

Open meeting set for today

By George Miller

Between 500 and 1,000 persons are expected to attend an open campus meeting to discuss the Arvid Sherdell Lewis shooting, according to Tony Williams, ASUN senator and chairman of the committee planning the meeting.

The gathering is scheduled today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the north side of the Nebraska union. In case of rain, the meeting will be in the Centennial room in the Union.

Speakers at today's meeting will be County Commissioner Bruce Hamilton and a Lincoln Police Department representative. Mayor Helen Boosalis probably will attend, but said she will only answer questions.

State Sen. Ernest Chambers and Lancaster County Sheriff Merle Karnopp expressed interest, Williams said, but had made no commitments at press time.

Lancaster County Attorney Ron Lahners said he would not attend. Other possible speakers are Lewis' mother, Barbara Kelley and a member of the justice for Lewis committee.

The ASUN Senate passed a resolution

Wednesday night calling for the meeting and encouraging students to attend the meeting instead of classes.

Proper procedures

"We want to keep it cool," Williams said. "We want to make sure that nothing sets it (the meeting) off. It won't do to have people yelling and talking out of line."

A petition calling for a grand jury investigation of the Lewis shooting will be circulated during the meeting. Paul Morrison, ASUN second vice president, will serve as moderator for the meeting. Each participant will make a statement and then answer questions.

ASUN senators and union employees will help maintain crowd control during the meeting. Williams said that ASUN wants to keep Campus Police and Lincoln Police as far from the crowd as possible to reduce possible tensions.

Lt. Robert Edmunds, security investigator of Campus Police, said that "around 4 to 5" Campus Policemen would be present at the meeting.

No problems expected

Edmunds said he does not expect

problems and Campus Police would attend the meeting "just like any other official university function."

Allen Bennett, union director, met with the committee to make arrangements for the meeting.

"Our concern is that there be no lack of planning," Bennett said. "We are very concerned that there be complete freedom of expression at the meeting."

UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kenneth Bader said he had discussed the gathering with ASUN President Jim Say.

"The University is the place where an examination of issues, whether they are local, state or national should be held," Bader said. "Hopefully, it will be conducted in that spirit."

Bader said since there was a "potential for emotions" at the meeting, he hoped "everything to prevent emotions could be done."

The issue of students' not attending classes should be settled by students and their teachers, he said, and the university would not take a stand on the holding of the meeting.



Photo by Ely Marsh

ASUN Senator Tony Williams

Students, administrators meet to discuss scuffle

Student representatives joined administrators in a 9 a.m. meeting Thursday to "help clear up misconceptions and see if there is additional information" about scuffles in the Nebraska Union north lobby Wednesday afternoon, according to Gail Gade, Campus Police chief.

One student, Regina Eddington, was arrested and charged with two misdemeanor counts of assault and battery in connection with the incident, Bernard McGinnis, chief deputy county attorney, said.

Eddington was arraigned Thursday morning and pleaded innocent to the two charges, according to McGinnis. He said a \$500 bond set by the judge was posted by Eddington.

Docket call

Docket call in the case will be Oct. 28, McGinnis said. Docket call involves a re-

view of the charges and pleas with the prosecuting attorney, the defendant and her attorney and the judge present. If neither pleas nor charges are changes, the case continues in a hearing.

At the morning meeting, charges against Eddington were still unknown and Gade said the question of force used to arrest Eddington was raised.

"Depending on the charges, I think the main issue is whether unnecessary force was used," Gade said.

Gade said that investigators wanted to talk with first-hand witnesses of the event.

The meeting was closed to the public but Gade; Ely Meyerson, dean of student development, and Jimmi Smith, UNL director of minority affairs commented after the meeting.

"It (discussion of the incident) was

among the people in the meeting," Smith said. "At the time the press arrived (shortly after 10), the meeting had progressed and to let them (the press) in would have meant going back over material and not getting to the point."

The meeting was held this morning "so it would be timely," according to Meyerson.

"If we had waited until after the arraignment and discussed the issues, then the press would have been in and probably those concerned would not have been as open," Meyerson said.

Dialogue important

The meeting "showed the process of information," according to Meyerson. "Dialogue was important."

Gade reviewed results of the investigation and those attending "discussed reports and discrepancies in reports," Meyerson

said.

