

## Law & Order

### Man arrested for assault

Police arrested a man this week involved with burning two teen-age girls with a wire coat hanger as part of a gang initiation ceremony.

The mother of one of the 16-year-old girls noticed the burns on her daughter's shoulder and reported them to the police March 6, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The victim said her back was burned with a wire coat hanger as part of a gang initiation ceremony Feb. 21.

Another 16-year-old girl who was branded at a similar ceremony the next day reported the incident herself. A pitchfork, covering her entire shoulder, was burned into her back.

Police arrested Robert Mahoney, 21, this week for first-degree assault in connection with the incidents.

Both incidents allegedly took place in Mahoney's home in the 2700 block of California Court.

### Citation issued for assault

Police cited a man for assault Tuesday after he allegedly pulled a knife on a woman in traffic Tuesday.

An 18-year-old woman noticed a gray car following her closely at the intersection of 48th Street and Cornhusker Highway, Heermann said.

When she turned onto Havelock Avenue the car continued to follow her all the way to 70th Street, then to Adams Street where the two cars were stopped by a traffic light.

A man got out of the gray car wielding a knife and began approaching her car.

To escape him the woman turned into Gas 'N Shop on the corner of 70th and Adams streets.

The man got into his car and drove away, but not before the woman took down his license plate number.

Police cited Adam Cardoza, 22, for assault. Police did not know what provoked the incident.

Compiled by Senior Reporter Josh Funk

# Energetic teacher rewarded

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Tim Hagge, a UNL graduate student who works for Pardy, said Pardy was responsible for an important new biological discovery.

He said Pardy found a molecule in algae that originally was thought to exist only in bacteria.

The discovery was important, Hagge said, because the molecule was toxic and could cause health problems for humans if undetected.

Besides his intensive research, Pardy is known for excellent speaking skills and for enthusiasm in his classroom, Hagge said.

Pardy often roams his classroom in order to interact with his students and hold their interest during lectures, Hagge said.

Good teaching requires him to do more than just present the information, Pardy said. He must make sure students participate.

"The goal is to take 50 minutes and have people's lives change," Pardy said. "That is the real challenge."

Pardy first became interested in biology when he was a junior high student in Middletown, N.Y. After graduating from high school in Middletown, he spent two years at a community college.

Pardy's love for biology, however, sent him to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz., which he said had an exceptional science program.

Pardy earned his bachelor's degree there, and went on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees at the university. He later did post-doctoral

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**TED PARDY**

UNL professor of biological sciences

research at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Since then, Pardy has taught at the University of California, Irvine and currently teaches at UNL, where he was selected to the Teaching Academy in 1996.

"There are some very, very fine instructors in the academy," Pardy said. "I'm quite honored and humbled to be in it."

In addition to teaching, Pardy said he has published more than 40 research papers — "a continual source of intellectual stimulation," he said.

Outside of teaching, he busies himself with various hobbies including his favorite, cycle touring.

He and his wife, Ann Pardy, have toured many states including Missouri, Vermont, Wisconsin, Michigan and North Carolina by bicycle. They have toured Germany, Italy and Nova Scotia by bicycle.

Besides cycling, Pardy said he also enjoyed racquetball, playing the flute and fishing with his son. He has traveled as far as Prince of Wales Island in Alaska for a fishing expedition.

Though he enjoys traveling with

his family, Pardy said one of his most memorable trips was to the South Pacific, where he led a geographical expedition to study coral reefs in the Western Carolina Islands.

"It's a scientific experience that's hard to match," he said.

Lawrence Harshman, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, said Pardy's teaching reflected his active lifestyle.

"He's very energetic," Harshman said.

Pardy does an exceptional job teaching his students how to understand concepts, Harshman said.

Pardy said his goal as a professor was to break the one-way flow of information that usually occurs between a lecturer and students in a classroom.

"The more ways of interacting, the better chance of internalizing," he said. "When you're teaching each other, there's more chances to get it in your head."

Pardy said he enjoyed teaching, because working with students constantly rejuvenated him.

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