

Convicts appeal sentences

Iraqis' lawyers protest length of jail time

From Staff Reports

Two Iraqi refugees sent to prison for sexual assault of a minor appealed their sentences Tuesday.

Latif al-Hussani, 35, and Majed al-Tamimy, 29, were sentenced to four to six years in prison Sept. 23. The men entered arranged marriages with a 13- and a 14-year-old girl and forced them to have sex.

Terrell Cannon and Robert Creager, who have individually represented the refugees, filed the appeals Tuesday to the State Supreme Court.

Cannon has said he believes the sentences were too harsh. Both men entered pleas in the case - al-Tamimy pleaded no contest, al-Hussani pleaded guilty.

The men were sentenced to four to six years in prison by Lancaster County District Court Judge Karen Flowers. Both men will be eligible for parole in two years and will have a mandatory release date three years, six months and 23 days from Tuesday.

Also, immigration laws may force the two to be deported after their prison sentences are served, immigration officials have said.

Owner puts Woody's on market

Offers now are being accepted for 2-year-old bar

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The place is packed on the weekends, does better than average on weekdays and brings in some pretty good money.

But that doesn't mean running Woody's Pub is easy and in the least, fun. So Reg McMeen wants out.

McMeen, the owner of the bar at 101 N. 14 Suite 6, as well as Duffy's Tavern, 1412 O St., has placed the 2-year-old bar on the market looking for a new owner.

His decision came after a business partner who managed the pub decided to more actively pursue his bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"And I was already stretched so

thin, it was making me crazy," he said of trying to run both bars.

His small, four-stockholder-corporation, O'14, will be accepting offers for the bar, but will "not just give it away."

"If there is a sincere offer, we will look at it," he said.

They are asking for about \$150,000 for the property, which includes fixtures, furniture, graphics and the name Woody's, he said.

Under state law, any alcohol used in the bar must be purchased separately.

It's just time for someone else to take the reigns, he said.

"We're all just getting older," said the 35-year-old UNL graduate. "I don't know what a 21-year-old wants to do on a Friday night anymore."

For now, nothing will change with the bar, he said.

Warm fuzzles



MARIO ANDRADE GETS a laugh out of Taryn Koball, a sophomore English and history major. Koball, who is a member of the UNL rowing team, was helping Andrade sell his sweaters near the Nebraska Union. The rowing team receives a percentage from the sweater sales, which it uses to help buy rowing equipment.

RYAN SODERLIN/DN



Shantytown success

UNL's Habitat for Humanity student group raised \$1,256.73 last week during its Shantytown fund drive.

The drive asked every student to give \$1 to help build a student-sponsored Habitat for Humanity house in Lincoln.

Not every student donated \$1, said Chris Stone, UNL sophomore and Shantytown coordinator. But the fund-raiser was the chapter's biggest ever, she said.

"We were really impressed with how willing the students were to give," she said.

The organization had expected many adults attending the football game to donate money, but "it was the students who live on Spaghetti-Os and Ramen noodles who gave," Stone said.

Habitat for Humanity will save

the money it raised until it can afford a house. The chapter plans build another Shantytown for fund raising next fall.

Those interested in donating money to UNL's Habitat for Humanity may call Stone at (402) 436-9473.

Penny for your thoughts

The Lincoln Children's Hospital will be the beneficiary of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity's penny drive in the Nebraska Union this week.

Jeremy Inman, a Phi Kappa Psi freshman, said the fraternity hopes to raise \$1,000 or more through the drive and a drawing, which are both parts of the fraternity's largest annual philanthropy event, the Phi Psi 500. Tickets in the drawing cost \$1.

At a booth in the Nebraska Union, those donating to the penny drive can choose to place their pocket change into cups representing each participating sorority. Sororities are competing to collect the most change, Inman said.

But "we're all striving for the same thing - it's the Children's Hospital," he said. The union booth will be open between 9 a.m. and 5

p.m. through Friday.

The event also includes a tricycle race Sunday at 3 p.m. in front of the Phi Kappa Psi house on 16th and S streets. Each sorority will race a tricycle through an obstacle course that includes a mud pit and pile of leaves.

In the can

The Residence Hall Association, Theta Chi Fraternity and Cornerstone ministries are sponsoring the third annual Can It food drive at UNL through Sunday.

Boxes are in all residence halls and greek houses to collect canned, dried and nonperishable foods. All food collected will be donated to the Malone Community Center.

Halloween helpers

UNL student volunteers will work as hosts of a Halloween party Saturday for deaf children in Lincoln. The party will be sponsored and organized by the UNL Friends of the Deaf Community.

The party will last from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. To become a volunteer, contact Jennifer Herzog at (402) 435-7212.

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