

Historian to speak on retracing steps of fugitive slaves

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Anthony Cohen, a historian who walked 1,000 miles through the Deep South to retrace the Underground Railroad, will talk about his experiences tonight at 7 in the Nebraska Union's Centennial Room.

Cohen, 32, made the 1,000 mile journey in just over two months. He transported himself in a wooden box from Philadelphia to New York City in a 26-hour trip as slave Henry Brown once did.

Cohen will come to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as part of the Student Involvement's Leadership Institute. His speech will be titled "Silhouette of a Leader" and will provide "an insight for motivation and personal leadership."

Denise Cradick, assistant director of student organizations and leadership development for Student Involvement, said she hopes Cohen's visit will provide a new sense of awareness about the Underground Railroad.

"Students will learn a historical aspect about the Underground Railroad they otherwise might not have," Cradick said.

The Leadership Institute will begin tonight at 7 at the Centennial Room inside the Nebraska Union. The cost is \$7 for the general public and \$2 for students, staff and faculty with an ID.



Cohen

Health Aides dedicate themselves to helping more than just students

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But despite her many hours of training, she wondered if she could keep her composure in a real emergency situation.

Last September, her question was answered.

The right prescription

It was Saturday night, and Mcgee was going to a fraternity party. When she arrived, paramedics were helping an "extremely intoxicated" woman having what they suspected was a reaction to prescribed medicine.

Mcgee and another aide went upstairs to assist another woman who was intoxicated and hyperventilating. Mcgee called the paramedics upstairs, but the woman refused help out of fear her parents would find out she was drinking.

"I was irritated because she was so worried about getting kicked out of school and losing her scholarship, instead of thinking about her health," Mcgee said.

The paramedics eventually left, but Mcgee called them back an hour later because the woman began hyperventilating, shaking and drifting in and out of consciousness, but still refused help.

The only thing Mcgee said she could do was to spend most of the night watching after the woman and hope for the best.

"If I wasn't in the Health Aide Program I would have been really scared, but the training helped me not to be," she said. "I learned how to stay calm in bad situations."

Most reported cases aren't as extreme as Mcgee's. Health aides usually care for minor injuries such as sprained ankles and sore throats, but they are prepared for the serious situations, Mcgee said.

"Health aides are not doctors or counselors, but a link to professionals," Karen Weed, Coordinator of the Health Aide Program and community health nurse said.

Training time

Students can apply to be a health aide at the beginning of their sophomore year through the University Health Center.

First-year health aides train for two days at the start of fall semester to become certified in First Aid and CPR. They must attend two-semester public health course for credit and coordinate health-related programs in their living units.

When students complete their first year, they can continue in the program as a second-year health aide or as a health aide coordinator, who are First Aid and CPR instructors who organize meetings, social activities and perform administrative duties.

There is at least one health aide in every residence hall, and many in greek houses on campus. The program's goal is to have a health aide on every residence hall floor and in every greek unit, Weed said.

First-year health aides are paid \$11 a week, and second-year coordinators are paid \$12.65 a week.

"We are not in the program for the money," Jayne Miller, second-year health aide said. "I do it because I like to help people and make new friendships."

Being a health aide is a very big time commitment, Margaret Pavelka, health educator and retired registered nurse said.

"You have to be committed 24 hours, seven days a week, for one entire year," she said. "You really have to enjoy helping others."

Although health aides are a student re-

source, they are here to help anyone in need, Weed said.

Second-year health aide Joshua Levy was walking to class one afternoon when he noticed an elderly woman lying on the ground.

As he ran over to help her, the two men who had hit her with their bikes quickly rode away. With his mini First Aid kit in his backpack, Levy cleaned the woman's scrapes and bruises and took her to the health center.

A week later, the woman called the health center to compliment him for his actions, Levy said.

"When people appreciate your help it makes the job very rewarding," Levy said.

Weed said the program also is successful because coordinators really care about the health aides and become a part of their personal lives.