"The meeting was not to pacify or cover up," Smith said. "We need a clear cut source of information."

Meyerson reported that a number of students have come in to his office to discuss the incident. He said their statements are being turned over to Gade for use in the investigation.

Organizations represented included Black United Sisters (BUS), Blacks of African Descent (BAD), the Afro-American Collegiate Society (AACS), the Women's Resource Center, Center for Educational Change and ASUN.

Campus Police Lt. Robert Edmunds, who is in charge of the investigation, and Annette Hudson, a counselor in minority affairs, also attended the meeting.



Photo by Steve Borman

Hans Toch, professor at the School of Criminal Justice at the University of New York in Albany.

Law-Psychology Research Conference

Prison subjects dominate speeches

By Marian Lucas and Randy Blauvelt

The direction of national prison reform, differences between criminal and mental health sanctions and inmate stress from the "wolf versus sheep" situation were some topics discussed Thursday at the two-day Law-Psychology Research Conference.

The conference, sponsored by the UNL College of Law and UNL's Psychology Dept. continues today with more discussion on national criminal justice.

Norval Morris, dean of the University of Chicago Law School, spoke on "Who Should go to Prison." His speech was followed by John Monhan, a University of California at Irvine professor of social psychology, speaking on "Social Credibility Toward an Integrated Theory of Criminal and Mental Health Sanctions," and by Hans Toch, a professor at the School of Criminal Justice at the State University of New York at Albany, speaking on "Prison Environments and Psychological Survival."

If prisons were looked at as part of a "human value system" they would probably be seen as a "distressful environment" and a "generically inhumane institution," said Hans Toch about a "wolf versus sheep" situation found in the nation's prisons.

"There are some people to whom the difficulties that they encounter (in prison) require immediate and individual attention," he said.

Inmate feelings

Citing a study on the feelings of inmates in a New York prison, Toch said prison life was found traumatic because the inmates are weak when strength and masculinity

are necessary.

"The weak inmates see themselves as easy game in a prison situation," he said, adding that many were exploited and were victims of homosexual rape.

Prisoners have few choices, Toch told more than 250 attorneys and UNL law students. They can act boldly, which could be viewed as panic, or can isolate themselves with "weak company."

To remedy this situation, Toch suggested that prisons study the backgrounds and psychological traits of prisoners and place them in work or living situations with similar "street" or peer groups.

"These groups would help certain inmates survive the stress," he said.

Allowing prisoners to maintain links with society would improve chances of rehabilitation, he added.

Remake man

Morris said prison systems have to stay out of the business of forcefully remaking a man.

He said that the prison population will increase until 1985 and then begin to decline. He said the baby boom would then hit the prisons.

"This is a difficult time in criminal justice system policy," said Morris, a member of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Morris said prisons suffer from a lack of clarity. He added that jails need expansion and improvement.

In favor of experimentation with types of punishment, he said he is prejudiced in this matter.

Morris said he was present at the opening of a 26-story downtown Chicago jail

last week. The jail, he said, was security controlled by computer.

Computer not fallible

"The reasoning behind this was that man is fallible and computer isn't," he said.

President Gerald Ford, Morris said, is in favor of mandatory minimum sentences for criminals despite its failure record. Because of crowded systems and proposals for these minimum sentences, plea bargaining is increased, he said.

"Mandatory minimums are a way to get votes or run for office," Morris said.

Idealistically, when people are released from prisons, a change within these people should occur, he said, but at the moment the prison systems cannot accomplish this.

"But I'm a foolish optimist and I think this can be achieved," he said.

Monhan, a Community Clinical Psychologist member, said there are similarities between criminal and mental health law.

In criminal law, he said, there are two forms of sanctioning—imprisonment and commitment. But, he added that in mental health litigation these two forms may be unnecessary.

Sanctions, in terms of deprivations of liberty for criminals, Monhan said, involve rehabilitation, special deterrence, general deterrence and retribution. In mental health sanctions, he continued, there are only rehabilitation, deterrence or change in the person for the benefit of society.

This change would be so the patient would not flaunt society's norms, he said.

When people talk of mental health treatment for crime and punishment for mental health, he said, contrasts are overdrawn.

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Friday: Mostly sunny and mild. Highs in the upper 60s. Winds ranging from 5 to 15 m.p.h.