next were 20-year-olds, with more than 400.

The numbers slowly decrease as age in-

creases but remain fairly constant from age 30 to age 50. After age 50, the numbers drop to fewer than 10 victims.

The numbers do not surprise University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Chief Ken Cauble. Students are the largest group on campus, he said, and younger students are more vulnerable.

"College students are very trusting when they get here," Cauble said. "They leave their rooms unlocked and don't report anything until they are victims."

University police focus much of their education efforts on younger students, especially freshmen. This year, Cauble said, community service officers have been assigned to residence hall complexes to direct crime-prevention education efforts.

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Campus jobs hardly affected by wage hike

By **KASEY KERBER**
Senior Reporter

The minimum wage may have just gone up, but major student employers on campus are not going to go belly up as a result.

The Office of Campus Recreation, UNL Libraries, Nebraska Unions, and UNL Housing all reported that they have been affected but not badly hurt by the recent 50-cent increase in minimum wage to \$4.75 an hour.

But problems may arise next year, campus employers say, when the minimum wage hike's second stage takes effect and minimum wage is increased an additional 40 cents.

Some campus employers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln were not financially hurt by the first minimum wage hike, because their employ-

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UNL graduate assistants not forming unions

By **ERIN SCHULTE**
Senior Reporter

They look like professors. They talk like professors. They do the same work as professors, although for fewer hours a week.

But the pay isn't the same, and neither are insurance benefits, which is why graduate assistants at some universities are demanding a change.

At the University of Iowa in Iowa City this fall, graduate assistants joined a union and won 19-percent base-salary raises and better insurance benefits.

Before they unionized, the graduate assistants' salaries and benefits weren't cutting it. The assistants were teaching 40 percent of the classes at the university and publishing much of the research.

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Video on HuskerVision aims to raise abuse awareness

By **STACEY RANGE**
Staff Reporter

A 55-year-old man jumps from his seat in the north stadium yelling "KILL!"

Three rows down, a young father stamps his foot and raises his fists shouting "HURT 'EM!"

The little boy, mimicking his father, screws his face and screams "DESTROY!"

On Nebraska game days, seeing red describes more than the sea of red-clad fans, but during the next two home games, football players will be telling the fans to keep their anger in check and stop the violence.

In recognition of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Nebraska Athletic Department has agreed to broadcast a public service announcement on

HuskerVision.

The announcement features college football players asking men to refrain from relationship violence and from tolerating it of others.

The 30-second announcement targeting men was developed by Liz Claiborne Inc. and Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. It will be aired in 12 other Division I college stadiums and during syndicated regional television coverage of college football games.

The purpose of the announcement is to increase awareness of domestic violence and make the issue a men's issue, said Don McPherson, director of the Mentors in Violence Prevention project at the center.

As fans glance at the HuskerVision screens, they will see a crowded stadium with various messages flashing on the stadium scoreboard.

The first two appear harmless. One

wishes a happy birthday and another informs of a car with its lights on.

Then comes a shocker as fans and players view the message: "Greg Niel, Sec. 829, Seat 12, beat up his girlfriend last night."

Close-ups of fans and players show their disgust. A player on the field addresses the camera, "If you think hitting a woman makes you a big man, you won't mind if we let 70,000 people see what kind of a man you really are."

A voiceover intones, "Every 12 seconds a woman in this country is abused. Isn't it time to speak out? Get involved. End relationship violence. Love is not abuse."

The announcement ends with the telephone number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

McPherson said there was no better way to reach men than through football, which happens to be one of the most violent sports.

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We're trying to put responsibility on men whose fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, teammates and friends are domestically violent.”

DON MCPHERSON
director of Mentors in Violence Prevention

However, while the connection between football and violence exists, McPherson said, the announcement does not focus on violence in sports. Rather, he said, it uses sports to grab men's attention.

"Athletes are icons of masculinity in our society," he said. "We're using

them as a way to reach men on the issue and get them to stand up against it."

Judith Kriss, director of the Women's Center, applauded the

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