

Symposium examines law's effects on moral judgments and behavior

A look at the law as a behavioral instrument is the subject of the Nebraska Symposium of Motivation today and Friday at the Sheldon Art Gallery Theatre at UNL. All sessions are free and open to the public.

The symposium is held in two sessions during each academic year. This year's symposium continues last fall's examination of the effects of law on development of moral judgments and behavior, and looks at deterrence and relationships between legal regulation and unhealthy behavior.

"Uses of the Law to Discourage Unhealthy Personal Choices" will be discussed at 9:30 a.m. today. Richard J.

Bonnie, professor of law and director of the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy at the University of Virginia, will lead the session.

At 1:30 p.m. today, Stanley Brodsky, founding editor of the journal "Criminal Justice and Behavior" and professor of psychology at the University of Alabama, will lead a session on "Empirical Assessment and Civil Actions' Tuning the Instrument." The lecture also will be at Sheldon.

Gary Melton, associate professor of psychology and law at UNL and director of the law/psychology program, is preparing monographs on adolescent abortion policy and civil commitment of

minors and will present a session at 9:15 a.m. Friday on "The Law as an Instrument of Socialization and Social Structure."

Co-presenter will be Michael J. Saks, associate professor of psychology and adjunct professor of law at Boston College. Saks is editor-elect of "Law and Human Behavior" and co-editor of "Advances in Applied Social Psychology."

The program marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Law/Psychology Program at UNL. The symposium is sponsored jointly by the department of psychology, the NU Medical Center in Omaha and the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute.

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 8:33 a.m. and 11:47 p.m. Tuesday.

8:33 a.m. — Fire alarm reported sounding at Morrill Hall.

8:37 a.m. — Fire alarm reported sounding at Hamilton Hall.

11:45 a.m. — Furniture reported stolen from Schulte Field House.

12:33 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported in Parking Area 3 near Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall.

12:57 p.m. — Money reported stolen from Selleck Quadrangle.

3:09 p.m. — Habcaps reported stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 23.

3:45 p.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from a vehicle at 1610 Vine St.

5:28 p.m. — Antenna reported stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 1 on 19th Street.

11:12 p.m. — Vandalism reported to a vehicle in Parking Area 1 near 17th and Vine streets.

11:47 p.m. — Medical emergency reported at Schramm Hall.

Setting it Straight

A short on UNL's Gay and Lesbian Student Association in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan listed the wrong phone number. The correct number is 475-3726. The group meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Andrews Hall 228.

Reuter Report

Bodies identified as U.S. drug agent, pilot

MEXICO CITY — Two bodies found beaten and bound next to a Mexican country road have been identified as a kidnapped U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent and a Mexican pilot who flew missions with him, the U.S. Embassy said Wednesday.

The bodies — one nude and the other clad in yellow shirt and gray trousers — were found near a ranch that was the scene of a bloody shootout Saturday between Mexican police and heavily-armed drug runners.

DEA agents and Mexican police experts identified the two, kidnapped hours apart on Feb. 7 in the western city of Guadalajara, after hours of tests, the spokesman added.

Police in Zamora, where the remains were taken for identification, said the two had been beaten, buried alive and then dug up to be dumped near the El Mareno ranch.

U.S. sends military aid to Thais

WASHINGTON — The United States is speeding military aid to Thailand following an incursion across the Thai border by Vietnamese troops attacking Cambodian guerrillas, the State Department announced Wednesday.

Spokesman Bernard Kalb said the expedited shipment of equipment, including armored vehicles, artillery and "other priority items needed to strengthen the Royal Thai armed forces," was expected to arrive in early April.

Kalb said the United States condemned the violations of Thai territory by Vietnamese troops.

Diplomats and military officials in Bangkok said Thailand threw infantry, artillery and fighter-bombers against nearly 1,000 Vietnamese troops who crossed the border Tuesday. Kalb said the largest Vietnamese attack was directed against the forces of Prince Norodom Sihanouk at Ta Tum.

Reagan calls for unity before talks

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, pressuring Congress for approval of his MX missile programs, said Wednesday the Soviet Union would exploit any sign of U.S. weakness on the issue at arms control talks in Geneva next week.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president appealed for strong bipartisan support of his plan to build another 21 of the 10-warhead intercontinental ballistic missiles at a meeting with wavering congressmen.

"The Soviets do not make the distinction between Republicans and Democrats or the legislative and executive branches, they simply look for and will exploit any sign of indecisiveness, indecision or lack of resolve," Reagan said. "Let's not give them the opportunity to see us divided, let them look across the table and see a united front."

Reagan also held a meeting with congressional leaders at which he, Secretary of State George Shultz and the U.S. negotiators briefed lawmakers on the March 12 talks.

House Democratic leader Jim Wright, of Texas, said later the Democratic-controlled chamber fully supported Reagan's efforts to achieve meaningful arms reductions but refused to say if that support would translate into a positive vote on the MX.

Reagan: Ban on ships regretful

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, in a statement made public Wednesday, told the newly-arrived New Zealand ambassador that the United States deeply regrets his country's decision to bar U.S. warships from its ports.

In the statement, issued when Sir Wallace Rowling presented his credentials at the White House Tuesday, Reagan expressed hope that New Zealand would restore traditional cooperation between the two countries. It was released by the State Department.

It did not refer directly to the ban on U.S. warships that led to cancellation of exercises by ships of the ANZUS alliance of Australia, New Zealand and the United States. But it said the U.S. "deeply regrets the decision by the New Zealand government to change the operational character of our previous cooperation under the ANZUS alliance."

The dispute arose when New Zealand barred ships with nuclear arms or propulsion from its ports. The United States refuses to say which of its ships carry nuclear weapons.

Reagan said he appreciated New Zealanders' concerns over the threat of nuclear war but, "withdrawal from the mutual responsibilities that our alliances entail will not help in achieving our common objective of nuclear disarmament."

Chilean officials combat hoarding

SANTIAGO, Chile — The death toll from Chile's worst earthquake in 15 years has climbed above 140 and the government threatened tough action against people trying to profit from food shortages.

"Speculation and hoarding of food in the affected zones have been detected," Government Secretary Gen. Francisco Chadra said Tuesday. "We will apply a rigorous policy against it."

He said the death toll from the quake on Sunday had risen to 143, with 1,900 people injured and 160,000 left homeless.

Omahan leads trek to North Pole

EDMONTON, Alta. — Four Americans stepped out on the Arctic ice Wednesday to begin a 280-mile trek to the North Pole.

Theirs was the first of three expeditions due to set out for the pole this week. A British policeman is to make a solo attempt on foot while a French doctor plans to go by ski.

The Americans, led by Mike McGuire from Omaha, Neb., started from the tip of Ward Hunt Island in the high Arctic. They expect to take about 70 days.

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