




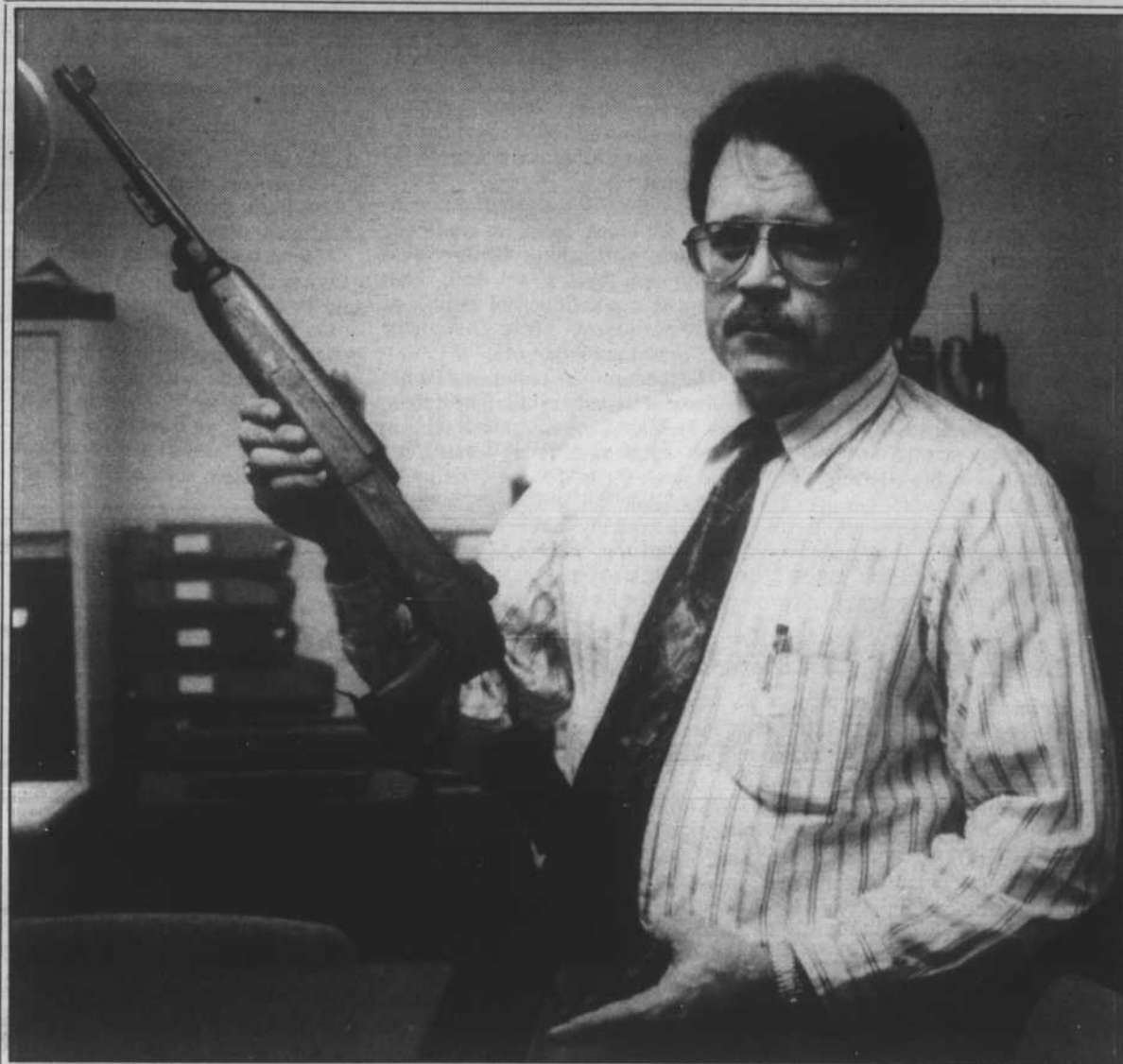
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<p>OPINION</p>  <p>Coming out</p>	<p>SPORTS</p> <p>Nebraska rated 5th in the nation by AVCA</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>60/41 Partly cloudy and cooler today. Tomorrow, a chance of rain with a high in the 50's.</p>
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Chuck Green/DN

Investigator Ron Lundy of the UNL Police Department holds the semiautomatic rifle that Arthur McElroy allegedly tried to fire at a classroom full of students Monday in Ferguson Hall.

Gunman to be arraigned

County attorney deciding charges

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln student who allegedly pointed a loaded semiautomatic rifle at students and tried to fire will be arraigned at 2 p.m. today at the Lancaster County Jail.

Arthur McElroy, 43, of Bennet, is being held without bond on suspicion of making terroristic threats, false imprisonment and use of a firearm to commit a felony.

But Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said Tuesday that he did not know what charges would be filed against McElroy. He said he would make his decision this

morning.

McElroy was arrested by Lancaster County deputies after he entered a classroom in Ferguson Hall Monday with a loaded Inland .30-caliber M-1 carbine and pointed it in a sweeping motion at students assembled for their 12:30 p.m. actuarial science class.

Students who were in the classroom at the time said the rifle jammed when McElroy tried to fire.

Cable said Monday that the rifle probably jammed because McElroy tried to push a round into the chamber with a round already in place.

Ken Cauble, UNL police chief, said the rifle — a 1944-vintage military weapon with a collapsible stock — was registered to McElroy and was purchased in Lincoln last January.

The rifle's stock is constructed of metal rather than wood, and a hinge allows it to fold parallel to the weapon. The model is lighter than those with wooden stocks and is used primarily by paratroopers.

Cauble would not specify where McElroy bought the weapon.

Cauble said he had not interviewed McElroy, and no motive had been determined.

