

Law & Order

Police remain perplexed after triple office theft

Two purses and a wallet stolen Monday from University Child Care, 1432 N St., left police with a mystery. Assistant Police Chief Mylo Bushing said around 2:45 p.m., a woman reported she left a purse underneath her desk in the main office at the center, and it was missing. The woman said she was in and out of her office all day and the door was unlocked and open, Bushing said. Bushing said the woman went to look for something in her purse around 2 p.m. when she noticed the whole purse was missing. The woman said inside the purse were her credit cards, a checkbook, a payroll check and

a \$50 cellular phone. Bushing said the total loss was about \$65. Around 3:15 p.m., two other women contacted the UNL police and reported their purses missing, he said. One woman said she left her purse underneath her desk in the main office of the child care center, and she returned to find it missing as well, he said. Bushing said the items in her purse when it was stolen were her keys, driver's license, credit cards and \$60 in cash. The woman said she too had been in and out of the main office all day, and the door was unlocked and open. The third woman reported her wallet containing her ID card, credit cards and \$17 was stolen from the kitchen of the child care center, Bushing said. The woman said her wallet

was next to the microwave, and she was in and out of the kitchen all day, he said. Shortly after the last two women reported their wallets missing, a Gateway Mall security guard called one woman and said her purse was found in a Spencer Gifts shopping bag in the mall, Bushing said. Everything in the purse was returned except the \$60. Then, around 7 p.m., a Gateway Mall security guard called another of the women and said her purse was also found this time in an empty storage locker at the mall, Bushing said. Nothing was missing from the second purse. The missing wallet was not recovered, he said.

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Pub Board taps new Daily Nebraskan editor

BY BRADLEY DAVIS
The Daily Nebraskan Publications Board on March 7 chose the newspaper's editor for the 2001-2002 school year. Ieva M. Augstums, a senior news-editorial and English major, will take the paper's reigns in August fresh off a reporting internship at the Portland (Ore.) Oregonian. Augstums brings with her a list of professional experience

including internship stints at the Wilmington (Del.) News Journal, the Des Moines (Iowa) Register, the Lincoln Journal Star and the Boston Globe. Augstums' editorship marks a return to the newspaper after last serving as the senior university reporter in 1999. Among her goals for the newspaper, Augstums said, was to ensure its status as a sounding board for students. "I hope to increase readership on campus," Augstums

said. "It is the campus newspaper, and students should have a sound voice in matters." It's been Augstums' dream, she said, to serve as editor since walking in the Daily Nebraskan doors her freshman year. "It's a great learning environment to teach aspiring journalists the ways of the newsroom," she said. Augstums is a 21-year-old Lincoln native, who will replace Sarah Baker, now serving as editor.

Salary hike sparks ire

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Beck said other things need to be taken into consideration besides faculty salary raises. She said salary isn't the only factor in the retention of administration and faculty. "I seriously doubt that (previous chancellors) left here primarily because they were underpaid," Beck said. "I think they left for bigger places with more prestige." When the Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Natural

Resources was hired last year, the university offered a salary of \$192,000, a \$12,000 bump from the previous vice chancellor's salary. Wilson said the university has to offer higher salaries to prospective faculty to remain competitive. Along with a salary increase, Perlman also receives other perks, including a car provided by the NU Foundation and a personal maid for his house, which Perlman has said he doesn't use.

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