

# Information given to panel investigating shooting

By Liz Crumley

Additional information about the shooting death of Arvid Sherdell Lewis was released and a nine-member citizens committee was formed during a special City-County common meeting Monday to investigate the incident.

Omaha State Sen. Ernest Chambers appeared at the meeting with a five-page release which he said was based on Lincoln Police Dept. (LPD) and County Sheriff re-

ports. The paper also contained Chambers' opinions of police conduct in the Sept. 24th incident.

Meanwhile, by an 8 to 3 vote, the common passed a proposal by Mayor Helen Boosalis and Lancaster County Atty. Ron Lehnert to form a nine-member citizens committee to investigate the death of Lewis and examine the policies and procedures of "law enforcement agencies."

The passed motion carried two amend-

ments which included an investigation of the death of Elijah Childers, 39, who was shot dead in his home by a Lincoln policeman on Feb. 1.

Citizen committee members will be appointed by County Commissioner Bruce Hamilton and City Councilman John Robinson.

Chambers said his information first was requested by certain Lincoln citizens because they have no confidence in Lincoln city and Lancaster County officials."

### FBI conclusions

He said he thinks conclusions of the FBI investigation into the incident may be doctored, and wanted to release the facts to the public so "they could think it out for themselves."

The reports were given to Chambers by State Attorney General Paul Douglas through Lahnert, Chambers said.

"Because information regarding the shooting of Sherdell Lewis has been released piecemeal and in such fashion as to give a deceptive picture of the surrounding circumstances, I have prepared a paper which will offer material which hitherto has not been made public," Chambers' paper stated.

Boosalis said she had the authority to release police and Sheriff's Dept. reports, but decided not to, based on legal counsel by city attorney Charles Humble.

### Based on reports

Based on reports Chambers saw, the paper relates what happened during the alleged drug sale by Lewis to the time he was shot by Deputy Sheriff Rodney Loos.

A search warrant was issued by County Judge Jeffre Chevront on Sept. 24 for a drug raid by 12 law enforcement officers, according to the paper. Chambers said the lawmen included seven from LPD, three from the Lancaster County Sheriff's Dept.,

and two Nebraska State Patrolmen."

The paper quotes officer reports concerning actions and positions of those involved in the incident, including Lewis and Loos.

### Voluntary code

Because of the Bar-Press guidelines, a voluntary code developed by members of the press and bar association, which concern criminal proceedings, the Daily Nebraskan cannot print some of the results expressed by Chambers.

These include: opinions concerning the guilt of the accused, statements predicting or influencing the outcome of a possible trial and statements or opinions concerning the credibility or anticipated testimony of prospective witnesses.

Chambers said that after the shooting he "was out there on the streets telling people not to throw rocks, not to use violence."

"But I'm not going to be out there taking flack for the (Lincoln) City Council and (Lancaster) County Board when everything they do in the way of official action is a delay," Chambers said.

The common consists of City Council and County Board members and the mayor.

## Social work students fight proposed accreditation loss

The 501 Bldg. was headquarters for an all-day moratorium from social work classes Tuesday. About 150 social work students worked to prevent removal of accreditation for the School of Social Work, according to graduate student Jaque Kal.

Accomplished Tuesday while social work classes were canceled on both UNL's campus and the School of Social Work seat at UNO's campus:

- UNL social work students received time to present their case at the Board of Regents meeting this Friday.
- UNL students formed groups and

discussed student rights with Ombudsmen.

-Decisions were made on how to approach UNL Social Work faculty members and protection of student rights.

-Petitions to keep accreditation.

-UNL students worked individually on writing letters and making telephone calls to set up meetings with NU administrators.

-UNO social work students received permission to go to the state chapter of the National Council of Social Work Education meeting.

Kal said the day was planned in cooperation with social work faculty members on both campuses last week to formulate student response to review made last spring by the Council of Social Work Education. It proposed the school's removal of accreditation because of these findings:

- Overall lack of support of the school (of Social Work) by the university.
- Lack of academic and faculty resources.

## Udall to speak

Congressman Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) will be at UNL to discuss his presidential bid Thursday. The public is invited to meet with him from 4:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in Centennial College Raymond Lounge.

Udall officially entered the New York primary Sept. 29.

## Craftsman visits

Professional silversmith Jim Cotter will demonstrate the techniques of his craft and sell samples from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Union Main Lounge.

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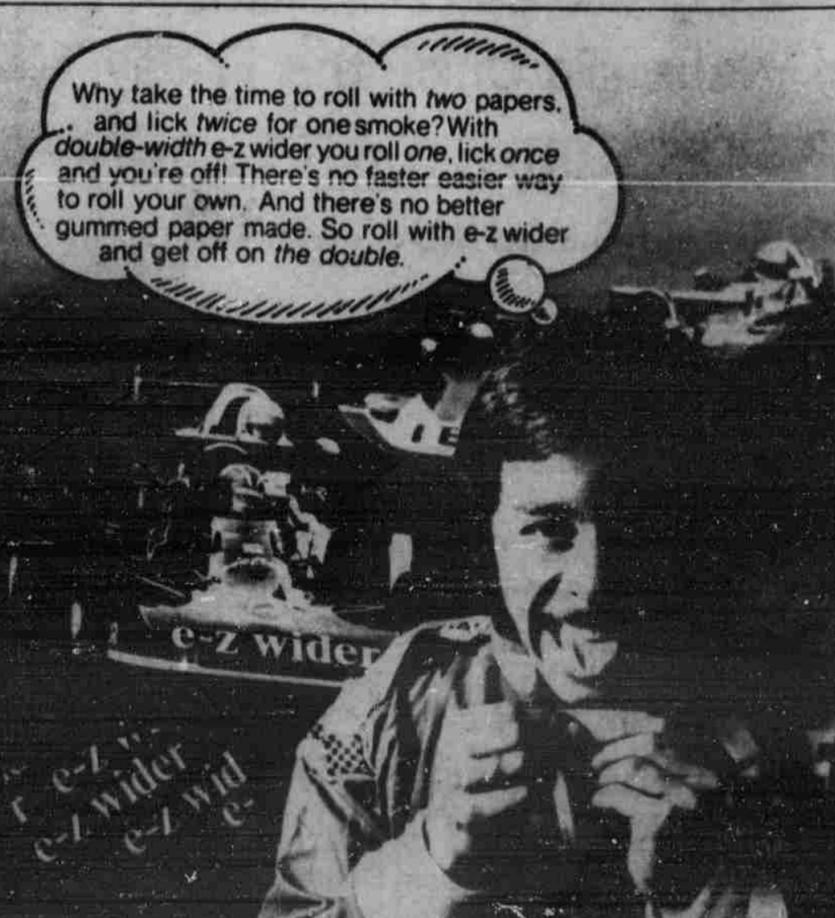
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