

## Group offers self-defense class

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Working to improve the campus climate for women, the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women is helping the Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention program fund free self-defense classes for women.

Joe Scott, UNL police officer and SHARP instructor, said the three, six-hour classes would teach women psychological and physical means of protecting themselves against sexual assault and harassment.

SHARP's main emphasis will be to increase women's awareness of their surroundings, their self confidence and overall safety on campus, he said.

SHARP is open to University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, faculty, staff and their immediate families. Taught at the Campus Recreation Center on Wednesday evenings and non-football Saturdays, the program will begin Wednesday.

"We want to reach as many people as we can," Scott said.

SHARP also is available to sororities, residence hall floors and other women's groups associated

with UNL or the Lincoln community.

Although the campus climate toward women has improved at UNL, Scott said, some hostility still exists.

"Many males now have some apprehension for fear of offending women," he said. "But there is still that macho attitude out there that creates a hostile environment for women."

"That type of attitude causes a need for this type of class," he said.

Commission Chairwoman Claudia Price-Decker also said that the campus climate needs some improvement.

"People don't stop and think about the ramifications of their speech and actions," Price-Decker said. "It comes down to really a matter of sensitivity, of treating people the way you want to be treated."

But things are improving, Price-Decker said.

"It's interesting in that I think we've seen a lot of improvements, for example in hiring more women as administrators on campus," she said.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier agreed that the campus climate is getting better.

"It is improving rapidly and dramatically, and I am pleased with the progress. But we still have a ways to go," Spanier said.

Women face treatment others might not view as discrimination or harassment on a daily basis, Spanier said. The commission has been successful in helping to alleviate areas of these problems, he said.

"We have made progress in reducing the amount of overt discrimination, and we are seeing increased gender equity," he said.

In an attempt to increase awareness and education about women's issues, the commission also distributed a brochure about UNL's climate toward women to all university employees this fall.

"We want to get the information out there to try to make people more aware of the issues," she said.

The commission also is pushing for salary equity, she said.

"We really want to try to focus on the faculty and staff because something needs to be addressed," Price-Decker said.

As part of its focus on awareness of women's issues, the commission is preparing a report concerning gender equity that will be presented in October to the NU Board of Regents, Price-Decker said.

## Fair features grad schools Professionals to give financial, program advice

By Lisa Sickert  
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While it's only four weeks into the semester, it is not too early in the year to start preparing for graduate school, according to UNL's Career Planning and Placement Center.

Gerri Cotter, assistant director of the center, said the office was sponsoring a Graduate and Professional School Fair on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nebraska Union as part of Career Awareness Week.

The fair will be the first one for graduate schools held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, she said.

Cotter said statistics show more students are attending graduate school. One reason for this, she said, could be because graduates with four-year degrees are finding it increasingly difficult to get competitive jobs without advanced degrees.

People are seeing that they need to be more specialized in their field, Cotter said.

About 36 schools will have representatives at the fair, she said, and 20 other schools will have information available.

Talking to representatives, who are usually from the admissions office, is

a good way to make contact with the schools without spending a lot of money, she said.

But Cotter said not all schools at the fair were degree programs.

Some are post-baccalaureate education programs offered to students who have graduated from a four-year college. These programs, such as the Denver Paralegal Institute, give students specialized education but not a degree, she said.

The fair will feature workshops about application procedures, entrance exams and graduate school financing, Cotter said.

The workshops will be held at the following times:

● Application procedures:  
Wednesday, 1 p.m. — law, medical and graduate programs.

Thursday, 11 a.m. — general graduate programs.

Friday, 10 a.m. — master of business administration, counseling and science graduate programs.

● Entrance exams:  
Wednesday, 11 a.m.

● Financing graduate schools  
Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m.

The fair is open to all 26 Nebraska schools that belong to the Career Placement Association of Nebraska. For more information about the fair or Career Awareness Week, students can contact the Career Planning and Placement Center, 230 Nebraska Union.

## New roof would safeguard library's rare collections

By Jennifer Groen  
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Fearing damage to Love Library's collection of rare books and documents, university officials have begun taking steps to repair the library's roof.

"We are worried about water damage to our special archives," said Larry Kahle, associate dean of administrative services for Love Library.

The collection is worth thousands of dollars, he said.

Howard Parker, manager of architectural and engineering services at UNL, said Love South has a 15-year-old roof made of tar, insulated material and concrete.

Because of its age, the roof's top concrete layer has cracked, allowing water to seep through the other materials, Parker said.

Parker said water had been leaking onto the third and fourth floors of Love Library and endangering the third-floor archives, which house the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's collection of rare books and documents.

The collection hasn't suffered any

damage yet, and Kahle said he hoped to begin the replacement project before any damage could occur.

UNL facilities management is taking bids from outside contractors for the roof project. Crete Roofing, Weathercraft and Sprag contractors attended a review meeting and surveyed the damage this week.

Besides the cracked cement, contractors found debris littering the roof and weeds growing through the roof's cracks. Several contractors said the project would require a large amount of work.

Bob Kelley, a university-hired architecture consultant from Clark Enersen Partners, also surveyed the roof.

The university will take bids on the project until 3 p.m. Sept. 28. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's facilities management will then select the contractor based on how soon the contractor can begin work and who submits the lowest bid.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier has agreed to fund \$150,000 of the project with the university's discretionary funds, and the Nebraska Legislature is providing \$15,000.

## Hunt

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residents.

The number of permits available each year varies depending on the deer population and the number of deer who won't survive the winter, Baxter said.

"We try to operate within the surplus," he said.

Two hunter safety clinics, sponsored by Lincoln Parks and Recreation, will be in October. The free clinics are open to anyone at least 12 years old.

Participants who attend all four sessions and pass the final test will receive hunter safety certification from the game and parks commission.

## Alcohol

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Although it is possible to be cited for both offenses, the laws have several differences.

LB564 is a secondary offense, similar to the concept of the seat belt law. Police must pull a vehicle over for a traffic violation before driver can be cited for violating the new law. Another difference is that LB564 is a traffic infraction handled by local police. Unlike a DWI, which is a misdemeanor, the infraction is not reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles or insurance companies.

The law mandates a 30-day driver's licence suspension if a minor fails a Breathalyzer test. If the minor has no other violations within the 30-day time frame, the offender can ask the court to seal the violation.

Once the violations are sealed, car

insurance companies cannot learn about the infractions and raise the offenders' insurance rates, Steinauer said.

If a driver refuses to take the Breathalyzer test, the licence automatically will be revoked for 90 days.

Under LB564, work-permit licenses may be issued with court permission. However, school permits will not be issued.

This new law is receiving some criticism because of the Breathalyzer's 10 percent margin of error.

"The equipment is not sophisticated enough to deal with that small of percentages of alcohol," Steinauer said. "It remains to be seen how difficult this is going to be to work with."

Student Legal Services officials also foresee other problems with the new law.

"It is going to be very time consuming and possibly expensive for students, with rather minor repercussions," Steinauer said.

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