

# Awareness month concluding with vigil

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A candlelight vigil Friday will wrap up National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but women's groups hope awareness will continue after the month is over.

The vigil will start at 7:30 p.m. on Broyhill Plaza. Judith Kriss, director of the UNL Women's Center, will speak at the vigil. Other speakers include Stan and Pat Harms, parents of slain UNL student Candice Harms. Stork, a guitar player, will open and close the vigil with a song inspired by an incest survivor.

Those who plan to attend the vigil should bring candles for the candlelighting ceremony.

After the vigil, coffee and refreshments will be served at the Women's Center, 338 Nebraska Union.

"It will be a time for talking and listening," said Thelma Ross, one of four coordinators for the month's activities.

Activities for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month are sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Studies Association, the Women's Center and the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition Rape/

Spouse Abuse Crisis Center of Lincoln.

An exhibit to promote awareness was on display in the Nebraska Union from Oct. 9-16. The display was temporarily taken down during homecoming week to make room for banners, but it returned this week.

Volunteers from the Women's Studies Association also have a booth at the Nebraska Union this month. Handouts about the resources available for domestic violence and sexual assault victims are available at the booth.

The booth also relates another kind of information — through sound.

A gong sounds every 10 to 12 seconds at the booth to symbolize how often a woman is battered, Ross said. A whistle sounds every seven minutes to remind people of the frequency of forcible rape. A bell rings occasionally to represent the number of women killed each day.

"I think a lot of women don't know what defines sexual assault or domestic abuse," Ross said. "We're educating — trying to give details for promoting awareness."

Ross said she wanted people to know that sexual abuse and violence occurred in Lincoln and Nebraska.

## Forum

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Hurtgen agreed the plaza's main attraction should remain a fountain. A water sculpture might not retain the fountain's simplicity, she said.

"I want to keep it from becoming this artsy, sculpture-infested campus," she said.

Todd said the university would avoid something too modern; however, once designers and architects are chosen, the university will not interfere with their plans.

Todd was unsure how much the plaza redesign would cost, but said it would be between \$300,000-\$500,000.

Senators also asked whether the union expansion would cut into the green space north of the plaza.

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"We knew about the union expansion when the green space was developed," Todd said. "We knew we would eventually have to go into that space."

Nebraska Union Director Daryl Swanson passed out a list of features desired for the new plaza:

- A permanent staging area or band shell for bands and presentations.

- A 30-space increase in bicycle racks to accommodate 100 bicycles.

- An electric announcement sign. The plaza should stay at least as large as it is now, according to Swanson's list.

Ann Broyhill, a junior accounting major, attended the meeting but did not voice any opinions during the meeting.

"My family supports the change but doesn't want the name to change," she said after the meeting. "We want it to remain Memorial Plaza."

## Fountain

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Chancellor, being held in the union. Hardin had left UNL to become President Richard Nixon's secretary of agriculture.

The fountain was built with more capabilities than it has now, Swanson said.

It was designed to operate year-round; its pipes were warmed by steam so the water would not freeze.

To keep the fountain's water spray from freezing everyone in the plaza,

he said, a wind meter was installed that regulated the height the water shot up.

But that system malfunctioned the first year, he said. On one cold day, the wind blew water across the entire southeast part of the plaza, turning it into a treacherous sheet of ice.

The fountain and Broyhill Plaza now stand over what used to be S Street. The road that used to continue on through 14th Street now ends at 15th Street.

When the union was expanded in 1969, Swanson said, S Street was closed. But it was graded several feet

below the level of the union. Swanson said 45 truckloads of dirt were used to bring the closed section of S Street up to plaza level.

Broyhill was an active member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, holding the office of treasurer in 1966. She also was a member of Tassels, the women's spirit club, that year.

The year before, she had joined the Cadence Countesses, a coed drill team.

The fountain was paid for by a donation from the Broyhill family. Swanson said the fountain cost had never been publicly disclosed.



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