

# California students may pay for late graduation

## University system debates charging fees for those who stay in school past four years.

From The Daily Bruin (UCLA)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — The University of California system may decide to offer an ultimatum to students who don't graduate in four years: get out or pay up.

If a UC proposal is successful, students who have not graduated after four years will face surcharges for additional time spent in school — up to \$4,000 a year.

The surcharge proposal is currently under review by the UC Academic Council. It will be sent to the UC President on Nov. 1 for review.

According to the proposal, the charge could cost students who do not graduate in four years up to an estimated additional \$1,000 per quarter.

The proposal would affect next year's incoming freshman class. It would not affect current students.

Sandra Smith, assistant vice president for planning with the UC President's office, said it might not affect anyone at all.

"Discussions have been ensuing,

and for the most part, the feedback has been that this isn't a good idea," Smith said. "As far as I can see, this isn't going to happen."

Last week, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) unanimously passed a resolution that denounced a surcharge to student fees. The resolution states that the proposed surcharge, "would adversely affect various student populations (i.e. underrepresented students, nontraditional students, single mothers, etc.) within the UC by penalizing them for trying to finish their degree."

USAC Academic Affairs Commissioner Max Espinoza explained the reasoning behind the USAC resolution as a protest against additional student fees.

According to the proposal, a surcharge would be an incentive for students to graduate on time, noting that "... for the most part, institutional factors, such as insufficient course availability, have not been impediments to graduation at UC."

UC Student Regent Jess Bravin disagreed.

Students are in a "situation where access to faculty, classes and academic resources is declining," Bravin said. "One of the effects of this is where students have to take more classes, and as a consequence are spending more time in school.

"It's the educational equivalent of blaming the victim for the crime."

# Police get new information to help identify dead body

By CHAD LORENZ  
Senior Reporter

The Lancaster County Sheriff's office tapped into a wealth of information to help identify a body found in north Lincoln two weeks ago.

A physical description of the woman has been broadcast on a nationwide law enforcement computer network so other police departments and the FBI can aid the investigation, Sgt. Owen Yardley said.

Forensic test results completed last week showed that the woman had been dead since early August.

Investigators think the woman was white with brown hair, between 30 and 45 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighed between 110 and 140 pounds, Yardley said.

Two unusual characteristics will be

especially helpful in identifying the woman, Yardley said. She had a pronounced overbite and a serious injury to her middle toe on her left foot.

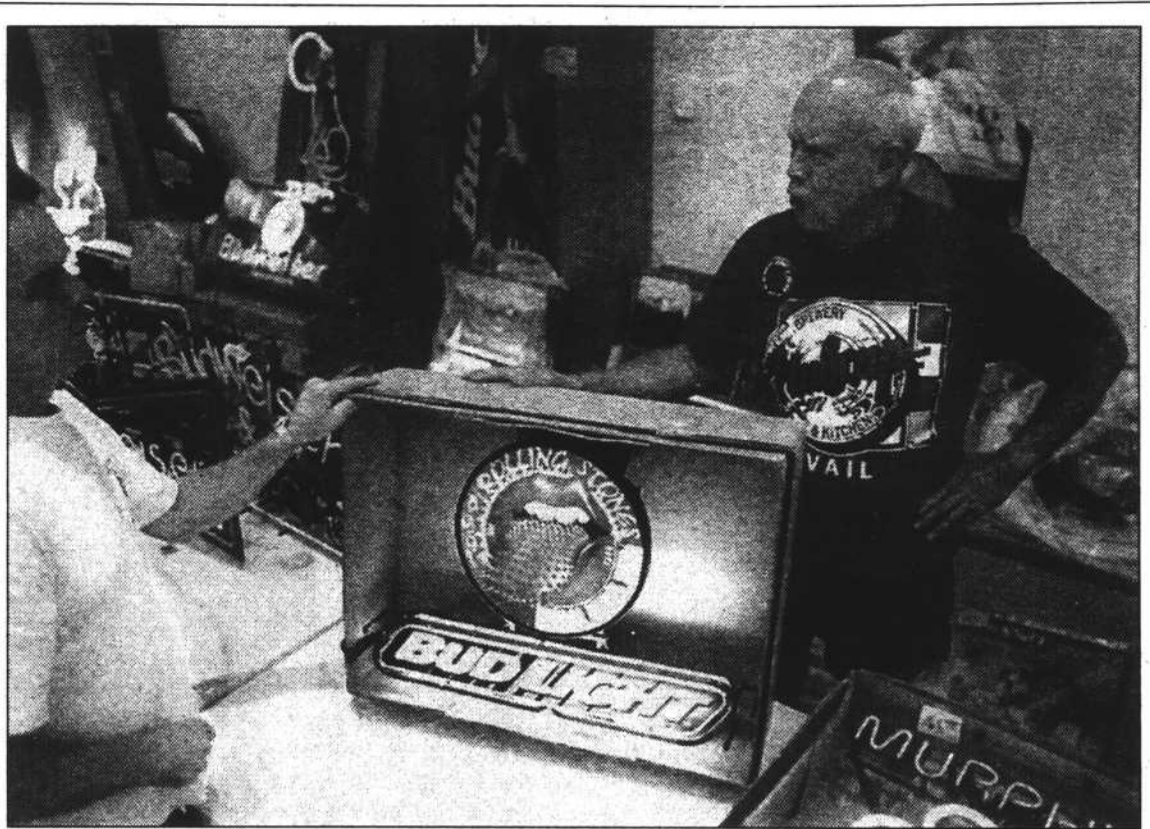
The injury probably would have given the woman some difficulty walking and running, Yardley said.

