

Women in abusive relationships need plan of action for safety

By Tanna Kinnaman
Staff Reporter

Domestic abuse calls have more than quadrupled in Nebraska in the last decade, according to the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition.

NDVSAC received a record of 68,016 domestic abuse calls statewide in 1994, compared to 15,095 in 1984.

Herbert Lingren, a family life specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the increase may be connected to a greater willingness to speak out instead of a rise in the number of abusive homes.

Violence against women is not as tolerated today as it was 10 or 20 years ago, he said. When one woman speaks out, others are encouraged to do the same, he said.

Tiffany Mullison, coordinator of training and program development for NDVSAC, said the use of weapons in violence against college-aged women is increasing at an alarming rate.

Domestic violence is becoming more lethal to women, Mullison said.

National crime statistics show that nine out of 10 murdered women are killed by males, and three out of four of those women are killed by their intimate male partners.

Of the 59 homicides committed in Nebraska during 1993, 61 percent originated in domestic violence or sexual assault.

An upcoming bill in the Nebraska Legislature targets victims of domestic violence. If passed, the bill, sponsored by Sen. Joyce Hillman of Gering, would expand the definition of domestic violence to include people who date or have dated.

It also would allow law enforcement officers to confiscate weapons involved in or threatened to be involved in any domestic violence incident.

Domestic violence occurs in four phases. The first and second phases are typified by increasing tension, verbal fights and threats. Physical violence mounts in the third phase of domestic violence.

The fourth phase may result in serious injury or death to the woman, her family or friends, Mulligan said. George Rowe, associate professor

of Human Development and the Family at UNL, said alcohol played a large role in the level of violence that existed among college-aged adults.

"Ninety to 95 percent of the serious violence that turns up in court can be attributed to alcohol," Rowe said. "And that's just the tip of the iceberg."

Mullison said women in an abusive situation should have a safety plan. They should know the crisis line number and have a change of clothing and money readily available, she said.

"The best thing a friend can do for the woman is to stay by her side and help her develop a safety plan," Mullison said.

"Without help," Lingren said, "they may find themselves in a similar relationship in the future."

Agencies in Lincoln that offer help to victims of domestic abuse include the NDVSAC, the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center and Friendship Home, a shelter for women and children.

Research conference to showcase students

By Gregg Madsen
Staff Reporter

Students will have the chance to showcase research projects in the Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on April 21-22.

Patrice Berger, director of the UNL Honors program, is coordinating the conference.

Berger said the conference would present research results developed by students. The conference will not focus on any specific field.

He said he would like to see all areas of study represented at the conference, which anyone can attend.

The presentations will take place in the College of Business Administration and in Manter, Sheldon, Woods and Hamilton halls to support the wide range of entries expected. Each project also will be published in a conference summary.

Berger said students would benefit from this experience.

"Research is happening in all fields, and it needs to be recognized."

PATRICE BERGER

Director of the UNL Honors Program

"The students will have an opportunity to present their research to an audience," Berger said.

Students not participating also could benefit, Berger said.

"Hopefully this will educate other students on research methods and also inspire them to do research to their own," he said.

Berger said the goal of the program was to highlight the hard work and research of students.

"Research is happening in all fields, and it needs to be recognized," Berger said.

Suspect's funds total more than was estimated

From Staff Reports

Records filed Thursday in Lancaster County District Court show Gerald Schlondorf had almost \$30,000 more than expected in a savings account.

Schlondorf, 31, is charged with attempted second-degree murder along with eight other felonies stemming from a Sept. 12 incident in which he allegedly shot a UNL police officer.

The former criminal justice major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln fired nine rounds at Robert Soflin near 16th and R streets, police allege. Soflin was struck in his right hand, shoulder and neck.

Earlier this week, Merrick County Sheriff Dan Scheinderheinz received a District Court order to take control of Schlondorf's account. The order was made at the request of Soflin, who filed a \$1 million lawsuit against Schlondorf last Wednesday.

According to the lawsuit, Schlondorf had a money market account at Clarks Bank in Clarks, Neb., estimated at \$136,000. Scheinderheinz reported the account totaled more than \$164,000.

Schlondorf has claimed poverty and has requested that a public defender be appointed on his behalf. Soflin is seeking a jury trial in the lawsuit.

Arizona artist donates money to Buros center

From Staff Reports

The Buros Institute for Mental Measurement, part of the UNL Teachers College, recently received a gift that will allow it to add new programs.

