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### Six-hour standoff

Lincoln police apprehend a gunman after a six-hour standoff Tuesday near N.W. 48th and W. Superior streets. The man had threatened to shoot himself or police officers unless he could speak to his wife, far right. The police responded to a domestic dispute at 12:40 p.m. and found the armed man near the area. The gunman left his pistol at the base of the tree and walked toward the police cruiser that carried his wife to him. SWAT team officers tackled and arrested him at 6:17 p.m. when he ran to retrieve the handgun.

## Colleges propose degree in environmental studies

By Shelley Miller  
Staff Reporter

A proposed environmental studies program at UNL would have roots in both natural and social sciences, university officials said.

J. Allen Williams Jr., a professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources are working toward offering a bachelor's degree in environmental studies next fall.

Steven Waller, assistant dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said one of the benefits of such a program is that it would integrate natural sciences with social sciences in the study of environmental issues.

Waller said scientists' decisions depend as much on the social sciences as the natural ones, so it is important to bridge the gap between them.

He said the two colleges began

working together in July to put together the proposal for an environmental studies program.

If the program is approved, Waller said, students would earn a Bachelor of Science degree in natural resources from the agriculture college or a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Arts and Sciences with an emphasis in a particular area.

Williams said the program would include core courses in both the natural and social sciences.

The program has been approved by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, he said, but arts and sciences faculty members won't vote on approval until April 29.

If the college approves the program, it will pass on to an academic planning committee, the university chancellor and the regents for final approval, he said.

Waller said he is optimistic the program will be installed by next fall because of the support it has received.



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Beginning midnight Monday, April 8

10:47 a.m. — Obscene phone calls, off campus.

2:00 p.m. — Computer discs and file stolen, Mussehl Hall, S75.

9:54 p.m. — Window broken, Phi Mu sorority, 1125 N. 16th St., S50.

### Two-car accident leaves two hurt near Pound Hall

From Staff Reports

Two people were injured Tuesday night in a car accident in front of Pound Residence Hall, 513 N. 17th St.

The two were admitted to Lincoln General Hospital after the car they were riding in struck a pole, spun around and hit another car.

According to Officer Sid Yardley of the Lincoln Police Department, the first car attempted to pass a second car in the middle lane.

The first car passed too far to the right, striking the pole, he said, and the impact caused the spin.

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## Loan

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loan program discovered many problems affecting the system, according to the release.

Rodger Murphey, public affairs specialist for the Education Department, said the reorganization plan would solve many of those problems, including:

- "Shoddy" schools that participate in the program and contribute to the high default rate.

- The small number of staff members and inadequate training.

- A slow department response last year to the collapse of the Higher Education Assistance Foundation. The time lag lessened the availability of loans.

To curb these problems, the department plans to:

- Monitor more closely the educa-

tional institutions participating in student aid programs to ensure legitimacy.

- Establish higher eligibility standards for aid.

- Improve oversight of guarantee agencies and lenders to provide early warning of problems and a faster possibility of departmental intervention.

- Increase sanctions against agencies and lenders.

- Communicate better in data and decision-making areas.

To make financial management more efficient and consolidate all student aid operations under one person, the department hired a New Hampshire businessman to implement the new plan.

Ernest Canellos, acting deputy assistant secretary for student financial aid, will head a team charged with day-to-day implementation activities.

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