

Mace protects students from would-be attackers

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A small aerosol can about an inch in diameter and about five or six inches long may sound like an unlikely object to ward off a would-be attacker. But some University students carry such cans for their protection.

The cans contain mace-like chemicals which when sprayed in the face cause the eyes to water and is "terribly disorienting."

Mary Jo Stephens, a coed who lives off campus, keeps a can of mace in her car "just in case." The can was given to her by an out-of-town friend. She said that several of her friends also have mace-like products.

"OF COURSE, I have never used it," she said. "But it is an added protection."

Another coed who must walk alone on campus after dark carries a can of "attacker repellent" in her coat pocket. She received the device from her parents, but does not know where they got it.

Tom Minthorn, a member of a psychedelic rock band who describes himself as "sort of a non-violence fan," thinks that the aerosol cans are a good idea.

"I like to avoid trouble wherever possible and would rather not get all mangled up," he said.

The product Minthorn has is called "The Preventer," which "works just like mace," he says. He had to sign his name and address on a card at the Omaha drugstore where he purchased it. A can lasts about eight months, he said.

The six members in his group, the Fay Hoagan Experiment, wear long hair which "does not agree with some people."

"We have no problem in a place like Lincoln. But in some of these small towns where we play — wow."

MINTHORN SAID that they have only had to use their "preventer" once. It was during a New Year's Eve dance at Wayne, Nebr., when a serviceman home on leave jumped up on the stage and began giving the group a bad time.

A check of some Lincoln gun stores showed that mace is not available here.

The sales manager at Western Gun and Supply Co. said that his store used to carry mace about a year ago. But, a lawsuit in California resulting from a mace-involved incident has caused over-the-counter selling of mace to be banned, he said.

An incident involving the legality of carrying and using mace is reported in the Ohio University campus paper, The Post.

A STUDENT was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon (the mace) and with "assault with intent to do bodily harm by spraying chemical mace in the face" of an Athens, Ohio resident. The concealed weapon charge was later dropped.

Eugene Armstead, training sergeant with the Lincoln police said that mace "would probably not be considered a concealed weapon."

"But as soon as a person sprays mace on someone, he has to be on

firm ground. Malicious use of mace could be the grounds for a criminal charge — disturbing the peace, if nothing else. There is also the possibility of a civil suit," Armstead said.

SECTION 9.28.080 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes states that "it is unlawful for any person to carry about the person any concealed pistol, revolver, dirk, bowie knife, pocket knife having a blade of more than three inches in length, switchblade knife, billy, sling shot, metal knuckles or dangerous or deadly weapon of any kind except only officers of the law . . ."

Chemical Mace, the brand used by the Lincoln Police Department is a "highly purified form of teargas." Armstead says that the officers are trained in the use of mace as a defensive weapon.

"It is a peaceful means to gain an end — as opposed to the night stick or gun," he said.

Armstead added that he was not aware that some University students carried mace, although he knew of some bartenders who have it.

3 coeds compete for Miss Midshipman

Three University of Nebraska coeds have been selected finalists for the title of Miss Midshipman, a traditional contest of the Navy ROTC unit at the University. Miss Midshipman serves in a public relations capacity during the year and is the Navy representative at the Military Ball. She will be crowned at the annual Midshipman Ball which will be held this Saturday night at East Hills Supper Club.

The finalists for the title of Miss Midshipman are: Nancy Martens, a freshman from Lincoln, Christine Carol Messenger, a junior from McCook, and Debby Stone, a sophomore from Palmer.

Hyde Park scene of lost tempers, catcalls

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—That the University class structure be modified so that no class has more than 30 students and that every class has at least one seminar a week.

—That there be continued and persistent emphasis on visiting speakers.

—That the University should have all required texts available in the library on reserve and should sell all textbooks at cost.

—That minority group and foreign

students should be recruited by the University and given aid in the areas of finances, housing and scholarship.

—That every effort should be made to orient foreign students to University and American life and to bring the foreign students out of their social isolation.

—That preferential treatment given the Greek system by the University should be abolished, looking to the eventual abolishment of the Greek system itself.

In answer to a question, Prier said that SIP does not plan to accomplish its goals right away. The important matter is to get things rolling in the right direction to change the system, he added.

He continued that ASUN must do everything in its power to change the system. "If changes aren't brought about by usual channels, then it may be necessary to take action like the black students are taking today," he said.



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The Miss University of Nebraska pageant will be held April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. The finalists will be judged on talent, swimsuits and formal. Scholarships and awards will be presented by the Nebraska Union Board, Downtown Lincoln Promotion Council and Quentin's. The Michael Dorsey Trio and the Crays twins will perform. Admission is free and the public is invited.

AWS will hold an all-campus election Friday to elect executives, a court of appeals, congresswomen and a sorority court.

Sorority and Lincoln women should vote between 8 and 4 in Love Library. Women in residence halls will vote in their living units between 8 and 1. East campus women will vote in Burr Hall between 8 and 1.

The Student Tribunal will be holding interviews for new members on Sunday, April 20.

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