

# Balance key to guard's job

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A typical Saturday often gives Jones blocks of time when the jangle of keys and the clinking of hurricane-force gates are his only companions. Brief conversations with other guards and the banter of prisoners dot an otherwise isolated day, he said.

The tasks of a corrections officer are varied. In between watchful strolls around the yard, Jones might perform random shakedown, briefly searching inmates for contraband such as drugs and weapons. He also often runs misconduct reports and other correspondence between the housing units and turnkey, an area serving as the go-between for staff inside and outside the administration building.

## Keeping the peace

Jones said a prison's most important consideration is maintaining order. The innate stresses of prison life, compounded by the inmates' diverse backgrounds, easily can create volatility in the yard, he said.

Prisoners are essentially allowed to roam the area on the weekends and after weekday suppers when they're not working at their assigned jobs.

Most inmates work Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are allowed in the yard afterward until dusk. They congregate at handball and basketball courts, a softball field and an outdoor weight station. Others play cards or converse at tables and benches scattered about the yard.

"I wouldn't say I'm real popular (with prisoners). That's not what I'm after. ... At the same time, I'm not here to be a jerk, either. I'm not here to ruin anyone's day."

**KEN JONES**  
corrections officer

With the usual 10 or fewer ground guards watching the area's relatively nonregimented activity, skirmishes are possible, Jones said. However, he attributed the rarity of such incidents to the guidelines he and his fellow guards established.

Because guards strive to be "fair, firm and consistent," prisoners remain reasonably aware of the behavior expected of them, Jones said.

Performing mandated duties, such as cooking and cleaning for one another, also helps to create a structured environment conducive to civility, Jones said.

Charles Hohenstein, the prison's public relations representative, said guards also make frequent formal and informal head counts to ensure prisoners remain where they are expected to be.

Formal counts occur daily at least

four times while inmates are locked in their cells. Housing guards also know their units' residents and continuously monitor where they go, Hohenstein said.

The last successful penitentiary break was in June 1988, and the prisoner only got across the street before guards caught him, Hohenstein said.

Jones said he handled the stress of his job by working out at the gymnasium. Aside from his thoughts about rare altercations with inmates, work-related issues rarely follow Jones home at 2 p.m., he said.

Even so, the prison guard is ever cautious because of the nature of his work.

"This is kind of laid back," Jones said. "You know the inmates and they B.S. with you, but you've got to remember where you're at."

## CBA continues search for perfect candidates to fulfill dean position

From Staff Reports

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will reopen its search for a new dean of the College of Business Administration because of a "significant lack of consensus," an administrator said Tuesday.

The original search had reached its final stages, and three finalists had been selected for the position.

Chancellor James Moeser said in a statement that all three finalists lacked sufficient support from the college to be chosen to fill the position.

Finalists had been chosen from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, the University of Missouri in Columbia and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Moeser said each candidate had great strengths, but "none had the special combination of talents we were looking for."

Moeser and Richard Edwards, UNL's new senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, met with CBA faculty Tuesday to discuss the reopened search.

Edwards will appoint a new search committee.

When selected, a new business dean will replace current Dean John Goebel, who plans to return to teaching in the college.

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## Bad weather stalls new garage progress

Construction crews will work weekends to meet the Aug. 29 deadline.

From Staff Reports

The construction of a four-story parking garage is a week behind schedule after a flurry of bad weather last week.

Richard O'Hearn, project manager, said construction workers were working weekends to make up the lost time and to ensure they meet the Aug. 29 deadline.

## Burnett should reopen for classes in autumn

From Staff Reports

If construction remains on schedule, students may roam the halls of Burnett Hall by this summer.

F.W. Haecker, architect for the project, said that so far workers had experienced no major delays to the renovation project. He said that by August, Burnett would be open for classes.

"There will still be little things that will need to be done, which are requested by the teachers and staff," Haecker said. "But by that time,

it is on that date the university can seek compensation for liquidative damages — unforeseen expenses — at a rate of \$1,000 for each day past the deadline.

The garage at 10th and T streets will provide parking for students and faculty and house shops on the street level.

O'Hearn also said bids will be taken Thursday to determine which contractor will build the Husker Authentic shop, which will be owned and operated by the Athletic Department to sell Husker merchandise.

Students can use the new garage beginning Aug. 30.

nearly all the work will be done." Haecker said construction would be "substantially completed" by May 31.

But other minor work still needs to be done during the summer, Haecker said.

That includes installing wiring to Burnett Hall's language lab, moving in furniture and testing electronic systems such as the fire alarms.

Now, Haecker said, workers are putting down flooring, installing light fixtures, waterproofing the building and installing a sewer line.

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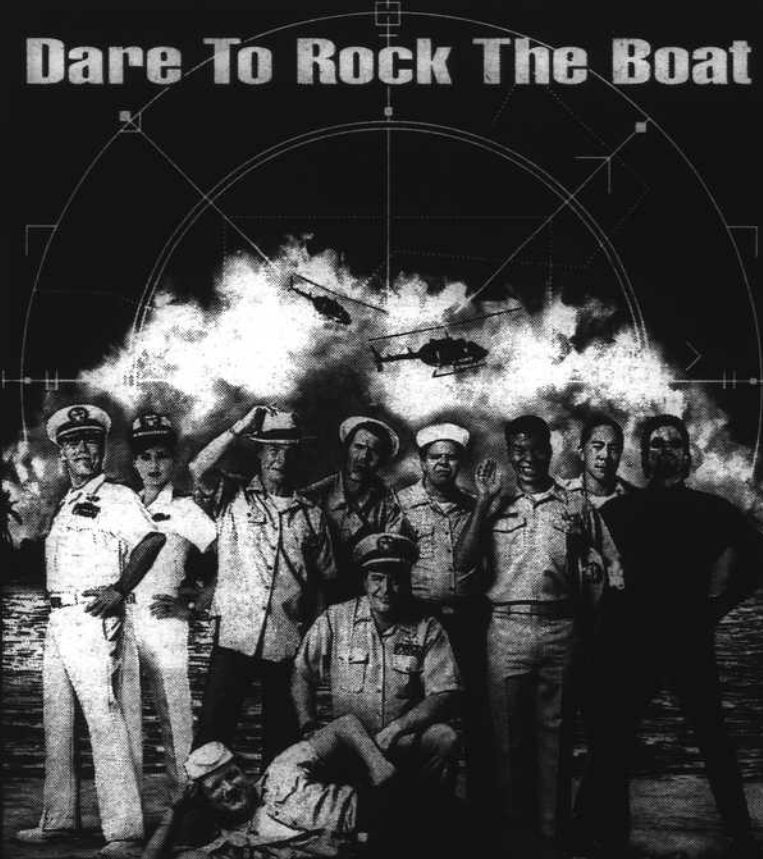


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