

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

FATALITY

Lincoln Police believe alcohol may have been involved in this year's first traffic fatality in Lincoln.

Paul Davenport, 37, died after he was thrown from his car in an accident near 70th and A streets Thursday.

Police reports gave the following account. Davenport was driving his 1995 Dodge Stratus east on A Street at 1:46 a.m. when it swerved into a construction area and struck

a barricade or a dirt pile. Police believe Davenport was driving at least 60 mph.

Davenport's car hit a sign and flipped over, hurling him out the passenger side door. He was not wearing a seat belt.

Davenport was transported to St. Elizabeth Community Health Center where he was pronounced dead at 2:02 a.m.

NARCOTICS

Four juveniles were arrested after school Wednesday for possession of marijuana at

Irvingdale Park, an area undercover police have been patrolling for youth drug use.

Police found two 15-year-olds, a 14-year-old and a 13-year-old huddled together blowing puffs of smoke, according to police reports. The park is located near 20th and Van Dorn streets.

When approached by police, the boys dropped a marijuana pipe on the ground, police reports stated. Police searched them and found a small amount of marijuana.

— Chad Lorenz

Legislature Notes

Bills dealing with abortion, incarceration work camps and brewpubs were taken off the agenda Thursday by Speaker of the Legislature Ron Withem.

Withem interrupted afternoon debate to alter the agenda, saying that a number of priority bills would not receive the debate they deserved with only eight days left in the 1996 session.

The Athlete Agent Registration and Accountability Act, a bill that would require sport agents to register with the state, was on the list of bills taken off the agenda. The bill still could resurface this session as an amendment to another bill.

Senators plan to spend the remaining days working on budget bills and pushing some bills through select file and final reading.

The Legislature adjourns for the year on April 18.

— Ted Taylor

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Zimmer said.

The event also will feature a special tribute to the national champion Nebraska football and volleyball teams, and the men's and women's gymnastics teams will perform.

As a special presentation, Tanya Crevier, the best female basketball handler in the world, will show off her moves while demonstrating goal-setting and teamwork, Zimmer said.

Golden Key members have been working as a team since November to prepare for the event, said Nicole Hansen, a member of the group.

She and other Golden Key members have helped gain sponsors for the event, fund the event and will volunteer on Monday.

Golden Key became involved with the student athletes to help them show the positive sides of education, Hansen said.

"Education can be a fun part of their lives, not something that's dreaded," she said. "They need a positive outlook, and that's something a lot of kids go away with."

And the students aren't the only ones to walk away with something.

"Members see this as giving back to the community," Hansen said. "They really enjoy seeing what an impact they can have on students."

Hansen will be the keynote speaker at a similar event Tuesday, as "School is Cool" goes on the road to North Platte, for an audience of about 2,400 students.

Zimmer said the program had drawn many students from schools in western Nebraska, and taking the event to them would make it easier for more students to attend.

"We want to be more accessible to the Western community, and they have appreciated the gesture of the university reaching out to them," he said.

When the program began five years ago, Zimmer said, student

athletes spoke to about 300 students at Calvert Elementary School in Lincoln.

The program has grown each year, and this year 14,000 students will attend.

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne and former players Trev Alberts and Will Shields also will make an appearance Monday.

Osborne said that although athletics were important, more young students needed to see that academics were important, too.

"The people in Nebraska have shown a lot of response to the event, and we've gotten a lot of response from schools," Osborne said.

Sometimes, Osborne said, young students see football players only for their athletic talent.

"So many times, young people don't understand what it takes to qualify for an academic scholarship," he said.

Through "School is Cool," Osborne said, he can help teach students that education is essential.

"This is important to me," he said. "It's good for the kids to focus on how education can make a difference in their lives."

Alberts, who has been involved with the event for five years, said education made a difference in his life, and he said he wanted to get students excited about academics.

"I have a responsibility to the university because my whole educational experience there shaped my life," Alberts said. "All of my beliefs that I operate from, I learned in Lincoln."

Although he will have to miss a day of training with the Indianapolis Colts, Alberts said the trip to Lincoln would be worth it.

"I just really want to be there and give kids a message," he said. "This is something really worthwhile. I enjoyed going to school and college."

"It seems a lot of young kids feel school is something they have to do. I want them to have fun with it."

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sations.

Ramont emphasizes developing a positive student-professor relationship, changing the class structure to meet students' needs and helping students feel comfortable in the classroom.

"Sometimes I use humor and tell about my experiences," she said, which helps students learn new vocabulary, especially jokes and idioms.

"If students don't have the ASL background, I have to relate what I do with ASL to what they do with English," Ramont said. "The structure and syntax is different."

Ramont also uses computers in the classroom.

"One final is on computer," she said. "This gives students time to go at their own pace and doesn't make me repeat things."

For the test, students view signs through CD-ROM and have the option of repeating questions or answering them.

Ramont also requires students to go to an activity in the Deaf community and interact with the people there.

"It's a good experience, and I require them to write a paper about it," Ramont said. "They like it so much, they ask me when the next activity will be."

She does this because the audiological aspect of her deafness — with a lowercase "d" — is only one part of her existence.

"The community, language, culture and perspective of a person is capitalized as Deaf," she explained.

Ramont offers a sign table at the Nebraska East Union on Fridays so students can chat over the lunch hour in ASL to improve their receptive and expressive skills.

But her schedule doesn't stop there. After a previous job with Boys Town, she is also volunteering with the organization by modeling on a videotape featuring ASL stories for parents and Deaf children.

Children on the videotape tell ASL stories, Ramont said, so other children benefit by seeing their peers tell the stories.

"Deaf children need more exposure to ASL stories," she said, "and it's good for parents to see the model we present to them."



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