

# Yew plant causes student's death

The body of a UNL student was found early Friday on the Salt Creek Bridge, near 26th Street and Cornhusker Highway. The person apparently died from eating a yew plant, said Lancaster County Attorney Mike Heavican Monday.

Heavican said a toxicology report conducted Monday showed that Robert A. Hogendorn, 22, had eaten enough of a yew plant to kill him. Hogendorn, of Long Island, N.Y., was a resident of Burr Hall on East Campus.

throughout Lincoln. The berries, which are the part most commonly ingested, contain alkaloid taxine poison. The berries usually are safe in small quantities.

"Apparently he ate enough of it to kill him," Heavican said. "It's the first incident like this I can remember."

He said that it is not known which plant Hogendorn ate because yew plants are so common in Lincoln.

UNL student Doug Fagler, who worked with Hogendorn at the Nebraska Union the last two semesters and planned to live with him this summer, said Hogendorn seemed in good health.

"He wasn't despondent," he said. "He was just tired."

Hogendorn was found about 5:10 a.m. leaning against the bridge railing, with a duffle bag of clean laundry slung over his shoulder.

Hogendorn's friends told police that he usually did his laundry in a laundromat near 35th Street and Cornhusker Highway.

# Privacy a benefit

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Dave Bourn, a junior natural resources major, said he and his four roommates each pay \$200 to \$250 a month for their house rent and other expenses.

Allan Urlis, a senior broadcast major, said he pays about \$250 to \$275 a month for rent.

Zatechka said current UNL policy states that students who will not be 20 years old by Oct. 1 must live on campus. Under-aged-students may live off campus if their parents live locally, if they are sophomores and have parental

The yew is a spreading shrub found

permission or if they have extenuating circumstances such as serious health problems, he said.

Zatechka said the policy was enacted for the benefit of incoming freshman students.

He also said students who live on campus get better grades than those who live off campus.

At the same time, Zatechka said, living off campus has advantages such as giving students greater privacy and the opportunities to begin making decisions on their own.

# Job seminar helpful, officials say

The farm crisis has prompted about 75 juniors and seniors in the College of Agriculture to sharpen their job-seeking skills.

T.E. Hartung, dean of the College of Agriculture, and Marialice Renard teach a six-week employment seminar for students in search of jobs. Six other agriculture instructors assist in the class on a rotating basis.

Hartung, who has taught the seminar since it began in 1973, said the class gives students a "very competitive

edge" in the job market.

"The course doesn't guarantee a better shot at a job," Hartung said. Nevertheless, "it does provide the tools."

Hartung cited one recent success story. A student sent a letter of inquiry to a large chemical company as part of a class assignment.

The company contacted its local representative and the representative in turn contacted the student to set up an appointment.

Over lunch, the student was interviewed and later received a job offer, Hartung said.

"This doesn't happen often," he said, "but these class assignments do lead to contacts."

Seminar assignments include com-

pany research, resume preparation and mock interviews.

"The class gives students confidence that they are going at the job search in the proper manner," said Renard, seminar director and director of the agriculture college's placement service. "That's what we really want to build — confidence."

Renard estimates that 80 percent of the students who took the course in 1985 and reported back had satisfactory jobs.

The placement rate coupled with the farm economy has made students take the seminar more seriously, she said.

The class provides valuable information students can use throughout their lives, she said.

# Housing cuts may pull plug on Abel pool

By Linda Hartmann  
Staff Reporter

The Office of University Housing may close the swimming pool at Abel-Sandoz residence halls during the school year to save money, the housing director said Thursday.

Doug Zatechka told senators of UNL's Residence Hall Association that he is considering cuts in services such as the pool. Cuts may be necessary because residence halls aren't as full as usual — 93 percent full this semester — and probably will be the same next year, Zatechka said.

"The pool is a God-awful money loser ... We can't afford to be everything to everyone," he said.

The pool costs \$45,000 to \$50,000 to operate, which translates to \$8 a student each year, Zatechka said.

But during the summer, the pool must be kept open for conference groups that come to UNL, Zatechka said.

The housing office probably could cover the pool area with a temporary floor for recreational use, he said. Zatechka also said he would consider returning something to the students in the residence halls for the loss of the pool, such as cable TV or soap and paper towels in the bathrooms.

Zatechka said he will defer a decision until he knows student opinion on the matter.

In other matters, RHA approved a housing office rate study that indicates housing costs will increase \$35 for each student for 1986-87. The 1.7 percent increase is the lowest in 12 years.

Glen Schumann, assistant director of maintenance, said overhead lighting will be installed in residence hall rooms before the halls open next fall.

When the overhead lights are installed, Zatechka said, closet lights in some halls probably will be removed. Zatechka said closet lights in Abel-Sandoz halls and the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex have caused two fires this year.

Zatechka also said he approved a \$30,000 increase for student employees in the residence halls. The money would allow each hall to hire two employees for 10 hours a week, he said.

Hiring the student employees means repairs can be done faster and halls will be kept cleaner, Zatechka said. The money accounts for \$5 of the increased housing cost for each student.



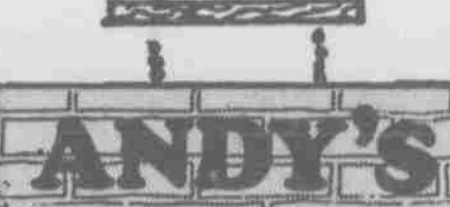
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