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Missing woman spotted in panhandle

By Matthew Waite

Senior Reporter

Kendra Marshall was spotted Wednesday in northwest Nebraska, police said Thursday, as a statewide search into the former NU law students' whereabouts entered its fourth day.

Chadron Police Sgt. Dennis DaMoude told the Daily Nebraskan Thursday night Marshall was seen alone in Chadron, a town of 5,588 people near the South Dakota border.

Photographs were used to give a preliminary identification of Marshall, who was thought to be in no danger. Authorities declined to elaborate on the type of photos used or how they were obtained.

Positive identification of Marshall, who has

been missing since Monday, still was being sought Thursday by state patrol investigators, said Major Don Niemann, head of investigative services for the Nebraska State Patrol.

Earlier Thursday, Niemann had said foul play may be involved in the disappearance of Marshall, who lived and worked in Lincoln.

Marshall, 23, was reported missing by her brother, Mitch, when she did not show up for work in Lincoln Monday morning. She was last seen Sunday at 9 p.m. leaving Johnson Lake near

Lexington after a weekend with her family.

She was driving a blue, four-door Honda Accord with Lancaster County license plates. Friends, family and law enforcement officials pleaded Thursday for anyone with information on her whereabouts to notify authorities.

State patrol spokesman Jeff Hanson said descriptions of Marshall's personality led the patrol to believe foul play was involved.

"This is uncharacteristic, and that is why we are actively pursuing this," Hanson said.

Timarree Brown, Marshall's roommate, said Marshall would not leave for an extended period without telling someone. She said Marshall had no reason to run away.

"We're scared," Brown said. "The waiting is difficult. We don't know what to do."

Brown said she and Michelle Snurr, another roommate, waited by the phone Thursday night and were trying to keep things as normal as possible.

Dennis Leonard, a criminal investigator with the state patrol, said Thursday he was busy following leads but had found nothing.

"We don't even have evidence that criminal activity has taken place," Leonard said from Holdrege. However, because of Marshall's personality and the nature of the disappearance, he

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Efforts to stop campus drinking may be working

By Paula Lavigne

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University officials said it was too early to tell whether increased efforts to prevent on-campus alcohol parties had been effective.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the university stepped up efforts last year to stop alcohol use on campus.

The increased efforts started when a fraternity pledge, Jeffrey Knoll, fell from the third-story window of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity house after being forced to consume alcohol.

So far this semester, two arrests were made on campus in a fight between members of greek organizations that occurred during an on-campus party.

About 2:40 a.m. last Friday, university and Lincoln police encountered a group of about 50 students fighting at Theta Xi Fraternity, 1535 R St.

Officers broke up the fight and ushered members of Theta Xi and neighboring fraternity Phi Delta Theta to their respective houses, as shouts of "I'll kill you. I'll kill you right now," came from a second-story window.

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said the altercation was the first fairly major incident between two greek houses this year. Most if not all of the people involved had been drinking alcohol and were intoxicated, he said.

The fight began when members of Phi Delta Theta walked onto the lawn of Theta Xi, whose members were preparing for their "Driftwood" party, Cauble said.

A fight ensued, he said, and two UNL students, Jason Hendrickson and David Hegarty, were arrested. No one at the scene was cited for alcohol use.

"We made two arrests for disturbing the peace and probably could have made several of them," he said. "It's just a matter of getting them."

The incident was captured on videotape, Cauble said, and police are identifying people on the tape and trying to determine what caused the fight.

"There was fighting, punching, kicking.

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Locked out



Michelle Paulman/DN

UNL Crew President Brad Crawford closes up the boat house after the group's meeting Wednesday evening. The group discussed practice schedules.

Violations cancel crew practice

By Ken Paulman

Staff Reporter

Practice was cancelled abruptly for UNL Crew members last week because campus recreation believes members have too many unauthorized keys.

Crew members showed up for practice last Thursday morning and found the Office of Campus Recreation had locked them out of the boathouse and placed no trespassing signs on the facility. Members were denied access to the building for six days until Tuesday.

Leah Hall Dorothy, assistant director for sports clubs, said campus recreation changed the locks to keep the access policy consistent among sports clubs and campus recreation facilities. The boathouse is owned by campus recreation, she said.

Bill Goa, associate director for facilities management, said the building's locks are changed regularly to prevent unauthorized people with duplicate keys from entering.

Neither Goa nor Dorothy knew the last time the locks were changed, but agreed it had been several years.

Before Thursday's lockout, three crew members carried keys to the boathouse and could access it at any time. Under the new guidelines, those members can check out only one key from the OCR and must return it that day. No one can be in the boathouse between 11:15 p.m. and 6:15 a.m., when campus recreation is closed.

Jeff Tejral, a senior natural resources major and crew member, said restricted access would make it more difficult for members to use the boathouse for individual workouts. That would hurt the club in the long run, he said.

"It seems like a control issue. They (campus recreation) don't want to attempt to see it our way, or even compromise."

JEFF TEJRAL

Crewmember

Crew President Brad Crawford, a senior English major, said campus recreation had

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Police discover marijuana while investigating burglary

By Brian Sharp

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A former University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was charged Thursday in a marijuana-growing operation that police said they discovered at his home.

Benjamin Myers, who was a freshman in general studies last spring, was charged with unlawful manufacture and distribution of a controlled substance. He was arrested Wednesday.

Police reports give the following account of the

incident:

Police went to Myers' residence, 4635 Madison Ave., after neighbors reported hearing shouts and breaking glass. Myers and his roommate, Christopher Rankin, met police at a neighbor's house around 6 a.m.

The two had been asleep when two men wearing ski masks broke into the home and began beating them with a pair of nunchaku and a wrench. Rankin said one of the men tried to strangle him.

Police later arrested Jeffery Heng near 47th

and Madison streets heading east. Heng, a freshman business administration major, was charged Thursday with second and third-degree assault and burglary.

Police went into Myers' home to search for the burglars. When police opened one of the closet doors, they found several marijuana plants.

After getting a search warrant, police returned and found 16 marijuana plants in the closet, four large plants on a top shelf and 12 smaller 8-inch plants in trays on the floor. Police also found grow lamps and drug paraphernalia in the closet and a

25.8-gram bag of marijuana in a dresser drawer.

Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said the victims didn't report anything stolen. She said the cause for the assault was unknown.

There also were no leads on a possible second burglar, she said.

Myers and Rankin were taken to the hospital for their injuries. Myers required staples for a cut on his head. He also had cuts and bruises on his shoulder, arms and knuckles. Rankin received 50 staples for eight or nine cuts on his head.