

UNL Police prepare for busy fall semester

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Take a look around as you read this. You could be looking at someone who may soon need the services of the University of Lincoln-Nebraska Police.

Even if they don't, you or many other students on campus may soon face ever-present parking problems and the enforcement by UNL Parking and Transit Services.

The fall term not only brings 1000s of students to Lincoln, but also an increase in crime and parking problems. If students are careful and observant of campus policies and laws, they can spare themselves, campus officials said.

"The first part of the semester is the worst," said Sgt. Mylo Bushing of the UNL Police. "That's because we have to re-educate the students coming in on how to prevent crime."

According to department statistics, burglary, larceny and theft accounted for 649 of the 791 offenses reported to police.

When it comes to revealing the true concern for university police, the numbers don't lie, Bushing said.

"The biggest problem we have at UNL is theft," Bushing said. "Whether it is theft from buildings, vehicles or residence halls, it's the biggest problem we have."

Bushing said the problem with theft is that it's compounded by the anonymity a large campus like UNL affords.

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Although theft remains a looming concern, the growing availability of technology has inadvertently spawned a new area for criminals to exploit.

"One area of growing concern is computers," Bushing said. "I think we are going to see an increase in computer crimes."

Bushing said the possibilities for computer criminal activity include theft, hacking and e-mail harassment.

The police patrol the campus for various crimes, but they receive some help from Parking Services employees.

Tad McDowell, manager of Parking Services, said his workers keep their eyes open when patrolling the lots.

"We are always observant to anything that seems out of the ordinary," McDowell said. "We always report it to the UNL Police."

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ceramic piece, Kaldahl said the Nebraska phase produced a lot of pottery. They used it for cooking a diet of corn, sunflowers, beans, squash, deer and fish, he said.

"Most of what we find is stuff people threw away," Chidley said. "It's like when you move today, a couple bags of trash get left behind."

Chidley said the group had uncovered pieces of pottery, hunting arrows, grinding tools, fish and animal bones and even scorched corn. He said the majority of pieces were at least one-fourth inch in some dimension - large enough to be caught in the sifting process.

Meanwhile, two volunteers pore over a pile of dirt in their sifting box, breaking up the smallest chunks until they fall through the wire mesh. One steps away with a handful of small shards of pottery. Behind him, a student pauses to wipe the sweat from her brow. Her gloves are caked with mud and her clothes the same. She doesn't seem to mind, smiling as she hoists yet another full bucket of dirt from

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PHOTOGRAPH BY MIKE WARREN/DN
KATIE COOKSLEY, who will be a freshman at UNL in the fall, picks through pieces of what is believed to be ancient Indian pottery found in Fontenelle Forest as Eric Kaldahl director of UNL Summer Field School in Archaeology helps Cooksley file the pieces at the site.

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