Luella Buros, an artist from Tucson, Ariz., donated \$300,000 for the creation of the Oscar and Luella Buros Center for Testing.


Two new institutes will be a part of the center: the Institute for Assessment Consultation and Outreach and the Institute for Research on Innovative Assessment Strategies.

The center will offer new services, including providing information that helps people use and interpret many commercially available tests, said Barbara Plake, director of the Buros Institute for Mental Measurements.

The new center is expected to be used by people throughout the community, including teachers, parents, policy makers and business leaders.



Spring 1995 Greek Initiates

<p>Alpha Gamma Sigma</p> <p>Mitch Brose Monte Christiansen Mark Clayton Aaron Dauel Dave Eisenmann Paul Havel Ryan Hensler Adam Olson Kevin Sagehorn Matt Sasek Andy Schnack Danny Shafer Jeremy Siems Joe Skavdahl Zane Young</p> 	<p>Alpha Chi Omega</p> <p>Erika Bieber Sara Craig Stacy Danielson Teresa Dardis Jessica Dugdale Amber Friesen Darcy Gengenbach Kara Girard Kristina Guggenmos</p> <p>Dana Marohn Erin McGrath Allyson Messersmith Stefanie Rowlands Laura Schmeeckle Susan Schmidt</p> <p>Theta Xi</p> <p>Joel Reddish Bryan Murray Jim Carrey Colby Forke Adam Prochaska John Myers Travis Petree Eric Ojeda Dan Montano Jerry Hodakowski</p> 
<p>Acacia</p> <p>Martin Liphardt Wade Weichel Jeremy Duensing Alan Runge Aaron Pospisil Greg Dorn Mike Quandt Dave Block Todd Wiltgen Ryan Treat Tim Heins Mike Thomas Kermit Spade Kris Dean</p> 	<p>Ag Men</p> <p>Brad Ablott Duane Becker Brad Broeker Bryan Cederburg Daniel Classen Chris Forch Mike Forch Travis Fries Jeff From</p> <p>Chris Hansen Aaron Harvey Ryan Holtmeier Craig Knapp Jesse Landin</p> <p>Lowell Miller Brad Novacek Steve Tippery Justin Tollman Chad Trausch</p>
<p>Delta Upsilon</p> <p>Matt Rosche Curtis Schwank Eric Mazankowski Eric Wochner Mark Ostransky Greg Beals Karl Knudsen Travis Monson</p> <p>Matt Ebemeier Ben Dahl Jeff Blair Quinn Eddy Jeff Rose Mike Bond Mark Dickey Kirk Potter</p> <p>Andrew Neumann Mike Landgren Dustin Bloedorn Kevin Rogert John Schmidt Brian Benda</p>	<p>Kappa Alpha Theta</p> <p>Hilary Bounds Eryn Brady Katy Byrne Kristy Byrne Laura Farha Jennifer Graff Becky Gould Jonel Hall Darla Hawthorne</p> <p>Katie Humphrey Tiffany Jackes Jennifer Johnson Kim Lamprecht Kelly Long Jennifer Luers Kara Marshall Shannon McClinton Alison Meyer</p> <p>Heidi Peterson Beth Schaffart Amber Schlichenmaier Dana Shane Leanne Sorensen Rachelle Tacha Amber Valasek Courtney Van Anne</p> <p>Kappa Sigma</p> <p>Mike Bagley Jebber Christiansen Mike Criswell Eric Fugleberg Trev Gillaspie Scott Halverson Jason McCartney Jeremy McCartney Nate Peo Tom Ross Paul West</p> 
<p>Sigma Nu</p> <p>Don Freeman Chris Beef-Bluvas Jason Waits Mark Forehand Jason Sokolewicz Dave Bettin Kevin From</p> <p>Ryan Ward Josh Mark Brian Olson Justin Francis Greg Pederson</p> 	<p>Phi Delta Theta</p> <p>Brian Benson Poopstain McGee Tom Argubright Fabio Josh Fink Jeremy Fortin Dr. Galakiewicz Jonh Klugman Chris Medeirus</p> <p>Ryan Nelson John Olengetter Alex Orpeza Joe Post Hole Digger Joe Potter Meeatch Riley Dan Shiley</p> <p>Johnny Seven Keenan Stump Luke Tipler Matt Wilson John Savin</p> 