

Bolick: science books contain sexist language

By Kip Fry
Staff Reporter

When Peggy Bolick failed a math test in second grade, she went home with the idea that it was alright for a girl to flunk.

Her father told her that it didn't make any difference whether she was a boy or a girl, she still had to pass the test. And it was the last math test she ever failed.

Since then, the associate biology professor at the University of Ne-

braska-Lincoln, discovered that there is a lot of sexist language being used by current scientists, especially those involved in sociobiology, she said.

Much of the sexist language was found in articles written since 1971, Bolick added.

Bolick spoke Tuesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union.

Sociobiology is the study of how behavior is shaped by genetics, she explained.

Bolick said that although one can

go back to the Charles Darwin era to see the bias in the language of scientists, there is still much sexism demonstrated in writing.

Women are often referred to as subordinate and homemakers in this literature, Bolick said. Such attitudes will lead eventually to such things as rape, father-daughter incest, child abuse and wife beating, she said.

Bolick said that sociobiology has been criticized by such personalities as biologist and author Stephen Jay Gould of Harvard University, she

said. Gould has said that the discipline harms women.

One problem with sociobiology is that those involved tend to have a blind spot about the fact that males are larger than females, Bolick said.

"Sociobiologists dismiss the idea that culture may have a determining influence on certain female behaviors," she said. "Behavior may have a genetic component, but it is variable."

Bolick also said that some sociobiologists think that it is possible for

rape to occur in the plant world between the male and female parts of the plant; even though their reproductive biology is greatly different than that of mammals.

This is evidence that males are predominant over female counterparts even in that low life forms, she said.

Despite these problems in the language of scientists, Bolick said that not all of science nor all male scientists are sexist.

Rooftop patrol slows thefts

From Staff Reports

Auto larcenies caused University of Nebraska-Lincoln police to station officers on top of residence hall roofs in recent weeks.

Police were stationed on top of the residence hall roofs in October as part of an effort to catch car stereo thieves, said Sgt. Al Broadstone of the UNL Police Department. Four people were arrested during the roof patrol times, he said.

An officer was stationed on top of a residence hall one night during peak theft hours. The officers used a direc-

tional speaker, which enabled them to hear shattered glass in the parking lots, Broadstone said.

Police haven't been stationed on residence hall roofs in the past few weeks. Auto larcenies have "slowed down considerably," Broadstone said.

About \$58,000 in damages and thefts to parked cars were reported in September.

Broadstone estimated that thousands of dollars worth of stereo equipment was recovered as a result of the officers stationed on residence hall roofs.

Book bag theft major problem

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

Stolen book bags have become a major theft problem on University of Nebraska-Lincoln campuses, said Sgt. Al Broadstone of the UNL Police Department.

Eighty-one thefts have been reported this year, Broadstone said. Seventy-two percent of the book bags were taken from the University Bookstore. Ninety-eight percent of the bags contained books, Broadstone said.

Book bags are stolen because students either don't bother to check them or get in a hurry and just throw them on the floor in front of the bookstore, he said.

Dick Lewis, merchandise operations manager of University Bookstore, said the bookstore offers free checking of backpacks at the service

desk. Lockers for students to store their book bags also are located outside the bookstore.

Book bags have been forbidden in the store because they pose a possible shoplifting problem, he said. The policy has been in effect for as long as he can remember, Lewis said.

The bookstore is not responsible for stolen articles, and there is a sign telling students that, Lewis said.

Broadstone said the police recover quite a few book bags, but without billfolds or books.

Students can avoid having book bags or books stolen by checking them, putting them in lockers or identifying the books on a page with their Social Security number so bookstore personnel can check when someone is trying to sell the books back, Broadstone said.

More than \$100,000 of cocaine seized

From Staff Reports

Lincoln authorities seized about two pounds of cocaine Monday that has a street value from \$100,000 to \$400,000, said Lt. Duane Bullock of the Lincoln Police Department narcotics division.

Lab results are not back, but Bullock said the cocaine appeared to be rock cocaine, a pure form of the drug.

When cocaine is sold, Bullock

said, it is "cut" by adding another substance, like vitamin B. That way the dealer has more to sell, but the drug is not as pure, he said.

Bullock said a Crime Stoppers tip led police to the bust, one of the largest in Lincoln in the last few years.

The Lincoln-Lancaster Narcotics Unit, the Nebraska State Patrol, the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and FBI agents were involved in the bust, Bullock said.

Bullock said the bust did not involve university students.

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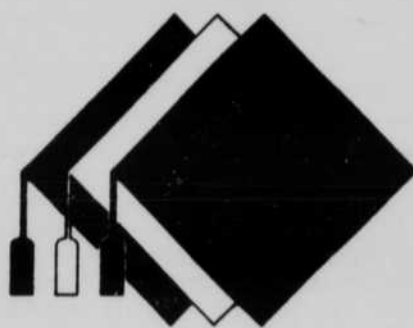
unless they are selling more than four or five tickets at a time.

Capt. Ron Flansburg of the Lincoln Police Department said selling tickets on private and UNL property is legal, but he said scalping becomes illegal when people venture onto city property. Flansburg defined UNL property as any land leading up to the sidewalks around the university campus.

Norm Langemach, chief city prosecutor, said city-owned property also includes any private property owned by the city. Langemach said the maximum penalty for scalping tickets on city property is a \$500 fine and six months in jail, or both.

Langemach said scalping hasn't been a problem so far this year.

"I heard during the last game (Lincoln police) gave out warnings, but I haven't seen any official tickets come through lately," Langemach said.



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