

# Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

## Off-campus party site of robbery

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

A UNL student was robbed early Sunday morning at a party in the basement of a house at 2990 Dudley St., police said.

The undeclared freshman told police he was surrounded by a group of five men shortly after midnight. One of the men demanded money from the student. When he said he had none, a second man told the student he was "packing."

The first suspect grabbed the student's wallet, took \$25 cash and returned the wallet, police said. No weapons were visible.

The student left the party and called Lincoln police, but declined to give officers additional information to pursue their investigation.

Five windows on the school's south side were destroyed between midnight and 9 a.m. Sunday, police said. The pumpkins came through the windows, which were reinforced with wire mesh.

Pieces of the pumpkins flew into classrooms, causing \$550 damage.

Police are unsure how the pumpkins were propelled through the windows — one of which was at least 10 feet off the ground. Police Chief Tom Casady said a "huge slingshot" could have been used to fling the pumpkins.

In the same area of Lincoln, pumpkins were thrown through two car windows. These pumpkins, which were much smaller, were likely thrown from a passing car, police said.

The vehicles received \$150 and \$550 worth of damage.

### BURGLARY

An unknown burglar or group of burglars didn't wait to win the jackpot; they stole \$1,100 worth of lottery tickets Sunday morning from a south Lincoln gas station.

Between 2:30 and 7 a.m. Sunday,

police said burglars forced open the cover of a refrigeration unit on the west side of an Amoco station at 1648 South St. and walked into the store through the cooler.

In addition to the stolen lottery tickets, \$350 in cash was taken and \$200 damage was caused to the business, police said. No arrests were made as of Monday afternoon.

### NARCOTICS

A Lincoln man was arrested in his home early Sunday morning after the Lincoln-Lancaster County SWAT team served a narcotics possession warrant.

Police seized a 3.6 gram rock of crack cocaine and \$627 in cash. The SWAT team served the warrant because officers believed there could be firearms in the home.

Carl Jones, 2400 L St. Apt. 3, was arrested without incident about 5:45 a.m. Sunday. He was charged Monday with intent to deliver a controlled substance. After his Monday arraignment, he was taken back to the Lancaster County jail.

### VANDALISM

Large flying pumpkins appear to be the cause of weekend vandalism at Lincoln East High School, 70th and A streets.

## National office declares frat inactive

From Staff Reports

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity's University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter is now officially closed after 80 years on campus.

The chapter had closed informally before the fall semester began. But the fraternity's national office made it official Friday, declaring the chapter inactive.

The national office cited low membership and inability to maintain chapter operational standards as reasons for the declaration.

"Those chapters which do not demonstrate a high level of performance

cannot be recognized by Pi Kappa Phi," stated Mark Timmes, Pi Kappa Phi chief executive officer, in a press release.

J.J. Crouse was president of the chapter before it closed. Crouse said the chapter and the national office made a joint decision on the closure based on membership and financial troubles.

Across the UNL campus, the number of men who joined fraternities increased this year. However, those who went through summer rush declined from 630 men last year to 600 men this summer.

With the drop in numbers came a drop in funds. Crouse said his fraternity's financial problems also were caused in part by lack of help from alumni.

After the chapter house closed, he said, members moved into apartments. Some members moved in together, he said, and all try to meet occasionally.

Crouse said he didn't want Pi Kappa Phi's troubles to reflect negatively on UNL's greek system, which he called one of the country's best.

"Our individual chapter faltered in some areas that we need to excel in," he said, "and that led to our demise."

## Professor strives to save Chestnut

By Michelle Collins  
Staff Reporter

The American Chestnut, a tree native to the East Coast, is nearly extinct. But UNL horticulture professor Paul Read is trying to revive the dying breed.

The American Chestnut can grow to 100 feet tall and 10 feet in diameter. In the early part of the century, it was used for railroad ties, barns, homes and furniture.

Then the Chinese Chestnut brought the "chestnut blight" — a fungal infection that attacks trees — to East Coast forests, Read said. The blight began attacking and killing the trees, which soon became rare in their native forests.

A corn geneticist at the University of Michi-

gan first suggested crossing the American and Chinese Chestnut trees. Read, who has worked with tissue cultures since the late '60s, found that idea interesting.

"We had to do some in-depth research," he said. "The Chestnut did not respond to the cross breeding as other plants have."

In the laboratory across from Read's office, many chestnut shoots are being carefully watched and grown. Once the shoots are strong enough, they will be planted and monitored in their native forests.

Colleagues and graduate students assist Read in his research.

"The revival of the American Chestnut has tremendous economic benefits as time goes on," Read said.

Other options the mayor presented included a shopping network. The profits from the channel would be used to decrease costs for cable subscribers.

For a model of new community rules, CableVision looked to Kansas City, Mo., and New York City. Kiolbasa said officials were combining rules used by those cities.

Johanns said other council members could propose new ideas or vote against all proposals.

Johanns said the city could not implement the changes without council approval. Before the council can vote, it must hold a public hearing.

Council members plan to discuss the issue at a public hearing Nov. 27.

The request was made on the part of the system's two bargaining universities, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The state colleges submitted three requests for:

- \$86,934 for insurance coverage of state-owned campus buildings.
- \$96,427 for payment of a proposed federal tax of .85 percent on all colleges' and universities' volume of student loans.
- \$200,000 for an academic computer upgrade and multimedia classrooms.

Martin said the commission recognized the importance of some of the requests, but they were not emergency deficit budget items and should be handled through regular funds.

### Access

Continued from Page 1

The programs currently airing on the public access channel will also air on the community channel.

Public access, now airing on Channel 14, will move to Channel 20 on Wednesday. WGN will move to Channel 14, leaving Channel 8 open.

"This raises the issue of what goes into the channel," Johanns said.

The mayor said his personal preference would be the new ABC affiliate, which is scheduled to go on air Jan. 1, 1996.

### Budget

Continued from Page 1

decision and governor's veto were strong messages to not recommend the second salary increase.

David Powers, executive director, said the \$4 million request also did not fit with the emergency designation of a budget deficit request.

The commission recommended the first request because faculty already have been notified of their salaries for this year.

Randy Haack, assistant NU vice president and director of budgets and analysis, said the budget request was designed to keep NU's salaries competitive by peer university standards.



## Plug Into the World with FREE Internet Classes

Now that you have your computer account on BIGRED, Herbie, UNLCLASS1, and UNLGRAD1, you can discover how to tap into the resources available to you on the internet. These classes are free and no reservations are required. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. Call 472-9050 if you have any questions.

### WWW using lynx

Tuesday, October 31 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Bancroft Hall, 239

Wednesday, November 1 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Bancroft Hall, 239

### Advanced Email

Thursday, November 2 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Bancroft Hall, 239

### Electronic News

Thursday, November 2 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Bancroft Hall, 239

### Gopher

Friday, November 3 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Bancroft Hall, 239

## Halloween Night

at

# COMIC WORLD

Tournaments, Prizes & Specials!  
Starting 6 pm and going till  
Midnight!

Magic Type II      Rage & Umbra

233 N. 48th Suite Q  
between the Target  
and Super Saver.

466-6066

Dragon Dice - 23 Health




# HALLOWEEN BASH

With the Dixie Cadillacs  
Tuesday, Oct. 31

\$500 Costume Contest  
Games and Prizes Galore

25¢ Draw Beer  
8 pm - Midnight  
For Everyone!

25¢ Draws!



It's Just Gonna Be a Party!

# SUITAD & CADILLACS

5400 'O'Street Lincoln, NE • 464-1100