Ron Lundy, an investigator with the UNL police, said McElroy was arrested with 83 rounds of ammunition, including two 30-round magazines, a box of 21 extra shells and two more rounds in the rifle's chamber.

Lundy said the weapon would be taken to the Nebraska State Crime Lab today to determine why the rifle would not fire and if it had been modified to a fully automatic-capable weapon.

Police follow old leads in Harms investigation

By Susie Arth
Senior Reporter

Authorities are hoping an old lead will provide new clues in the disappearance of UNL freshman Candice Harms, a Lancaster County investigator said.



Harms

Dave Pekarek, an investigator for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department and a member of the task force on the Harms case, said authorities were searching for a man who was reported walking on 14th Street between Waverly and Bluff roads in the early morning hours of Sept. 23.

Pekarek said he could not release a description of the man, but he urged anyone who had seen anybody in the

area to call authorities.

The area where the man was seen walking, Pekarek said, is about one mile west of the Milo field where Harms' car was found on the evening of Sept. 23.

The report of the man walking was received early in the case, he said, but police have not yet been able to identify or question him.

"It's not a new lead," Pekarek said. "It was reported earlier on in the case."

Sgt. Ann Heermann of the Lincoln Police Department said authorities were hoping anyone with a description of the man would report it.

As of Tuesday evening, police had not received any additional information about the man.

Until they get additional information about the man, Heermann said, investigators are keeping busy checking out other possibilities.

"We're doing everything we can," she said. "We're following up on every crazy idea that comes in."

Media draw criticism for campaign coverage

By Neil Feldman
Staff Reporter

Although press coverage of the 1992 presidential campaign often has been criticized, political science instructors at UNL cannot agree on what direction the media are leaning.

John Comer, a political science professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the broadcast media tended to lead off with President Bush rather than Bill Clinton.

"Quite often," Comer said, "Bush will make an allegation, and Clinton will respond."

"Very rarely has a Clinton allegation been the focus of a lead story."

While Comer said the media had been biased toward Bush throughout the campaign, other instructors in the political science department said they thought the press had been straight forward toward all the candidates.

Sunil Ahuja, a political science teaching assistant, said he thought the media's coverage of the campaign had been quite accurate.

"I think the press has done a pretty good job of covering the campaign," he said.

But Ahuja said liberals posed a problem for the media.

"The press has recently been attacked by liberals," he said. "This has made the reporters look into Clinton's background a bit more."

Although this may be true, other reports have suggested that the press has been looking further into Clinton's background because of his lead in the polls. With only three weeks left in the campaign, critics said, the press tends to dig deeper into the leading candidate's background.

Political analyst Joseph Nye, for example, said last week on "Inside Politics '92" that the print media, especially major newspapers such as The New York Times and The Washington Post, had carried a number of research features about Clinton's background. However, he said, finding such an article about Bush's or Ross Perot's past was difficult.

Anthony Dodson, a teaching assistant in the political science department, said press coverage by Lincoln media had been conservative.

"To get a balanced view," Dodson said, "it is necessary to read a number of sources. This town tends to be conservative; but others, for example, will take a strong liberal slant."

By reading several sources, Dodson

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OutWeek '92 fosters gay/lesbian pride

By Corey Russman
Staff Reporter

Gays and lesbians at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are uniting this week for "OutWeek '92," the first such event ever offered at UNL.

Lise Johnston, co-chairperson of the Gay/Lesbian Student Association, said she hoped the week would show solidarity among gays and lesbians.

"We're here, and we're human," Johnston said. "We have to educate (gays and lesbians) that they have something to be proud of."

David Bolkovac, co-chairperson of the association, said he hoped to create a week where gays and lesbians could come out and take pride in themselves.

"OutWeek '92" is offered in conjunction with the fifth annual National Coming Out Day, which was

Sunday. National Coming Out Day commemorated the Oct. 11, 1987, march on Washington D.C. that was aimed at increasing gay and lesbian awareness.

As part of OutWeek '92 activities at UNL, there will be a party at The Panic, 200 S. 18th St., at 9 p.m. today.

Two films about combatting homophobia and lesbian battering will be shown simultaneously at 7 p.m. Thursday in rooms 342 and 338 of the Nebraska Union.

A workshop on spirituality and well-being will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday in Regency Room A of the Nebraska Union.

The week concludes 7 p.m. Saturday with a talent show in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Johnston said response to OutWeek '92 activities had been positive so far. Events are open to gays and lesbians, as well as heterosexuals, she said.

Bolkovac said there had been "a lot of support from heterosexuals from both administration and the student body." Three or four heterosexuals have come to each event, he said.

Events began Monday when gays and lesbians shared their stories of coming out. Students had a night of art and literature Tuesday during which they read and showed their own works.

Paul Moore, a senior majoring in speech communication, said he hoped the week would create more awareness about gays and lesbians. Moore said he also hoped to change some of the attitudes heterosexuals had about gays and lesbians.

Bolkovac said he hoped the week would increase heterosexuals' understanding of gays and lesbians. About 25 percent of heterosexuals still are extremely negative toward gay/lesbian issues, he said.

Upcoming OutWeek '92 events

Wednesday	Midweek party at Panic!, all ages. 18th and N St.
Thursday	Movie: "Combatting Homophobia" Nebraska Union at 7 p.m. Movie: "Lesbian Battering," Nebraska Union at 7 p.m. Rooms to be posted.
Friday	Workshop on "Spirituality and Well-being" by Annie Pearson, Centennial Ballroom in the Nebraska Union at 7 p.m.
Saturday	Amateur Alternative Talent Night, Nebraska Union at 7 p.m.

Source: Gay/Lesbian Student Association



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