

Speakers address rape

Panel: Society needs educational programs

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Society should focus on changing violent and abusive behavior used to obtain power and maintain control, said a representative of the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center.

"We really need to focus on the assailants... that he is responsible for his behavior," said Pat Tetreault, one of the three speakers on the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Panel. The Thursday panel was part of Violence Against Women Awareness Week.

Linda Schwartzkopf, director of the Student Judicial Affairs Office, said there is a general need for "educational programming" on sexual abuse and rape.

She said University of Nebraska-Lincoln police officers, specifically Cpl. Larry Kalkowski, have spoken at several fraternities and sororities and at some of the residence halls about sexual assault and rape on campus.

Part of educating the masses about rape and sexual abuse is letting people know where they can go and what they can do after they have been victimized, Schwartzkopf said.

Aside from the abuse center, she said, victims who wish to take action within the UNL community could contact the Student Judicial Affairs Office, which handles rape and sexual assault cases. Disciplinary actions are taken according to the rules of the UNL Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

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Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center

According to the code of conduct, students found in violation of the code may be sanctioned by a number of actions, including warning, restitution, probation, behavioral requirement and suspension.

Schwartzkopf said judicial affairs has handled three cases of rape thus far in the 1990-91 academic year.

The Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center has documented about 70 cases of rape or sexual abuse of UNL students this academic year.

Tetreault said it is important to realize that many women are afraid to use the legal process because they don't want to go through the trauma of recounting the event.

In addition, Schwartzkopf said, students often don't want to compound an already difficult situation with legal hassles.

"Getting students to come forward is very difficult," she said.

Tetreault said the hesitancy to report a rape is a result of the victim's "fear of retaliation."



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Joe Clark speaks about "From Disgrace to Amazing Grace" at the Lied Center for Performing Arts Thursday night.

Clark

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boards. Clark said that although America is not a perfect land and has "immeasurable inequities," it is the greatest

country in the world. "... and if you think you can't make it here, I know that you can't make it anywhere else. In spite of whatever you do, young people, don't ever quit. Don't ever give up," he said.

To make America a better place,

he said, people must come together and be honest with each other instead of hiding behind "fake smiles."

"Together we stand and divided we fall. We must come together as one, as human beings who have learned mutual respect for one another," he said.

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reported; we declared the athletes ineligible for competition and asked the NCAA for an interpretation," Papik said.

On March 12, the NCAA told Nebraska that the loans were in violation of the extra benefits rule, Papik said, based on the low interest rates

and open repayment schedules of the loans. Subsequently, Farmer and Ramos were ruled ineligible for competition.

Papik said the university then filed the necessary papers with the NCAA to ask for a restoration of Farmer's eligibility so he would be able to participate in the NCAA tournament. After a NCAA study, Farmer's restoration was granted the afternoon of Nebraska's first-round NCAA tournament game.

Papik said he wanted to make it clear that "the NCAA complimented Nebraska for its timely response in the matter and for acting properly in self-reporting."

Papik said that when the NCAA review of the incident is complete, both players' eligibility presumably will be granted for next season.

The NCAA investigation is nearly complete, but is being hampered because of FBI seizure of some of Peery's legal documents, Papik said.

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