

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Lincoln man arrested for accosting women

By Chad Lorenz
Staff Reporter

A Lincoln man was arrested for third-degree sexual assault for accosting two women at Russ' B & R IGA at 17th and Washington streets Saturday night.

The women, 16 and 18-year-old stepsisters, were at a pay phone when Rick Ross, 41, approached one of them, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Ross began yelling and struggling with the youngest woman.

The older stepsister interfered. Ross grabbed her by the wrist and tried to drag her away while yelling he would take her home and have sex with her, Heermann said.

She kicked him in the knee and escaped. Ross ran to his home at 1758 Garfield St., where he was arrested and taken into custody by Lincoln police.

Burglary

Lincoln area schools were not safe from theft either last weekend.

A computer was taken from an unlocked computer lab at Lincoln East High School, 1000 S. 70th St., after school let out Friday.

The school reported a \$1,000 loss.

A television and VCR were removed through an open door at Lakeview Elementary School, 300 Capital Beach Blvd., a \$600 loss.

Burglary

Glass shattered across Lincoln Sunday and Monday as burglars entered two buildings through broken windows.

Between Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, an unknown party entered the window of a south door of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 3825 Wildbriar St.

The burglar took \$1,235.18 in cash and checks from unsecured cabinets in the office.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning Midnight Monday

10:58 a.m.—West Memorial Stadium, burglary, radios and chargers taken, \$350 loss.

1:08 p.m.—Area 10 lot at the East Union, car fire, \$10 damage.

2:11 p.m.—Bob Devaney Sports Center, hit-and-run accident, \$150 damage.

2:34 p.m.—City Union, bicycle taken, \$285 loss.

4:45 p.m.—Jacobs lot (remote lot south of Devaney Sports Center), hit-and-run accident, \$300 damage.

Burglary

The music died for a Lincoln man who had \$5,300 of music equipment stolen from his ground-floor apartment, including three electric guitars.

A Gibson guitar and two Fender guitars were taken from Odella Hernandez's apartment at 2525 S St.

The burglar entered by kicking in the rear porch door, causing \$100 damage.

The party also removed a multi-track recorder, a boom box and an Epson computer.

An unknown party broke into Rockbrook Camera, 4005 O St., between Sunday night and Monday morning.

The burglar broke the front door window with a rock and removed \$6,785 in camera equipment from the store.

A Sony video camera, a Vivitar video camera, Nikon and Minolta 35 mm cameras and lenses and a Tamron lens were among the losses.

Monday morning, a burglar took \$2,560 in tools from a White Knight Sewer and Drain Service van. The burglar broke the window of the van, which was parked at 1404 N. 25th St.

ASUN to vote on union proposal

By Melanie Brandert
Staff Reporter

ASUN senators will vote tonight whether to encourage the NU Board of Regents to approve a proposal to expand the Nebraska Union.

More than 70 percent of UNL students in last week's ASUN election voted in favor of the proposed expansion of the union. Nearly 56 percent approved an increase in mandatory student fees to fund the project.



The expansion would cost \$11.83 million, and could add such retail shops as a convenience store or copy shop. It would also add 40,000 square feet of new space and renovate 66,000 square feet.

Shawntell Hurtgen, Association of Students of the University of Nebraska president-elect, said the ex-

pansion was needed because the union was one of the most-used buildings on campus.

The union is a major source of capital, she said.

Hurtgen also said the building needed to update its handicapped-accessible areas on the west side. Asbestos also needs to be removed to comply with buildings codes, she said.

The senate will also decide whether to approve two bylaw changes.

One change would require senators to attend their colleges' student advisory board meetings on a monthly basis. Senators now hold constituent meetings, which have proved to be ineffective because of the low turnout, Hurtgen said.

Paul Cain, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and co-sponsor of the bill, said the change would help senators and advisory board members work more closely.

"The advisory board could bring up ideas to senators," he said. "Senators then draft bills and make

changes."

Another bylaw change would make the ASUN Communications Committee responsible for maintaining its Internet Bulletin Board, which was recently updated to include more items.

Cain, chairman of the committee, said the bulletin board was created to reach students with a different kind of medium and to inform them better.

"If it increases students' awareness and participation in ASUN, I'm all for it," he said.

Items such as election results, openings for next year's committee positions and the senate's constitution have been placed on the board, Cain said.

The change would also help committee members respond to student concerns presented on-line, he said.

"If the committee feels that it is not physically capable to do that, senators could do that during their office hours so they can become Internet-literate," Cain said.

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AIDS benefit proceeds stolen following concert

By Josh Wimmer
Staff Reporter

Scott Roewer was on a high. "Broken Silence," the benefit concert he helped organize, had raised nearly \$1,000 for the Nebraska AIDS Project.

But everything came crashing down when Roewer returned home Tuesday afternoon to discover that all the money had been stolen.

Roewer had been at class from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. He was just about to bring the money to the bank, he said. He returned home and found his front door open about two inches. The manila envelope — containing all the money, cash and checks — was gone, he said.

Roewer called the police, who checked out his house, but there was little they could do, he said.

"The police said that I was the victim, because it was my house that was broken into," Roewer said. "Really, Nebraska AIDS Project is the victim."

Roewer has no clue who might have stolen the money. The burglar could have been someone who knew that Roewer had the money, or the entire incident could have been a coincidence, he said.

Roewer said he and the others who organized the concert were looking for people to make a "sympathy donation" to re-raise as much of the stolen \$1,000 as possible.

It's a shame that people spent money for Nebraska AIDS Project and now it's all gone to pay for someone's pizza.

SCOTT ROEWER
event organizer

If the stolen money is returned, Roewer said, no questions will be asked.

Roewer said he still felt a responsibility to NAP.

"I've put in tons of work for an organization I care very much about, and it's very frustrating to see it all go to waste," he said.

Roewer said he also felt a responsibility to the people who attended the Sunday concert at Kimball Recital Hall and donated money to the cause.

"It's a shame that people spent money for Nebraska AIDS Project, and now it's all gone to pay for someone's pizza," he said.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation should send it to the School of Music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in care of "Broken Silence."

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