When police found the body, it was clothed in a red flannel shirt, a white thermal tank top, denim shorts and white athletic shoes, Yardley said. He would not say what other personal items were near the body.

Investigators hoped fingerprints would help identify the woman, but the skin on her fingertips had deteriorated too much to get a print, Yardley said.

Investigators will try to reconstruct the woman's face by filling parts of the skull with modeling clay, Yardley said.

The sheriff's office has determined the body does not match the description of any people reported missing from Lincoln, Yardley said.



MATTHEW WAITE/DN

BILL EATON of Overland Park, Kan. shows off a neon sign from the Rolling Stones' 1994 tour. More than 500 people came to the 14th Annual Breweriana Convention at Harvey's Hotel and Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

# 'Crazy' convention

## Collectors gather to trade beer steins, coasters

By MATTHEW WAITE  
Senior Reporter

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — Don Ray says he's an idiot.

But on Saturday, at least he had a lot of company.

Ray was one of more than 150 beer-paraphernalia collectors who displayed their wares at the 14th Annual Midwest Breweriana Convention at Harvey's Hotel and Casino Saturday.

"All idiots. Crazy collectors," said Ray, who traded his marbles for beer cans 25 years ago. "Well, I shouldn't say idiots — but they're all a little crazy."

In addition to the exhibitors, more than 500 people walked through the convention, which began Thursday.

Bill Baburek, who helped organize the convention, said collectors from 18 states came in for the event. Before the public show on Saturday, he said, convention goers went on microbrewery tours in Omaha and had a pub crawl.

"It was a little tough," he said, laughing.

Beer-paraphernalia collecting is big nationwide, Baburek said, and

conventions such as this have sprung up all over the country.

With the number of items on display, it was easy to see why. Everything from beer steins and bottle caps to coasters and neon signs were for sale or trade.

Prices ranged from a 50-cent coaster to a stein from the 1996 Olympic games for more than \$1,000.

"Anything that can have a beer name printed on it is collectable to someone," Baburek said. "It's just a hobby. There's a lot of people who like to collect things."

More than 75 percent of the people who come to conventions, which compare to reunions, are regulars, Baburek said.

And beer has better drawing power than stamps and baseball cards, he said.

But Ray said he has had his fun, and he thinks it's about time to start slowing down. He's turning 70 years old and has been getting rid of his can collection.

Ray's collection started more than 25 years ago, when he lived in Cincinnati. In the process, he said, he has collected more than cans. He has made thousands of friends.

Friends like Craig Gockel of

Shawnee, Kan. Gockel has been collecting since childhood, when he worked in his father's grocery store.

Gockel said the popularity of beer-paraphernalia collecting is intertwined with history.

"The United States was born on beer," he said.

Thomas Jefferson had his own brewery, Gockel said, and he drank beer with every meal.

When German immigrants came to America, Gockel said, they brought beer and brewing talents with them.

Now, more than 1,000 breweries are operating in America, most coming with the microbrewery craze that started in the 1980s, Gockel said. And that, he said, has renewed a lot of interest in beer.

Gockel seems more interested in others' collections than his own. He constantly talks about \$300 beer cans and \$400 beer steins.

But, Baburek said, beer-paraphernalia collecting doesn't have to be about ultra-expensive and rare items. Someone with a pocket full of nickels and dimes can start a coaster collection.

"This hobby can be as cheap or as expensive as you want it to be for yourself," he said.

## Our actuaries are used to being called names.

## Like C.E.O., for example.

CIGNA's C.E.O., started in the Actuarial Executive Development Program, as did many of our Financial Managers and Divisional Financial Officers. If you like those kind of names, talk to our Director.

On campus:

Date: October 14, 1996

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: City Union



**CIGNA**  
A Business of Caring.

Internet Address:  
<http://www.cigna.com>

We're an equal opportunity employer. M/F/D/V.  
"CIGNA" refers to CIGNA and/or one or more of its subsidiaries.  
Most employees are employed by subsidiaries of CIGNA Corporation, which provide insurance and related products.

Daily  
Nebraskan's  
<http://www.unl.edu/DailyNeb/>  
home page

**LONDON**  
**\$319**

Paris	\$329
Quito	\$379
Santiago	\$529
Tokyo	\$372
Hong Kong	\$434

FARES ARE EACH WAY FROM LINCOLN BASED ON A ROUNDTRIP PURCHASE. FARES DO NOT INCLUDE FEDERAL TAXES OR PFC'S TOTALING BETWEEN \$3-\$4.5, DEPENDING ON DESTINATION OR DEPARTURE CHARGES PAID DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

**Council Travel**  
National Reservation Center  
**1-800-2-COUNCIL**  
(1-800-226-8624)  
<http://www.cice.org/travel.htm>  
**EUROPASS FROM \$210**  
**EURAILPASSES**  
AVAILABLE BY PHONE!