

City attorney will keep job another term

From Staff Reports

Lincoln will keep its city attorney for another term.

William F. Austin, city attorney since 1980, was unanimously approved for another two-year term by the City Council during its regular Monday meeting.

Austin, whose term expires Jan. 15, 1999, has represented the city in some of its most controversial disputes. He helped the city reach agreements in the Francisco Renteria case as well as negotiating with city firefighters regarding pay increases.

As the city attorney, Austin's responsibilities include overseeing court cases on behalf of the city as well as preparing agenda items for council meetings and providing legal advice to the mayor.

Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Police are searching for a man who called 911 after assaulting his girlfriend during a fight at her apartment.

Lincoln Police officers were called to Lincoln General Hospital after a woman there received ten stitches to her head. She told the following to police:

Around 2 p.m. Sunday, the woman and man got in a fight at 502 S. 12th St. During the fight the man choked her, nearly making her black out. He then pushed her head into a windowpane and then

dragged her around the room by her neck.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

A man who went to his truck to warm it up Sunday morning came back with a handgun and threatened his former wife in front of their children.

Officers arrested Scott Shannon, 31, of Lincoln, after his former wife reported that he had put a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun against her left eye, pushed her against a refrigerator, put the gun underneath her chin and said, "I'll do it. I swear I will."

When he noticed blood coming from a glass cut to her head, he called 911 and left.

Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said the man still was not in custody Monday afternoon.

Heermann said the incident was witnessed by Shannon's 5- and 6-year-old children. He was arrested for third-degree assault and making terroristic threats.

NARCOTICS

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshman was cited Saturday for possession of less than an ounce

of marijuana after university police caught him smoking outside his fraternity.

University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said Scott Paff of Omaha was cited outside Triangle Fraternity, 1235 N. 16th St., after an officer walked up to him and another man.

The two men were standing outside the west entrance of the fraternity house at about 4:20 a.m. The officer approached them and smelled marijuana and watched as Paff snuffed out the joint.

The officer picked up the marijuana cigarette and cited the UNL freshman.



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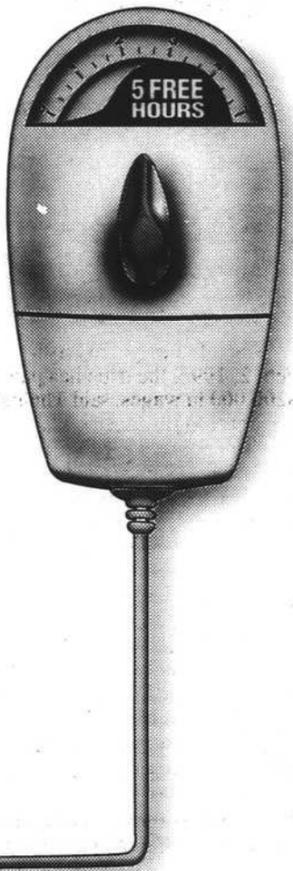
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