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President George Bush greets members of Mad Dads in Omaha on Friday afternoon. Bush named Mad Dads, an anti-gang, anti-drug organization, the 126th Daily Point of Light in his "1,000 Points of Light" program.

## Bush in Omaha to support Daub, award Mad Dads

By Cindy Wostrel  
Staff Reporter

First Lady Barbara Bush spent part of her birthday Friday without her husband, as President George Bush made his second trip of the year to Nebraska.

Bush was in Omaha to speak at a fundraiser for Hal Daub and at an award presentation for Mad Dads, an anti-gang, anti-drug group in Omaha.

Daub's fundraiser in the Peony Park ballroom was complete with chandeliers and live big-band music provided by the Omaha All-Stars.

The luncheon, which drew 700 of Daub's supporters, raised \$200,000 for Daub's campaign for the U.S. Senate.

Outside, a group of Lithuanians protested in support of a free Lithuania.

Bush told the crowd inside that the agreements he and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev signed last week "can help create a better future for the community of nations."

At the summit, Bush said, he and Gorbachev signed a bilateral agreement that would eliminate most stockpiled chemical weapons. They also

signed protocols limiting nuclear testing, he said, which would create unprecedented improvements for on-site verification.

The two leaders also signed a trade agreement in which the Soviet Union would create new markets for American products and new jobs for American workers. Bush said he will send the trade agreement to Congress once the Soviet legislature passes key emigration laws.

The Soviets also pledged to buy at least 40 million metric tons of grain from the United States during the next five years, Bush said.

Although the United States and the Soviet Union are relaxing tensions, Bush said the United States still must support the determined efforts of the Baltic republics to gain freedom and ensure that German reunification goes as the German people want it.

And although the emigration of Soviet Jews is at an all-time high, Bush advocates an "unfettered emigration," he said.

An agreement the two leaders signed to increase undergraduate student

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## Two new plaintiffs testify in fraud case

By Mark Georgeff  
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Testimony continued last month in a Lancaster County Court preliminary hearing involving two University Nebraska-Lincoln students' consumer fraud allegations against a Lincoln automotive repair shop owner.

Two new plaintiffs, Kurt Broer and Jacklynn Finbu of Lincoln, and three new witnesses were used May 11 in the plaintiffs' case against Judson Cushing of Judson Automotive Ltd., 601 N. 27 St.

Broer's testimony alleged that he paid Judson Automotive for new pistons for his car engine but received used pistons instead.

Broer, a UNL graduate, said he brought his 1970 Porsche 911 to Judson Automotive near the end of April 1988.

Broer said he and Cushing agreed upon a repair bill estimated at \$2,500 without new pistons. But the repair bill eventually escalated to \$3,500 and included new pistons, he said.

Broer said he notified Cushing the day after he received the \$3,500 bill and told him to proceed with the repairs and use new pistons.

In December of 1988, Broer said, he went to the repair shop to find out how the repairs were progressing. He said he observed his car's engine with the exposed pistons "looking black and marked up . . . (They) did not look like new pistons to me."

Although the pistons appeared used, Broer said, Cushing assured him that the pistons were new.

Broer said Judson Automotive later raised the repair bill to \$4,700.

In February of 1989, Broer said, he and his father met with Cushing to discuss the price changes on the bill and whether the pistons were used or new.

At that meeting the parties agreed on a \$3,800 repair bill, Broer said.

Broer said he paid Cushing \$3,800 on Feb. 1, 1989.

"We accepted the fact of new pistons being put in . . . We trusted his word," Broer said.

Steve Dworsky, an ex-Judson Automotive employee, said he overheard Broer and mechanic Steve Barber discussing the reuse of Broer's old engine pistons. He said he also heard Broer tell Barber he thought new pistons would be used.

Detective Sergeant Domgard of the Lincoln City Police Department's White Collar Crime Unit (WCCU), was assigned to Cushing's case in December 1989.

During a search on April 13, 1990, Domgard said Cushing assured him that the pistons put in Broer's car were new and that he could find the receipts.

Domgard said Cushing located the receipts for the new pistons ordered for Broer's vehicle.

Investigator Geff Gade of LPD's WCCU, said that on April 25, 1990, he received a facsimile of the receipts from European Auto Products and Parts Business (EAP) of Sunnyvale, Calif.

The information showed that Cushing ordered new pistons and then returned them to EAP for a refund, he said.

Another new plaintiff, Jacklynn Finbu, said she brought her 1977 Triumph TR7 to Judson Automotive Ltd., for repairs in September 1989.

Finbu told one of Cushing's mechanics not to fix anything until the amount of damage was determined, she said, and she was told the estimate would be free.

Finbu said she discovered a week later that "the employees had taken the engine head off and took it to a machine shop." That was done without her consent, she said.

In November, 1989 Finbu said, a Judson employee told her she would need her engine rebuilt, with an estimated cost of \$1,500-2,000.

At that time, Finbu said, she did not discuss leaving her vehicle at Judson Automotive or a possible storage fee with any employee. But in March 1990, she said, a Judson employee told her she would need Cushing's approval to get her car back.

Finbu said Cushing allowed her to get her inoperable car the next day and she was told by another employee that its parts were in the trunk.

She said she was surprised to see her car engine torn apart at Cushing's repair shop because she had never given permission to do so.

"There was rust on the parts, the distributor was missing, and there was no break fluid in the system," Finbu said.

She said her father contacted LPD's WCCU in March 1990, to tell them about her problems with Cushing's repair shop. After discussing the problem with LPD investigators, she retrieved her vehicle, Finbu said.

The court's decision to bind the case to the Lancaster County District Court or to dismiss the charges is expected near the end of June.

## Check arrival time creates problems for some students

By Cindy Wostrel  
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Because loan checks don't arrive until halfway through the summer session, some University of Nebraska-Lincoln students using Stafford loans to help pay for summer classes had to scramble for money to prepay tuition.

Those students who were unable to come up with the money to cover tuition until their loan checks arrived were dropped from classes for which they had preregistered, said Phil Gosch, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

According to John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, summer aid applications distributed in late March stated that Stafford loan payments would be made halfway through students' summer sessions, yet some students still anticipated receiving their loan payments in time to pay the advance tuition for summer classes.

But Gosch said the financial aid office had plenty of time to notify students receiving Stafford loans of the changes, yet failed to do so.

"They made it easy for themselves," he said.

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