Students get lost in their 'Days' without dose of soap opera drama

By Jessica Fargen Staff Reporter

It may be hard enough for students to plan their class schedule around their busy lives, but, for some, they have to plan around the "fake" lives of others.

From 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., they tune into Erica and Taylor, Sammie and Austin, Jake and Laura, Matt and Brenda and Belinda and Jacob.

From the "Bold and Beautiful" to "Young and the Restless," many UNL students admitted to trying, at least once, to schedule classes around their favorite soap opera. They said they made time — at least three times a week - to catch up with who was cheating on whom and who was carrying whose baby.

Sophomore dietetics major Kim Becker said she planned last semester's schedule around "Bold and the Beautiful." Becker said she watched the show because of the goodlooking men and because it was so "fake that it was funny."

Jackie Matulka, a junior communications major, planned her class schedule around "The Young and the Restless" because the story lines were so "messed up."

She usually knew what was going to happen on the show, and the slow pace of the plot lines was convenient.

"You could not watch it for a month, but still know what was going on," Matulka said.

Freshman Nicole Denton's class schedule worked out to fit around "The Young and the Restless." Five times a week, she waits in anticipation in front of the television at the Nebraska Union to see what bizarre situation each character will face.

While many soap fans said they it's only a half-hour long.



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have been keeping up with their show junior broadcasting major, started to college.

Jeff Swanson, operations manager for Lincoln's ABC affiliate KLKN-TV, said soap operas are on Channel 8 weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"These are ongoing stories that apwomen make up a large portion of soap-opera viewers."

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dents interviewed said they noticed an increase in the number of men who watch soap operas.

was a break from the daily routine, and and can fill her in.

Dauel, an agriculture business for up to 10 years, Sabrina Canero, a major, said that at his fraternity, Alpha Gamma Sigma, "over half of our watching soap operas when she came house is connected to the TV at 12:30 p.m. for 'The Bold and the Beauti-

> Even if students can fit their show in between classes, some still need time to study.

Other students said they would peal to women," Swanson said, "and tape their favorite soap if it conflicted with homework or classes.

When Becker misses "The Bold Swanson said college students also and the Beautiful" because of class, video clips on the World Wide Web.

When Jenny Hough, a junior mar-But all of the female college stu-keting major, misses "All My Children," she calls the Aliant FingerTips Directory to get a summary of that lav's show.

Denton, a general studies major, Junior Aaron Dauel has been calls her mother, who tapes the show

"Somebody always knows."

Juvenile justice may be toughened

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sions committed during their service except for misconduct, negligence meet with a trained mediator. or bad faith - was dangerous.

"Immunity encourages carelessness and neglect," he said.

their victims in nonviolent crimes. fore reduces recidivism.

LB236 was introduced by Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln. In mediation, the juvenile offender and the victim would mutually agree to

The juvenile would make restitution for his or her crime or participate in community service.

The bill says that mediation al-Another bill introduced to the lows juveniles to make amends for committee would allow for media- their crimes and take direct respontion between juvenile offenders and sibility for their actions and there-

Death penalty bill moves forward

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska Legislature advanced a bill Thursday that would make the killing of a police officer punishable by death.

The bill advanced to secondround debate 27-2, with Sens. Ernie Chambers of Omaha and Dave Landis of Lincoln voting against the bill.

ued for nearly eight hours over up during third-round debate.

three days, mostly because of amendments proposed by Chambers, who is opposed to the death penalty altogether. Chambers said during debate that the death penalty is too arbitrary. He said the death penalty is carried out only on a small number of those on death row, and those put to death are usually the poor or minorities.

Near the end of floor debate. Chambers withdrew all his amend-Debate on LB422 had contin- ments but said he would bring them

UNO may expand security after recent rape on campus

OMAHA (AP) — University of she was attacked, the woman sent a Nebraska at Omaha faculty have con-computer message to the person in watching "The Bold and the Beauti- every day, or she finds enough people demned the rape of a female instructor ful" for three years because he said it at the union who had seen the show in a computer laboratory and asked university officials to improve security.

> Instructors questioned the training of the campus police force Wednesday during a Faculty Senate meeting.

> What we have is a campus security force, not a police force, and I think that's a problem," said Jeremy Lipschultz, associate professor of communications.

Public relations director Louis Cartier said campus police officers call in the Omaha police if a crime merits extra attention.

"There is room for individual judgment," Cartier said: "Rape, yes; a couple of students fighting in the parking lot, probably not.

The March 5 rape is under investigation. The victim was communicating with a person in Connecticut on the Internet at the time of the rape. After curity.

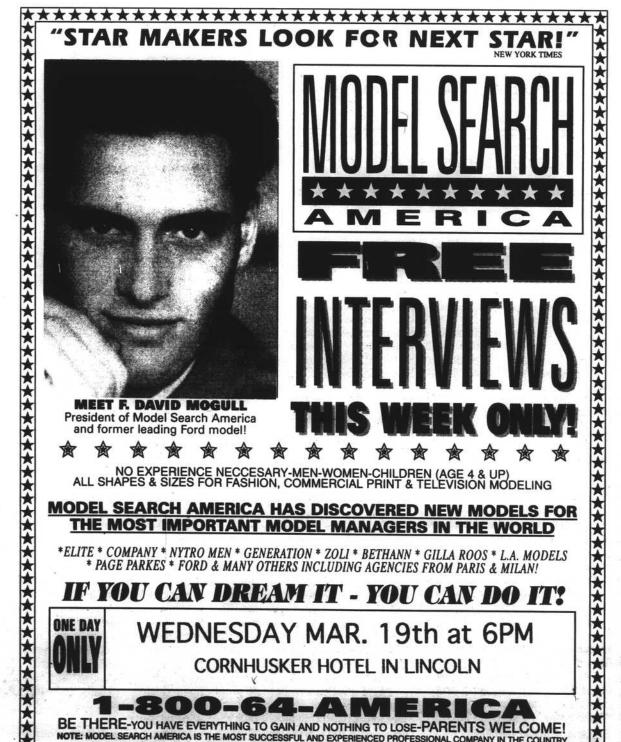
Connecticut because there was no phone in the computer lab. That person contacted campus security.

The victim, a part-time instructor, decided not to continue her classes this semester.

Faculty members discussed three other incidents that occurred on campus in recent weeks. A black employee's car was vandalized with racial epithets, a black student found a note with racist overtones on his car windshield and a fight after a pick-up basketball game sent one student to the

hospital.
"This could be something that is happening just by chance, but I think that somebody ought to be looking at the overall situation," said Shelton E. Hendricks, psychology professor.

Chancellor Del Weber said he is forming a group to review campus se-



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