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Survey to measure interest in buses

BY GEORGE GREEN

Parking and Transit Services is surveying students this semester about their use of the city bus service.

Instead of giving every parking-permit holder a bus pass, parking services is requiring people to ask for the passes.

The parking office will conduct a survey in the fall with students who use the free StarTran bus passes provided by the university, said Tad McDowell, director of Parking and Transit Services.

The survey will ask bus pass users to rate the bus system and provide information about how often they use the service, he said.

University officials want to know how many students use the bus system to get to campus instead of driving, McDowell

said.

McDowell said he estimated the bus system prevents about 400 to 500 cars from cluttering campus streets each day.

"We want to determine where enhancements and changes should be made," McDowell said.

To conduct the bus survey, university officials are asking students and faculty members who want StarTran bus passes to call Parking and Transit Services to request the passes, McDowell said.

Last year, Parking Services distributed bus passes to every student who purchased parking permits, he said.

Three thousand students and faculty members have requested bus passes so far this fall, he said.

When users pick up their passes, Parking Services puts

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them on a survey mailing list, McDowell said.

In November, bus pass holders will receive a brief mail questionnaire asking about the bus system, he said.

"We strongly urge everyone to please fill it out so we can improve services," McDowell said.

StarTran began providing bus services for students with free bus passes from UNL five years ago, said Larry Worth, a StarTran transit manager.

Last year, StarTran provided 390,000 rides for people from the university, said Jan Bolin, an accountant for StarTran.

In addition to evaluating the bus system, parking and transit services is also trying to improve campus parking and traffic by building a new parking garage, McDowell said.

The university is beginning work on a parking garage with over 1700 stalls at 17th and Vine streets, he said.

Twelve hundred stalls will be built by Aug. 1, 2001, and the 500 remaining stalls will be complete on Oct. 1, 2001.

"Parking and transit is taking a hard look at its programs, the financing of its programs and permit fees," McDowell said.

Cadet earns prestigious ROTC award

BY JENNIFER ROTH

Last year, Katherine Rush watched in admiration as Rich Waters became the first UNL cadet honored with the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross.

On Thursday, others admired Rush in the same way.

Rush, an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, received the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement.

Maj. Tammy Lundborg of the Air Force ROTC stressed the importance of the award.

Lundborg said it is the second highest-ranking award in the nation given each year to four superior leaders with outstanding academic achieve-

ment.

Col. William MacElhaney, commander of UNL's attachment, made the surprise announcement Thursday during the beginning of the weekly leadership lab in the Military and Naval Science building.

Rush said the award honored the program.

"It is not only a reflection on me, but on an attachment of the UNL program," Rush said.

Waters and Rush are the first two recipients of this award from UNL.

"I was fairly excited to receive this award because I thought Waters' award last year was something really great," Rush said. "Now I am proud to be recognized for the same."

The award is given out by

the Legion of Valor organization, which is made up of recipients of the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross and the Navy Cross.

Founded in 1890, the organization has given out awards annually to high school and college cadets in the Navy and Air Force programs.

Cadets eligible for the award must be in the top 10 percent of their ROTC program and university department courses.

Rush is a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship winner and senior math major at UNL.

She holds the No. 1 leadership position in the cadet corps, is president of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and is president of the University Honors Program.

Rush recently returned from Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida where she was selected to train other cadets during a summer field-training program.

Rush said she credits her attitude and work ethic for her accomplishments.

"I am always willing to give my all," Rush said. "I try to be involved in everything and give 100 percent dedication."

There are no definite plans for Rush in the future, she said, but she does expect to graduate in December 2001.

"I want to have some career in the Air Force—a position in acquisitions, intelligence or public affairs," she said. "I now have a real desire to serve."

Lincoln man charged in recent stabbing death

■ Judge alleges that Charles Eagleboy did not premeditate murder but is still responsible.

BY JOSH FUNK

A Lancaster County Court judge set a \$500,000 cash bond

Friday for the man charged with second-degree murder in last week's stabbing death.

After reviewing evidence from the early Wednesday morning stabbing, county attorneys allege that Charles Eagleboy, 24, did not plan to kill Jason Daniels before the fight broke out but did so

intentionally.

On Friday, Eagleboy was charged with second-degree murder and the use of a weapon to commit a felony.

The murder charge carries a penalty of 20 years to life in prison, and the weapons charge carries a maximum penalty of one to 20

years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

A public defender was appointed to defend Eagleboy, who told the judge he had been working odd jobs a few hours a week since his Aug. 11 release from prison.

Daniels, 29, was found outside 908 N. Eighth St. last Wednesday at 4 a.m. by police, who had received reports of a stabbing.

Preliminary autopsy results show that Daniels died from loss of blood from a stab wound in the chest, according to Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey and documents filed in court.

Court documents filed after Eagleboy's arrest detail the events leading up to the fatal fight.

Witnesses told police that Daniels had insulted several people at the party and was asked to leave.

On the porch outside the home, Daniels hit two men before he and Eagleboy started fighting.

Witness accounts differ on the details of the fight. At some point, Eagleboy pulled a knife taken from the home and stabbed Daniels.

Eagleboy threw the knife away to the south and ran. Police found him with blood on his hands and shirt two blocks away from the murder.

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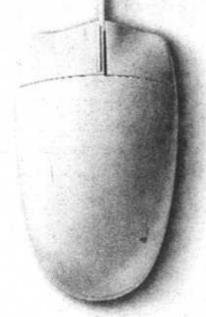



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