

# Law & Order

## Six cited for possession

Six underage students were caught with a half-consumed "party ball" of beer in a Burr Residence Hall room Tuesday night.

The residence director found the party after another student reported it and then called police, University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

In the first-floor room six students, five men and a woman were found holding plastic glasses of beer. The half-empty, 5-gallon "party ball" was in a corner of the room.

Though no one could remember who bought the beer, all six were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol and will now face university disciplinary actions as residents of Burr Hall.

Police cited Jeffrey Cohtz, Kyle Cantrell, Dallas Jurgens, Brandon Miller, Bradley Epp, all 19-year-old freshmen, and 20-year-old sophomore Alicia Peters.

## Girl in stable condition

A 3-year-old girl who fell out the third-story window of her apartment while her father was on the phone was reported in stable condition at Lincoln General Hospital Tuesday night.

As soon as her father realized what had happened at their 451 N. 44th Street apartment, he rushed his daughter to the Lincoln Pediatric Associates office for treatment, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The girl complained of head and arm pain, and the doctor sent her to Lincoln General for more testing though her condition was stable.

**Warehouse vandalized**  
Nebraska Packaging Inc. was

hit with more than \$3,500 damage in a burglary that netted \$140 in goods.

Between Saturday and Monday someone entered the warehouse at 66th Street and Fletcher Avenue through an unlocked door, Heermann said.

Vending machines in the break room took the brunt of the damages - \$3,500 - before yielding \$40 in cash to the thief.

A \$100 VCR also was taken from the break room.

Though the office door was kicked in nothing was taken from inside.

## Church lawn mower stolen

A \$3,400 riding lawn mower was taken from a Lincoln church over the weekend.

Someone removed the padlock from the storage shed at the First Evangelical Covenant Church, 6024 L St., and made off with a Dixon mower, Heermann said.

## 16-year-old faces charges

A 16-year-old juvenile pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted escape, robbery and burglary in district court Wednesday.

The boy is charged in connection with a Feb. 24 convenience store robbery, an attempt to escape from the juvenile attention center during which two corrections officers were assaulted and a Feb. 23-24 burglary, according to court records.

The boy faces three felony charges in these cases and could be tried as an adult.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for early May.

Compiled by Senior Reporter Josh Funks

## ASUN

# Campus leaders, OCR meet

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Members of the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights wanted to know what ASUN thought about UNL's racial climate, said ASUN President Sara Russell on Wednesday.

Russell told senators about her Wednesday morning meeting with OCR officials. She said they discussed the Sigma Chi cross-burning incident at a fraternity ritual last year and University of Nebraska-Lincoln's student code of conduct.

Russell met with the review team and two Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senators; Sigma Chi Fraternity members; Omar Valentine from the Afrikan People's Union; Donnie White and Amy Rager, who were on the student code of conduct review board; and Linda Crump, associate director of the Affirmative Action and Diversity Office and OCR.

OCR officials asked students if they knew people who personally had suffered racial harassment. They also wanted to know if the majority of students knew how to file a complaint if harassed.

"The reason a lot of this is here is not to go over policies with administration and faculty, but to protect students and get to know how they feel about the university and their code of conduct," Russell said after the meeting Wednesday night.

Russell said everyone was honest about how things were dealt with on campus.

"You need to be honest with these people in order to get help from them," Russell said.

ASUN also elected committee leaders:

- Kara Slaughter, arts and sciences senator, academic chairwoman
- Ryan Anderson, general studies senator, campus life chairman
- Joel Wiegert, business senator, communications chairman
- Jason McCallan, graduate senator, special topics
- Committee for Fees Allocation and the Human Rights Committee will elect their leaders at the next ASUN meeting.

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# Internet commerce deals increasing in popularity

WASHINGTON (AP) - Traffic on the Internet is doubling every 100 days, the government said Wednesday in the latest snapshot of the exploding information technology industry.

Business use is growing fastest, but as many as 62 million Americans are now using the worldwide network and are getting comfortable making credit card purchases.

The Commerce Department said 10 million people in the United States and Canada made purchases - from airline tickets to books to automobiles - on the World Wide Web by the end of 1997, up from 7.4 million people six months earlier.

It said business-to-business purchases, such as the wholesale purchase of supplies, could reach \$300 billion by 2002 and routinely save some of America's largest companies hundreds of millions of dollars by lowering costs and reducing inventories.

"What is the report telling us? That the digital economy is alive and well and growing," Commerce Secretary William M. Daley said.

But the department cautioned that consumers "must be more comfortable that credit card and personal information given online will not be tampered with, stolen or misused" before the potential of digital commerce is realized.

Customers who already have made purchases said they weren't particularly worried about the chance for credit theft.

Edith Sorenson of Houston said she buys books and makes travel arrangements, but generally only from estab-

lished Web sites she's familiar with.

"I usually feel pretty comfortable with it," Sorenson said. "I'm a terrible shopper, anyway. I hate to leave my house. And with books - it takes like three or four days to get here. (Brick-and-mortar) book stores are badly stocked."

Other consumers say encryption coding makes them more comfortable using credit cards to purchase goods from the Internet.

Other key findings of the report: ■ The Internet is growing faster than all other technologies that have preceded it. Radio existed for 38 years before it had 50 million listeners, and television took 13 years to reach that mark. The Internet crossed the line in just four years.

■ In 1994, a mere 3 million people were connected to the Internet. By the end of last year, more than 100 million worldwide were using it, including 62 million Americans. Other estimates have put that number slightly lower, at 49 million Americans.

■ The information technology industry is growing twice as fast as the overall economy. Without information technology, inflation in 1997 would have been 3.1 percent, more than a full percentage point higher than the 2 percent it was.

■ Workers in the information technology industry earn an average of almost \$46,000 annually, compared to an average of \$28,000 in the private sector. Workers in the software and service industries are the highest wage earners, at almost \$56,000 annually.

I would like to thank and honor someone in the University community, who has recently won a special award, my significant other of two years, Alison Knudsen. She is a senior here at UNL and was coreipient of the 1998 Women's Studies Outstanding Achievement Award. This award is given based on the level of campus activism combating forms of oppression. Alison's letter writing, public speaking, and e-mail responses shows the fervor at which all of us can use as an example of advocacy for oppressed groups.

Congratulations Alison, your efforts do not go unnoticed! Thank you for all you have done for me, and for being such a wonderful role model. I love you!

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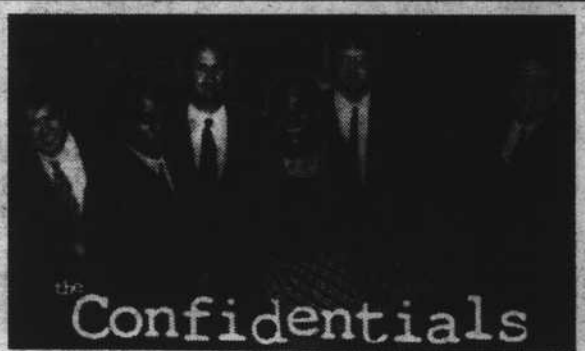
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