

# Jurors allowed limited breaks

From the Associated Press

SIDNEY — Jurors selected to hear the Roger Bjorklund murder trial will be allowed to return home for Thanksgiving and weekends, a judge said Wednesday.

But Lancaster County District Judge Donald Endacott told potential jurors they would have a curfew and wouldn't be allowed to visit several places associated with the case. Jurors are being chosen from Sidney, a town 350 miles west of Lincoln.

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Bjorklund's trial is scheduled to begin Monday. He is charged with first-degree murder and use of a weapon to commit a felony in the abduction and shooting death of University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Candice Harms.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey listed several places jurors could not visit while in Lincoln, including the field where Harms'

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body was found and Pawnee Lake, where guns police believe were used in the slaying were found.

Endacott decided to seek a jury in this western Nebraska community of about 6,000 people because of extensive publicity in the Lincoln area about the case.

He instructed all of the prospective jurors not to discuss the case with anyone, read or listen to any news accounts of the case.

"We've been treated very well here in Cheyenne County," Lacey said. "Our goal today is to find 12 good men and women true who can be fair and impartial."

Defense and prosecution lawyers spent a third day narrowing the

jury pool to 36. Twelve jurors and four alternates will be chosen from that pool Thursday.

Harms, 18, was missing for almost three months before another man charged in the case led police on Dec. 6 to her shallow grave in a field south of Lincoln.

Prosecutors have said they will seek the death penalty against Bjorklund if he is convicted.

The other man charged in the case, Scott Barney, 24, has agreed to plead guilty to first-degree murder and testify against Bjorklund, 31. In exchange, prosecutors have promised not to seek the death penalty against Barney.

# Senate: Fee issue needs debate

## Students deserve time to air views

By Becky Becher  
Staff Reporter

Student senators hope the passage of a new bill will ensure students the right to be heard before administrators make any future changes in student fees.



Wednesday night, ASUN passed a bill asking the senior vice chancellor for academic affairs to seek student input on future fee changes.

The ASUN bill was a response to increases in laboratory fees and the creation of new laboratory fees that went into effect this semester.

Graduate Sen. Doug Oxley, who sponsored the bill, said the bill would

allow students to review all student fees, not just laboratory fees.

He said the administration was willing to work with ASUN to implement a process involving student input in assessing student fees.

Oxley said ASUN president Keith Benes had received a letter from the administration asking ASUN to pass the bill.

In other business, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska increased the number of students serving on a teacher evaluation task force.

Brian Kubik, speaker of the ASUN Senate, said the bill creating a task force to evaluate teachers had been passed last spring.

Kubik said the task force's evaluations could be used by other students to help them choose their teachers.

The original bill specified that two students at large and two ASUN senators would serve on the task force. Kubik amended the bill Wednesday

to include five students at large. He said the increased work force would allow the group to complete more research.

Besides passing legislation, ASUN senators increased their understanding of diversity.

During the first hour of the ASUN meeting, Reshell Ray presented a program on Students Creating Opportunities in Pursuit of Equity.

Ray, who is the coordinator of SCOPE, said the program was designed to heighten student organizations' awareness of diversity.

Trent Steele, ASUN first vice president, said the program taught him a lot about working together and seeking different viewpoints.

Steele said groups and organizations sometimes had a tendency to look inward. Steele said he learned it was important to listen to different views and to include views from as many people with different backgrounds as possible.

# Fair promotes studying abroad

By Matthew Waite  
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Opportunity was the word of the day at the Culture Center.

On Wednesday, the office of Career Planning and Placement hosted an International Opportunities Fair in the Culture Center. The purpose of the fair was to heighten students' awareness of opportunities to study abroad, Geri Cotter, assistant director of Career Planning and Placement, said.

Cotter said she hoped the fair would expose students to some of the realities of the global market. Studying abroad, she said, gives students an awareness employers are looking for.

Kristi Nokken, assistant study abroad adviser, said she had been overseas on several occasions. She

has been to England, Malaysia, India, Australia and New Zealand.

"It's a mind-opening experience," Nokken said. "You realize there is so much more out there."

"Just being in another culture you are going to be aware of similarities and differences."

The keynote speaker was Arthur Richardson, former president of Tarkio Westmar College in Iowa and a business management consultant.

Richardson, who spoke on cultural synergy, said businesses practiced looking at peoples' similarities, not their differences. Cultural synergy encourages businesses not to force a business partner of a different culture to conform to American standards, he said.

Cultural synergy "is a response to

cultural diversity," Richardson said. "In cultural diversity, you study how cultures are different. Cultural Synergy is a different thrust."

"How do you bring cultures together to create a greater reality without destroying their uniqueness?"

Learning about other cultures by studying in them, he said, is one way to bring people together.

Nokken said studying abroad made students more marketable because many fields encouraged multiculturalism.

Jennifer Kumm, a freshman international affairs major, said she attended the fair because she was interested in studying abroad.

"I'm coming here to see what my options are and if I can afford it or not," Kumm said.

# Kaplan center to offer free diagnostic tests

By Ann Stack  
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Kaplan Education Center is trying to make graduate school preparation a little less stressful for students.

On Oct. 24, Kaplan is offering free diagnostic tests to anyone interested in preparing for graduate school entrance exams such as the LSAT, GMAT, GRE or MCAT.

Angeline Lavin, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student in finance and GMAT instructor, said Kaplan also offered professional licensing exams in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing and teaching.

"The test will be just like the real exam. They'll get the scores back in about 10 days, along with a computer analysis of their strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to improve on," Lavin said.

If students fail the preparation exam or think they didn't achieve the best possible score, Lavin said, Kaplan

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offers classes to help prepare the student for the actual test.

"If they want to enroll in a Kaplan course after the test drive, we offer courses in all areas with actual instructors," Lavin said.

Kaplan offers eight, four-hour classes with a test-and-tape lab, extensive home study and a final simulated exam.

Lavin said classes cost about \$650,

but she said scholarships were available.

Lavin also said Kaplan offered courses in speed reading and preparation classes for high school students taking college entrance exams such as the ACT, SAT and PSAT.

For more information about Kaplan or to register for the evaluation test, students should contact the Kaplan Lincoln Center, 245 N. 13th St.

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