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## CORRECTION

In Thursday's DN, the number of openings for the Cultural Diversity Retreat was incorrectly reported to be 300. The correct number is 100, and applications are no longer being accepted. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

## SPORTS



## FRIDAY



# Police seize weapons at gunman's home

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

## Shotgun, blood-stained clothes found

**B**lood-stained clothing and loaded handguns were among items confiscated during a Wednesday morning search of the home of the UNL student who allegedly tried to fire a semiautomatic rifle at students earlier this month.

UNL Police Detective Ron Lundy and other officers searched the Bennet apartment of Arthur McElroy and seized, among other items, two loaded .38 caliber pistols, an unloaded shotgun and more than 200 rounds of various ammunition.

The search also turned up clothing, bed sheets, a mattress and a chair cushion, all stained with blood. The stained clothing included two pairs of men's underwear and a pair of dress slacks.

Lundy said the items would be sent to the

State Crime Laboratory to determine whether the blood was human or animal.

Among the ammunition, authorities discovered several boxes of shotgun shells, including 15 .12 gauge rounds commonly used for hunting large game animals.

McElroy, 43, was charged with attempted second-degree murder and three other felonies after he entered a University of Nebraska-Lincoln classroom on Oct. 12, pointed a loaded semiautomatic rifle at students assembled for an actuarial science class and allegedly attempted to fire.

He was arrested shortly after the incident with the rifle—a military Inland .30 caliber M-1 carbine with a folding stock—and 81 rounds of ammunition in his car.

Among other items confiscated during

Wednesday's search:

- Speedloaders, used to quickly load revolvers, which were discovered near the two handguns.

- Three holsters used for concealing handguns.

- A shotgun cleaning kit.

- Tandy computer equipment, as well as several computer discs.

- Four gun supply catalogs.

- Three bottles of prescription drugs, including an antibiotic, a painkiller and tuberculosis medication.

Investigators also discovered 60 sheets of notebook paper containing handwritten observations of people McElroy had met, Lundy said.

McElroy's home was searched after he was

arrested Oct. 12, but the initial search warrant gave authorities permission only to confiscate evidence pertaining to the weapon used in the incident on campus.

But during the initial search, Lundy said, investigators reported seeing blood-stained clothing and items, as well as holsters, other weapons and ammunition.

In an affidavit filed on Oct. 15 for a second search warrant, Lundy stated that he and other officers would search for and confiscate other weapons, ammunition and weapon paraphernalia, as well as notes and computer records "dealing with McElroy's participation in or reflections of his actuarial science class or any person in that class with him."

He said multiple search warrants were common, since specific items sought for evidence must be listed.

McElroy's trial date has been set for Monday.



Jody Price/DN

## Getting a "baa-d" haircut

Chris Liermann, a junior animal science major, shears a lamb while others wait their turns in the Animal Science building. Liermann said he sheared lambs before livestock judging classes so the animals would be easier to handle.

# Fed probe a welcome critique, officer says

By Susie Arth  
Senior Reporter

**T**he Omaha Police Department welcomes the possibility of the U.S. Justice Department reviewing the shooting of Andrew Scott Baldwin, a police spokesman said.

Sgt. William Muldoon said Omaha police officers would cooperate with federal investigators in any way they could.

"We welcome a check and a review," he said. "Hopefully, that will put the matter to rest."

The investigation, requested by U.S. Sens. Bob Kerrey and Jim Exon and 1st District Rep. Peter Hoagland, aims to determine the exact sequence of events on Sept. 5, the night Baldwin was shot.

Muldoon said the reason for the federal investigation was to answer questions that had surfaced within the Omaha community, Muldoon said.

"People in the community have expressed concern," he said. "It is on the people's minds."

Muldoon said he was concerned that the community had expressed doubt in the capabilities of its police.

"When the community doesn't trust you, it's somewhat discouraging," he said. "It's disturbing to have people believe you're not capable."

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# Voter registration rises among youth

By Sarah Scalet  
Staff Reporter

**T**he national "Rock the Vote" campaign, numerous registration sites around Lincoln and public service announcements have contributed to higher voter registration among young people in Lancaster County, an official said.

Patty Hansen, Lancaster County election commissioner, said that in 1988, 1,421 voters were registered in the 3D Precinct, which includes the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus.

This year, Hansen expects more than 2,000 voters to be registered in that area by today, she said.

Although an unusual election year

with three presidential candidates running a close race probably has prompted more people to register, increased efforts geared to young people also have played a role, Hansen said.

John McCallum, owner of Twisters Music and Gifts, said the "Rock the Vote" campaign, sponsored by the National Association of Record Merchandisers, had a substantial effect on voter registration.

The campaign, the first unified effort of its kind, features celebrities encouraging young people to register and vote, he said.

But for McCallum, who said he was disturbed by the dwindling numbers of voters in previous years, "Rock the Vote" was not enough.

He extended the campaign by offering voter registration at Twisters stores and asking local radio stations

to encourage listeners to register and vote.

A total of about 300 people registered to vote at Twisters, McCallum said.

McCallum's theory is to make registration easy for young people.

"Register the youth where the youth go," he said.

McCallum also called together local radio stations and asked them to air public service announcements about voting.

All the radio stations in Lincoln were enthusiastic about the idea and aired frequent announcements about voter registration, McCallum said.

Toni Cruise, program director of Lincoln radio station B104, said the station aired announcements reminding people that voting was a way to get involved in the political process.

The disc jockeys also made live

announcements about voter registration locations and the presidential debates, she said.

Cruise said response at B104 indicated that the announcements were getting the message across to young people.

She said people had been calling B104 to ask where they could register on a particular day.

McCallum said that although this was the first year such a unified effort had been made, it would not be the last.

Hansen said that in September and October, the commission had registered voters at more than 120 locations in Lancaster County, including Twisters, Pickles Records and Tapes and Compact Discs, Runza restaurants, UNL's City and East campuses,

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## Rock the Vote

Registration continues today at the following sites:

Election Commission, 555 S. 9th St., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

East Park Plaza Mall, 220 N. 66th St., from noon to 6 p.m.

Lincoln Square Food Court, 121 S. 13th St., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Source: Lincoln/Lancaster Co. Election Commission  
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