"I love the program so much that I treat the students like my own children," Weed said.

Many students become health aides to learn more about a health profession as they work toward a health-related degree. However, a pre-health major is not a requirement to become a health aide, Weed said.

Joseph Hermesen, staff physician at the University Health Center, was a health aide at UNL in 1971 and 1972.

Hermesen was a pre-med major and thought the program would help him decide if he wanted to be a doctor.

"Being a health aide really reinforced my ideas about becoming a doctor," Hermesen said. "It was a great opportunity to learn about health, while helping students and the health center."

Health aide applications are available until Friday at Community Health Education, lower level, Room 12, in the University Health Center.

Residents get cable at veterans home

GRAND ISLAND (AP)—What's the difference between military veterans and state prisoners in Nebraska? Ask George Jasen.

The World War II veteran will say prisoners get to channel surf, veterans don't.

"Who says crime doesn't pay?" Jasen asked. "The state prison, if you want something, they'll get it."

Not so in the Nebraska Veterans Home in Grand Island, where Jasen, 80, waged a 10-year fight to get MTV. His struggle has finally ended and he and his military cohorts are in surfin' heaven, snagging baseball games and ancient reruns.

"I like the 'Streets of San Francisco,'" said 80-year-old Jack Flannigan, a World War II veteran from Beaver Crossing.

The veterans home had trouble affording cable television, Nancy Klimek, the home's recreation coordinator, said. Earlier this year, the

home worked out a five-year contract with American Telecasting.

"They made it affordable, and they put it in as a priority to get it done," Klimek said.

The \$14,000 will come out of the home's operating budget.

"I think it was a need that should have been met much longer ago," she said. "A lot of our members aren't able to pursue recreational activities that require them to cover long distances, unless assisted."

Basic cable with 14 channels is available in all areas of each building for the home's 330 members. If residents want extended cable, they must come up with the bucks or wage another campaign.

First, however, they better settle a brewing battle over the remote control in the lounge area.

All veterans know it's important not to wage war on two fronts.

Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community

ASSAULT

A parking enforcement officer was hit Saturday afternoon by a car that was driven by a University of Nebraska-Lincoln fraternity member, a police sergeant said Monday morning.

Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said Officer Clay Millicen wrote a ticket for a car that was parked between the sidewalk and street on the city right of way.

As Millicen was putting the ticket on the car, Jeffery Hastings, a junior business major from Scottsbluff, came out of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house, 635 N. 16th St. As Hastings got in his car, Millicen discovered that the car should be impounded for unpaid tickets, and he told the student that his car was to be towed.

Millicen reported that Hastings started the car and hit him with it,

then drove away. Millicen was not injured in the assault.

Hastings was ticketed within the hour for third-degree assault and reckless driving, Heermann said.

ASSAULT

A man and a woman were attacked by three pit bulls Saturday afternoon on the Holmes dog run near South 70th Street.

Matthew Harris, 22, and Angela Schneider, 21, were taken to Saint Elizabeth Community Health Center for bites and scratches after the attack.

Harris told police that he had been warned by another man that there were three pit bulls on the track biting other dogs. The man told Harris that at least two dogs had been bitten and that one had to be taken to a veterinarian for

treatment, Heermann said.

While Harris and Schneider were waiting, the pit bulls, owned by Schuyler Tafoia, 19, 4717 Baldwin Ave., came up to a fenced area and bit Harris' dog, Heermann said. Harris kicked at the dog, Tafoia became upset and let the dogs loose.

One of the dogs jumped up and clamped down on Harris' left arm while another bit him on the left breast, Heermann said. Schneider then tried to help, but was attacked by all three dogs.

As Harris was being loaded into an ambulance to be taken to the hospital, Heermann said, he said something threatening to Tafoia, who then reported that to police.

No citations were issued in the exchange of words, but Heermann said animal control will handle any charges that stem from the pit bulls.



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