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**MATT SILCOCK**, a pizza-delivery driver for Papa John's, rushes to get the pizzas out. Silcock has braved rain, ice and snow to make his routes.

## Dutiful pizza delivery man gives tips on handling dough

By **KASEY KERBER**  
Staff Reporter

A tip for getting a hot pizza from a cold pizza delivery driver: Tip.

That's the advice of Matt Silcock, a 26-year-old UNL alumnus, while delivering pizzas for Papa John's on a chilly evening last week.

"If you tip at least some change to make the next dollar amount, it helps," Silcock said. "I've had to count out four \$1 bills and 82 cents in change to someone who didn't give me a tip."

Silcock describes his job as busy, flexible and well-paying, even though it forces him to brave icy streets when

other people take cover in their living rooms.

"When there's a travel advisory out, our business goes up," Silcock said. "Some people think we have an almost God-like ability to deliver pizza under any conditions."

And hungry students need to be fed whether good weather or bad. The \$5.99-after-9 p.m. student special gets the phones ringing at Papa John's.

"They start calling right at 9, too," Silcock said. "The calls usually don't stop until we close at 1 a.m."

The huge demand for dough often causes confusion behind the counter, Silcock said.

"When there are stacks and stacks of pizzas, you can just stare at them for hours trying to figure out a route," Silcock said.

"You've got to be able to read maps and find addresses," Silcock said. "Otherwise I wouldn't recommend this

kind of job."

Silcock also advised having a reliable car. He said he drives his Ford Escort an average of 60 to 100 miles a night. After a year and a half, the car needed a few repairs.

"...the front and rear brakes, the front tire rods, the automatic seatbelts are messed up and the starter sounds like it's going to go real soon," Silcock said.

And the main dome light was burned out.

"Oh, forgot about that," Silcock said, laughing. "It does make the job a little harder."

Silcock used the car's cigarette lighter to read the order slips, but, despite the inconvenience, he said he loved his job.

"I always knew in my heart that I'd be a pizza delivery man," Silcock said. "I'm the kind of person that loves to drive and listen to tapes."

## Policy to consider students

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America Reads, and that budget could eventually go up.

He said the financial aid office would be even more supportive of the proposal if the Teachers College was willing to help them identify possible students.

"If you are going to be a teacher, this would be a wonderful opportunity to put on your resume," he said. "It won't be hard to find students, but it will be hard to limit the number of students."

Students who do not qualify for work-study but would like to participate in reading programs can find volunteer opportunities through the Lincoln Literacy Council.

Lois Poppe, director of the Lincoln Literacy Council, welcomed anyone

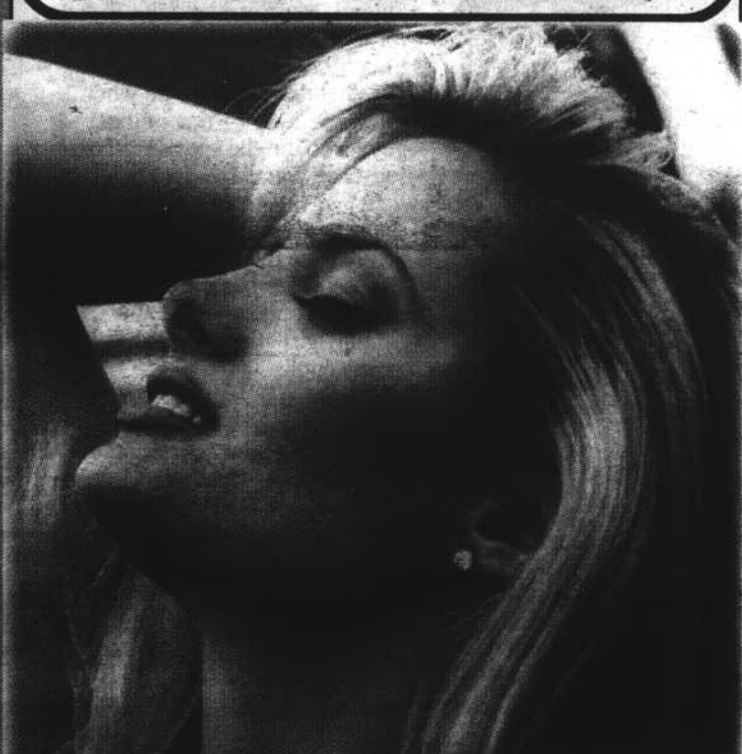
who enjoys helping the community, reads well and has the time to commit to become a certified tutor. Volunteers would need to attend one orientation meeting and 12 to 18 hours of workshop training.

She said the workshop would prepare tutors to assist people in improving basic literacy skills. Opportunities include teaching English as a second language, refugee reading, basic literacy and family reading skills.

"We have a really good response to the tutoring program. A lot of people want to help," Poppe said. "Not only do volunteers help others, but they learn about different cultures and make new friends."

The Literacy Council is sponsoring a general orientation today from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the council at 476-7323.

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### Narcotics

Two 20-year-old Lincoln men were arrested for narcotics possession after police found drugs in their cars during traffic stops.

Chanteha Stovall was stopped on N.W. 6th Street between Cornhusker Highway and West Saunders, Lincoln Police Department Capt. Steve Imes said.

The police officer smelled marijuana, Imes said, and found 3 grams of marijuana in a bag in Stovall's pocket. He was ticketed and released.

Steve Dinges was stopped for a traffic violation on N.W. 6th Street near West Cornhusker and found in possession of an illegal substance.

Imes said the two incidents did not appear to be related.