

Report: Crack is controllable

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new "low-level street dealer drug enforcement project," Harris said. According to the report, within the past year there has been an increase in cocaine brought into the city. The cocaine is processed into crack in Lincoln. Lincoln's airport has been used to transport drugs.

Lincoln police have also learned that individuals with ties to narcotic trafficking gangs were traveling to Lincoln from Omaha, Los Angeles and Kansas City.

"Lincoln and Omaha are undeclared turf by any one specific gang, so no one claims us as their property," the report states. "In other words, all markets are open for exploration and exploitation."

An assessment of Lincoln drug treatment centers indicates that the majority of their clients are Caucasian males with family incomes of less than \$10,000. Lincoln treatment programs are more successful than the national average, with a 60-percent success rate.

Drug prevention also is provided by the Lincoln Public Schools. Involvement in extracurricular activities and Community Action programs. There was an emphasis made to educate the students on the process of making choices. In addition, the report

also lists recommendations for the city council to establish a central family services resource office, emphasize

prevention as the major strategy and address the non-availability of programs for high-risk youth groups among other suggestions.

The committee emphasized the shortage of funds in treatment offices and recommended that agencies increase their ability to deliver effective care for all ages of Lincoln's population.

To the media, the task force suggested establishing a comprehensive public campaign.

Community groups, centers and churches were advised to develop year-round prevention programs.

Harris said he is currently working to develop some of the programs in the report but it will be an "evolutionary" process.

Harris said he wants to send a message to drug dealers that Lincoln is not a good place to do business and plans to speak to junior high schools as part of the education process.

"I want to strike a bargain with the youth of Lincoln," Harris said, adding that he would work to set up recreational and sports activities for students.

The emphasis part of the bargain would be to keep the place drug-free, he said.

Harris said outside grants and city funds probably would be used for financing the programs in the report.

"It's clear that any money we spend on the problem will go a long way in financing the alternative (prevention)," Harris said.

Great Plains fossils found near Ogallala

By Kari Mott
Staff Reporter

Nine-million-year-old fossils discovered at Lake McConaughy in western Nebraska are the first to be discovered on the Great Plains, said Michael Voorhies, a curator and coordinator of vertebrate paleontology and professor of museum and geology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Voorhies spoke to a full house of university students, professors and others interested in the discovery at St. Mark's-on-the-Campus, 13th and R streets Wednesday afternoon.

The fossils were found during underwater dives from 1985 to 1988 by a volunteer team of scuba divers led by Jim Landon, a science teacher at Seward High School.

Others on the dive included: Greg Brown, the chief preparator for the research division of the Nebraska

State Museum; Martha Nelson, a former employee of the state museum and certified diver and George Connor, the collection manager at Nebraska Hall.

The team made a preliminary dive in 1985 when they first found a number of fossils including the tooth of a saber-tooth cat.

The first full scale scuba expedition was in 1986. All exploration was done at a 15-foot-deep site 50 feet from the north shore of the lake near Ogallala.

Having a site underwater brought different problems, Voorhies said.

One problem was that the team could only cover a few feet per dive because it became dark from up-turned soil.

The solution was a dredge, purchased by the Nebraska Gem and Mineral Club. The dredge vacuumed up the silt and clay, he said.

But this summer's drought drained

the site and exposed it for a short time, Voorhies said.

"The most interesting thing from the site is a great abundance of carnivorous animals," Voorhies said.

He said only one carnivorous bone is usually found out of 100.

At the Lake McConaughy site 58 large mammals were found, 12 were carnivores and more than one-fifth were large predators.

The most common carnivore found was the Epicyon, which is like a large dog whose front legs are longer than the back legs, said Voorhies.

"As far as I know no one has found an Epicyon skeleton, only bits and pieces," said Voorhies.

Voorhies said he thinks the site may have been a carnivore lair because the number of plant-eating fossils left behind are broken up and gnawed while the meat-eating fossils are more intact.

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Minority students offered UNL job search services

By David G. Young
Staff Reporter

Minority students were given the opportunity to explore services available from the Career Planning and Placement Center and the Student Counseling Center at Minority Career Exploration Night Wednesday.

About 70 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students came to the event at the Commonplace on 14th and R streets.

Larry Ruth, director of the Career Planning and Placement Office, and Jake Kirkland, academic advisor/counselor for the Student Center, illustrated their programs to students.

Paul Miles, of the vice chancellor for student affairs office, organized the workshop from five university offices.

Other organizations involved in the program are the Multicultural Affairs Office and the Affirmative Action Office.

"Often the minority students aren't aware or notified of the particular services that are available to them, for some reason or another," said Miles. "Minority students in general don't feel like (employers) are interested in them in particular. That's an untrue accusation."

