

# 'Take back the night' Officials outline anti-crime plan

By Roger Price  
Staff Reporter

About 40 people on the north steps of the State Capitol on Friday heard several political figures outline what they are doing to "take back the night."

Gary Lacey, deputy Lancaster County attorney, said he realizes that fathers and mothers in Lancaster County want prosecutors, law enforcement and social services to be at their peak to help reduce violent crimes against women and children.

Lacey said that during the 15 years he has worked at the county attorney's office, many things have changed in the way such crimes are

handled.

By assigning one prosecutor to handle a rape case from arrest to sentencing, Lacey said, victims are not "shuffled around," and convictions are more likely.

The county attorney's office also has begun actively prosecuting all cases of domestic violence, he said.

Lacey said the city attorney's office used to handle these cases and charged victims \$50 before they would prosecute.

"People should not be allowed to do the gross things they do to other people and remain free," he said.

Jim Baird, assistant chief of police for special operations, said

that through community involvement, the Lincoln Police Department is working to make the city safer.

If the whole community continues to work together, he said, violent crimes can be reduced.

Bernie Glazer, counsel to the legislature's judiciary committee, said it is important to ensure a safe community so "our children can have the childhood we remember."

Glazer, a candidate for Lancaster county attorney, said that even if he were elected to the office, he couldn't do the job alone.

"Your presence here today is an important step toward ensuring a safe community," he said.

## ASUN

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If court members decide they have the power to make the change, Gosch said, he has no doubt they will decide in favor of his petition.

If the court determines it does not have that power, Gosch said, ASUN would have to amend the constitution by petition or by a constitutional convention.

"It's the right thing to do for continuing studies and for Sandy Houghton," he said. "It may not be the right way to do it, but I'm willing to try."

## Unknown caller makes bomb threat at UNL

From Staff Reports

Classes were canceled for about an hour Friday morning in the Westbrook Music Building when someone called police and made a bomb threat.

Sgt. Mylo Bushing of the University Police Department said someone

dialled 911 at 10:27 a.m. Friday and said a bomb had been hidden inside the building.

Immediately after the threat, University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials closed the building and canceled 10:30 a.m. classes there, Bushing said.

Bushing said police do not have any suspects in the case.

## Regents

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budgets for 1990-91 will add \$14.69 per full-time student to the current Fund B student fees of \$132.77 per

semester.

Fees for the Campus Recreation Center account for \$3.35 of the increase.

The fee allocations received student and administrative approval earlier this semester before being reviewed by the regents.

# Chicano Awareness Days break attendance records

By Pat Dinslage  
Staff Reporter

The success of the 20th annual Chicano Awareness Days on Friday through Sunday at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln may extend the celebration to four days next year, said Ness Sandoval, events organizer.

Sandoval said participation in most events broke previous years' attendance records and exceeded his expectations.

Members of the Lincoln community and UNL students, faculty, staff and administrators participated in the panel discussions, luncheons, run and dances, he said.

According to Frank Sanchez, president of the Mexican-American Student Association, the Friday panel discussions and luncheon focused on the cultural backgrounds of Mexican-

American students and the need for increased awareness and respect for the different races and cultures in America.

Sandoval said Saturday morning's 9th annual Fun Run drew more than 60 runners, more than twice as many as in 1988, when he began organizing the event.

Saturday night's dance, with the Denver band Los Conquistadores, drew the largest crowd -- more than 400 people, up from about 230 last year, he said.

Sanchez said the purpose of the Awareness Days is "not only to make people aware of the Chicano culture, but to enjoy themselves, too."

Sanchez and Sandoval said the increased attendance shows more people at UNL and in the community are beginning to realize the importance and significance of Chicano Awareness Days.

## police REPORT

Beginning midnight Saturday, April 21.

2:24 a.m. -- Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, Area 16 parking lot, north of Nebraska Union, \$450.

2:56 a.m. -- Clock and frat .nity flag reported stolen, Lambda Chi Alpha, 1345 R St., \$90.

4:36 p.m. -- Passenger side of car reported scratched by key, Area 3 parking lot, north of Harper Residence Hall, \$150.

11:41 p.m. -- Glass reported broken on fire hose cases, 5th, 8th and 12th floors, Abel Residence Hall, \$20.



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