

# NU president promotes brain power boost

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The University of Nebraska president Dennis Smith Tuesday told the 1997 Academic Senate what will fuel the future.

"NU is at the forefront of a new economy. Employment after college is no longer based on capital assets, it is based on brain power," Smith said.

Assessing the year's challenges at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was the theme of Tuesday's senate meeting.

Smith said the new brain power industry is flourishing. The university must provide its graduates with the skills necessary to handle the new industry.

Students must re-learn information once they enter the job market, Smith said.

"Employers are looking for students who have learned how to learn and are able to move ahead in today's global competition," he said.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included the Academic Planning Committee, the Teaching Council, and also short speeches by both Smith and Chancellor James Moeser.

Smith addressed other money matters when forecasting NU's three main budget priorities. Topping the list were the College of Information Sciences and Technology, the operating budget and renovation projects at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"The money that is put toward the

renovation will benefit UNL as well as UNO and UNK," Smith said.

Smith said the projects would renovate a total of 16 buildings on all three campuses.

Moeser also stressed the importance of approaching budget proposals.

"The process that we go through should be looked at with a critical view. Our major priorities are proposals having to do with multi-disciplinary topics and crossing the boundary walls between departments," Moeser said.

Later in the meeting, Helen Moore, sociology professor, spoke about the Teaching Council's 1997 plans.

"The Teaching Council is working on cross-college team efforts that include some innovative ideas."

# Bill to reform punishment for sex crimes

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sex offenders have a recidivism rate of 98 percent, said Dr. Sanat Roy, who works for the Lincoln Regional Center sex offender program.

Eighty-six percent of sex criminals receive no treatment in jail.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady, who testified in support of the bill, said that was no surprise to him.

"I know names, I know addresses of people who simply should not be released," Casady said. "There are repeat sex offenders going about their business as we speak ... they may live

across the street from elementary schools."

The point system would enable judges to sentence repeat sex offenders to longer terms in jail.

"We're taking away from the judiciary the power to give a sentence that will not protect society," Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said in support of the bill.

The bill could also help prevent more serious crimes, Lacey said.

"(Sexual crimes) are often the precursor to a homicide," he said.

Wesely said measures such as the registration of paroled or released

sexual offenders were not good enough.

"It lets the public know when someone is released so they can protect themselves," Wesely said. "If this person is a danger, why are we releasing them in the first place?"

Freeman considers herself lucky. She said sometimes she will accidentally leave her door unlocked, and the wind will blow it open.

A paralyzing rush of emotion comes, but if Freeman turned to look at the door, she would see nobody. Her stalker is locked up tightly and will not be eligible for parole for 35 years.

# Law & Order



A look at crime on campus and in the community

## BURGLARY

Two Lincoln high schools were broken into between Friday and Monday, resulting in more than \$5,000 in damages and losses.

Burglars entered Lincoln East High School, 1000 S. 70th St., between 1:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Monday morning through an unlocked door.

The perpetrator went into the drama room and smashed all the makeup lights, damaged a computer and stole a videocassette recorder, police reports said.

In the auditorium, they broke four stools, 20 spotlight bulbs and a microphone. A table also was found in the swimming pool.

Lincoln Police reported \$2,380 in damages, \$420 in theft losses.

Lincoln Northeast High School, 2635 N. 63rd St., was broken into sometime between Friday and Sunday.

Burglars broke a lock on a window and entered three portable classrooms, police reports said. A computer and two printers were stolen. Officers reported \$2,550 in losses.

## BURGLARY

Two burglars at 3081 Vine St. couldn't avoid a neighbor's eye, and one couldn't avoid arrest Monday night.

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Neighbors in the 3000 block of Vine Street reported seeing two men removing an air conditioner from a window and entering the house.

When police arrived, one man fled, leaving the other man — and all items the two had removed from the house — behind.

Police set up a perimeter around the house and the man, 19-year-old Terrance Ice, 3243 Orchard St., soon walked out the front door, where he was arrested.

The two had removed \$340 in items, but had left them all outside the house.

Officers are still looking for the other man.

## VANDALISM

A rash of vandalism downtown over the weekend became a self-fulfilling act.

Vandals wrote "deface" on four buildings, three with a white pen and a fourth by scratching the words into a glass door.

In all, \$425 damage was done to the LES building at 11th and O streets; Radio Shack, 1024 O St.; a mailbox on N Street between 13th and 14th streets; and Security Federal Bank, 1330 N St., which sustained \$350 in damages from the scratched door.

# NU will pay \$10,000 for Renteria lawsuit

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— one day after a struggle with university and Lincoln Police.

The University of Nebraska will chip in \$10,000 for its share of the settlement of wrongful death lawsuits against it and the city of Lincoln.

Monday, the Lincoln City Council approved a \$200,000 settlement in the suits, filed by the family of Francisco Renteria. Renteria died Sept. 1, 1994

brother, filed the wrongful death suits against the Lincoln Police, the Lincoln Fire Department and the University Police Department after the acquittals.

Joe Rowson, an NU spokesman, said Tuesday that the \$10,000 would come from a trust fund.



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