

Weather: Wednesday, increasing cloudiness and turning cooler. High in the mid-60s to around 70. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, considerable cloudiness with a 20 percent chance of showers. Low in the lower to mid-40s. Thursday, a few morning showers, then becoming partly cloudy and cool. High in the mid to upper 50s.

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Woman assaulted

Date rape high on campus, expert says

By Kevin Freadhoff
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Last Wednesday night a UNL student said she fought off a man who tried to sexually assault her. She identified the man as a black male, about 20-years-old, 6-3, weighing 225 pounds. He had a muscular build, a slightly pock-marked face and distinctive facial features. He wore his hair short on the sides but shoulder length in the back.

Lt. John Packett of the Lincoln Police Department said the investigation is still on, but with few leads.

"The description of the suspect does not fit that of any other sexual assault attacker descriptions that I'm aware of," Packett said.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing, said that so far this semester he has received some reports of third degree sexual assault in residence halls.

Third degree sexual assault is the intentional touching of intimate body parts, where force, threat of force or coercion is used. Third degree assault is a misdemeanor and is punishable with up to one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both.

Zatechka said his responsibility for students stops at the doors. His biggest tip for students living in residence halls is to lock their doors. Zatechka said when students are out at night they should never travel alone.

"One person is alone, but two people are an army," Zatechka said.

Since last year, housing has turned awareness programs on sexual assault over to police. They know how to inform

the students about crime better than housing officials do, Zatechka said.

Lezlie Hatford, community educator and counselor at Lincoln's Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center, said the university has a high rate of "social rape." Hatford defined "social rape" as rapes where a woman knows her attacker.

"These are men that they have class with, are casual acquaintances with, see on campus or even date," she said.

The odds of being a rape victim, Hatford said, depends on the woman's age. One out of every four women will be raped in their lifetimes, she said. For a woman under the age of 18, that statistic is one out of every three.

Last month, the crisis center helped 47 sexual assault victims and received 88 sexual assault crisis calls. Of 35 known cases of rape the center received with age information, 10 of the women were between the ages of 15 and 24.

Although some sections of the university's campus are darker than others, Lt. Joe Wehner of the University Police Department said there are no specific areas on campus that have been more prone to crime than others. Wehner said that the reports of sexual assault has not been a big problem on campus. Reportings have been low, just a few a year, Wehner said.

Wehner said the police put on presentations for students living on campus to make them more aware of campus dangers.

Hatford said that only one out of every 10 rapes is reported. The number

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DN coverage of suicide is criticized at meeting

By Michael Hooper
Senior Reporter

The UNL Publications Board informally decided Wednesday that following the publication of a suicide story in the Daily Nebraskan, a story should also be run listing alternatives for students considering suicide.

Patrick Wyatt, Cather-Pound government president suggested the idea to the board after he said the Daily Nebraskan was "sensationalizing" the Sept. 9 suicide of Bryan Sherlock in its second story on Sherlock's suicide, run Sept. 12. Sherlock hanged himself in his Cather Hall room.

"I felt the first one (run Sept. 11) was OK because it cleared the facts, Wyatt said. "but the second one seemed to be sensationalizing the story quite a bit."

Wyatt said a lot of students in the resident halls were upset to see the second story run.

"We knew about it (the suicide) already," he said.

But those students in the resident halls are only a small minority of the student population, said Al Pagel, Gannett Professional Lecturer and publications board member. The other students have a right to know what happened, he said.

Don Gillen, publisher of the York News-Times, agreed with Pagel.

"I don't think you can sweep something like that (the suicide) under the rug," Gillen said.

The second story described Cather residents' reactions to the suicide, as well as stating how floor residents were handling it.

Sensationalizing and dramatizing suicides are likely to provoke suicide attempts, Wyatt said. He said that "five suicide attempts" by resident hall members have followed Sherlock's suicide.

Glenn Grey, Cather-Pound-Neihardt program director said in a telephone interview after the board meeting that the number of suicide attempts following Sherlock's death is probably three.

"They may be attempting suicide or they may be asking for help or attention," Grey said.

"There is no way that taking 10 aspirins is a suicide attempt," Grey said.

Wyatt said after the meeting that students need to know that help is available for those considering suicide. He mentioned the University Health Center, the UNL Counseling Center, the students assistant in the resident halls and the resident hall directors.

Wyatt said he was satisfied with the board's decision.



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Can you say Jesus?

Michael Woroniecki asks a group of children, "Can you say Jesus?" as he preaches on the Union Plaza Tuesday.

P.E. 'pays off' for UNL females

By Dorothy Pritchard
Special to the Daily Nebraskan

Thirty UNL female students received refunds from a special endowment last semester for taking physical education classes not required for their majors.

Margaret Penne, assistant director of the school of health, physical education and recreation, said the refund is almost equal to the cost of one credit hour. Penne said the program is the only one of its kind in the physical education department, and it is open

to all UNL women who successfully complete more than two physical education classes.

Refunds will be made for all succeeding classes the student passes. The offer excludes students who major in physical education, recreation or dance.

Ed Hirsch, executive vice president of the NU Foundation, said the \$193,000 endowment set up to pay for the tuition refunds "is very unique."

An anonymous donor set up the fund in 1970 because he wanted to see more

women in physical education. He is a 1916 UNL graduate.

Hirsch said when the fund was set up two hours of physical education were required at UNL.

One student who has been reimbursed for two classes she has taken said the refund is a good incentive.

"I probably would have taken them anyway, but it was an added benefit," said Tracy Downs, a 22-year-old elementary education major said, "It was much to my benefit physically and financially."