As part of their effort, the workshop sponsors collected information from the students regarding their areas of interest. Miles said the Career Planning and Placement Office will use this information to bring to UNL corporations of special interest to minorities.

Jimmi Smith, director of the Multicultural Affairs Office, said this program was possible because more people are aware of Appreciating Cultural Diversity, which has been stressed this year.

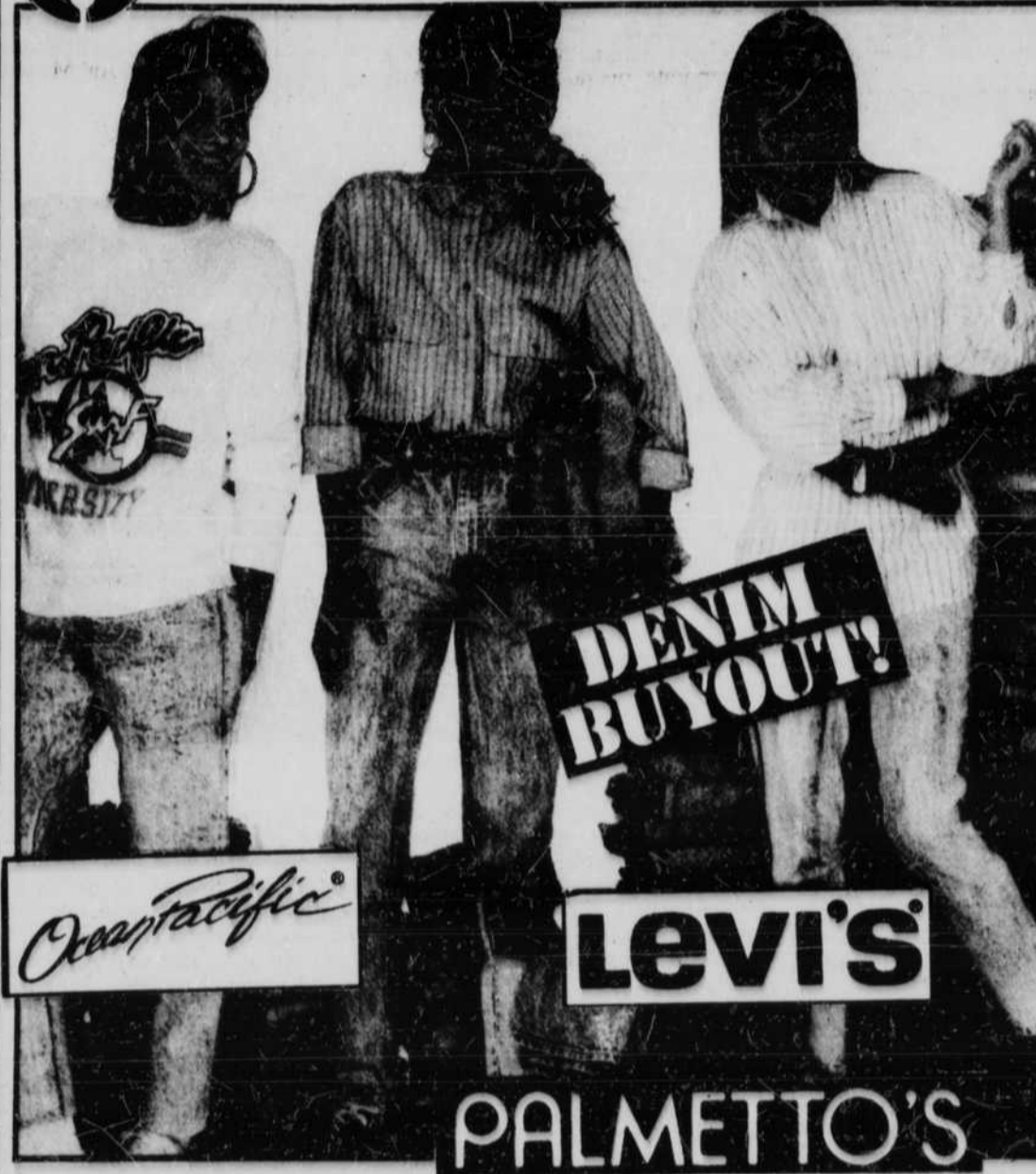
"Now the Career Planning and Placement Office will become an office for everybody and not just the middle class students," said Smith.

Elizabeth Millar, graduate advisor for the Afrikan People's Union, said minority students are a big asset to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"It's like a garden. You can't have a garden full of all white flowers. Red, yellow and green, and all colors mixed together make it much more beautiful," she said.

Miles said he hopes the workshop will be expanded throughout next semester.

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