

## Banned South African speaks

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When Woods was first banned by the South African government in 1977 for his views against apartheid, 42 censorship laws existed. Now 46 stand, one of which censors all foreign media.

Also, most white/black relationships are on a master/servant basis, he said. And most blacks are segregated by townships that are sometimes located miles from white populations.

Only after Biko's death did Woods realize the extent of South Africa's "apartheid craziness." A craziness that's comparable to Nazi Germany and devoid of all reason and rationality.

"It is to the extent that it's an obsession," he said. "They're so locked into their prejudice, it becomes a kind of blind craziness," he said.

Americans must continue to be leery of any information which comes from the South African government, Woods said.

For instance, 242 armed clashes occurred among white and black factions last year, he said. But that knowledge wasn't available to South Africans or the world.

Black leaders such as Biko have advocated non-violent methods of protest, Woods said. But violence sometimes occurs because blacks are not allowed to demonstrate, express their feelings publicly or vote.

"What else can they do?" Woods

said.

Economic sanctions from outside sources continue to be one of the most effective ways of strangling the South African government, he said.

"They are mortally afraid the tap is going to be cut off," he said.

Without sanctions, which help cripple the economy, the South African government has no reason to end apartheid, he said.

That money feeds government propaganda that tells Americans not to increase sanctions because it hurts the black population.

"I suggest at this point, you consult the victims, not the non-victims," Woods said. Most black South Africans would rather suffer economically in order to overcome apartheid, he said.

The government's propaganda also suggests that the fight against apartheid is actually a thrust toward communism, Woods said, but democracy is what they're really looking for.

But U.S. citizens can stop "apartheid craziness" by expressing their feelings to Congress by writing to black anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela at Pollsmoor Prison in South Africa.

People can also make a difference by supporting local apartheid awareness groups.

"Racism is rambling everywhere in the world," he said. "We must stop it by stomping on it wherever its ugly head is raised."

## Waste not public threat, official says

By Curt Wagner  
Editor

Medical waste materials found in a downtown alley Sunday did not significantly threaten the general public's health, but it was not a good public health practice, a Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department official said Wednesday.

Bill Pugsley, assistant chief of the health department's environmental health division, said that although the general public wasn't threatened, certain citizens were. People who pick through garbage for aluminum cans or other trash could have been contaminated by the waste, he said.

"It was not a good idea," he said. "The threat was minimal, but even so, where do we draw the line?"

Because the waste had been scattered around the alley, it is possible that someone had rummaged through the trash, he said. If the person had an open wound that came in contact with the blood products, Pugsley said, contamination could have occurred. That threat was lessened because no sharp objects, such as needles, were found in the garbage, he said.

Empty blood bags, tubes and other bloodied collection materials were found on dumpsters and the ground in the alley between O and P streets and 14th and 15th streets, near the Lincoln Plasma Corp., 126 N. 14th St.

Pugsley, who led the investigation, said the waste materials had not been properly sterilized by Lincoln Plasma Corp. employees before being bagged and dumped. Pugsley said the cause for the mishap had not been discovered.

Viva Moore, assistant manager of the plasma center, said that as far as she knew, the waste had been properly sterilized.

The county health department issued a notice of violations to Lincoln Plasma Corp. on Tuesday.

Gary Walsh, chief of the environmental health division, said the plasma center violated regulations established by the State Department of Environmental Control concerning proper sterilization of waste before dumping and proper containment of waste when dumped.

Proper sterilization is achieved through autoclaving or chemical treatment and proper containment of medical waste is in locked metal dumpsters, he said. Also, current city ordinances require all garbage, medical and non-medical, to be contained in metal trash cans, he said.

Walsh and Pugsley said the health department had not determined if it would forward information on the violations to the city attorney. That will be decided after a meeting with officials from the Lincoln Plasma Corp. later this week, they said.

"If we come away (from the meeting) feeling the problem will not occur again, we won't pursue it any further," Walsh said.

The plasma center has had no previous violations, he said.

Walsh said the health department had not been concerned with reports that the janitorial service hired by the plasma center had improperly dumped the waste.

"The ultimate responsibility is on the person who generates the waste," he said.

## Pranksters call plasma center

Some Lincoln phone pranksters were apparently a little confused Tuesday and Wednesday.

Patti Johnson, manager of the University Plasma Center, 1442 O St., said the center had received about five prank calls from people upset about improper dumping of medical waste into the alley behind the center.

The callers' comments ranged from "If you keep dumping we'll slit your throats" to "What do you think you're doing?" Johnson said.

The callers apparently thought the University Plasma Center had dumped the empty blood donor bags, tubes and other collection materials found Sunday in an alley between P and O streets and 14th and 15th streets, she said.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department has issued a notice of violation to the Lincoln Plasma Corp., 126 N. 14th St., which is located along the same alley, for the improper disposal of the materials.

Moore said Wednesday she had not gotten a straight answer as to how the improper dumping had occurred.

She said the situation had been taken care of through the hiring of a new janitorial service to clean the plasma center.

## Photo ID card system approved

By Pat Dinslage  
Staff Reporter

A new campuswide student photo-identification card system for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been approved, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said Wednesday.

Phased implementation of the system will begin in April 1989. By spring 1990, Griesen said, the photo ID's will be the "official ID card for the university," Griesen said.

Students will not be charged for the cards until the spring 1990 semester because of phased implementation of the system, he said.

Students' tuition statements for that semester will include the one-time fee of \$7.50 per student to help cover start-up costs for the system.

The total cost to implement the system will be about \$300,000, which includes start-up and operating costs between March 1989 to June 1990.

Griesen said \$175,000 of that money will come from the one-time fee to students; \$60,000 from the UNL departments using the card and \$65,000 from the student affairs auxiliary operations budget.

"This is not impacting our state-aided budget in any way," Griesen said.

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## Parents of student announce reward

By Larry Peirce  
Senior Reporter

The parents of University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Todd Oelling, who has been missing since Jan. 20, are offering a \$1,000 reward for his "safe return," said Detective Sgt. Joe Splichal of the Lancaster County Sheriff's department.

Splichal said Ronald and Judeen Oelling of Roca want anyone with information about their son to call the sheriff's department. Oelling, who is a junior journalism major, was last seen Jan. 20 at the Video Station, 4550 O St., where he worked, Splichal said.

Oelling's car was found Jan. 22 at Wagon Train Lake, three miles east of Hickman. A week-long search of the area turned up little evidence, Splichal said. Foul play isn't suspected, but the department has little to go on, he said.

"We haven't ruled anything out," he said. "We're open to all evidence."

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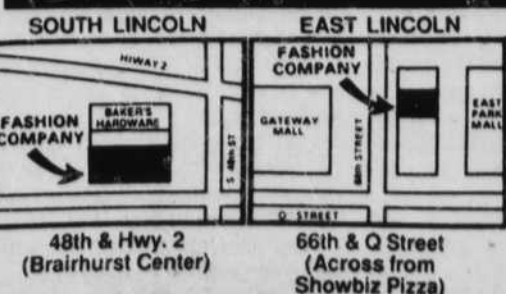
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