

# Victims' voices heard at vigil

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As those numbers have increased, the judicial system has tried to be there to help domestic violence victims.

County attorneys continue to work harder to make it possible for abusers to be prosecuted, even if the victim is afraid and fails to appear in court, said JoAnna Koba Svoboda from the Lincoln Police Department's witness unit.

While speakers spoke for continued reforms to make the judicial system harder on abusers, Svoboda said the courts were only part of the solution.

"It doesn't only take a criminal justice system," she said. "It takes all of us."

"There are people in the audience who have heard the cry of their neighbor and have done nothing," Svoboda said.

The event also reminded

marchers of another type of abuse where cries are not always heard.

Lee Kleve, program coordinator for the Friendship Home, said emotional abuse is just as harmful as physical abuse.

Though most of the news about domestic violence that makes the front page of newspapers and is the basis of numerous made-for-television movies is about domestic abuse, emotional abuse is just as prevalent in homes, Kleve said.

"He never has to lay a finger on her, but those threats will tear apart her soul as surely if she'd been beaten to death," she said.

Two survivors shared their experiences of physical and emotional abuse. As one read verses about the thoughts that run through the mind of a victim, the other laced the poem with facts and statistics about

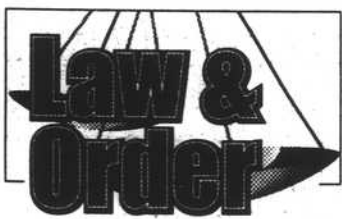
the number of women who were victims of domestic abuse last year.

Kylee Dickey, a senior accounting major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the poem moved her the most.

"I thought one of the most important things that came out of it was the actual survivors speaking," she said.

Though the march to the Capitol focused predominantly on victims of domestic violence, Matt Zwick, president of Spectrum, used time before the march to remind marchers of another type of violence that strikes innocent victims - hate crimes against gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered people.

"Hopefully we can stand together tonight in unity to support this, because what affects us could some day affect you," Zwick said.



## Two arrested for crack

Police observing the home of a suspected drug dealer Tuesday arrested both the dealer and one of his alleged customers, police said.

Around 4:30 p.m. officers began watching the home on the 1400 block of E Street where they thought crack cocaine was being sold, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Police watched one woman enter and leave the house, and they followed her into an alley between D to E streets, from 13th to 14th streets, where police made contact.

A search turned up one

rock of crack cocaine weighing 0.27 grams on the 33-year-old woman.

Police waited for the suspected dealer to exit the house before making contact.

The man also had an outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended license, so police stopped him and searched him, finding six rocks of crack cocaine in his right sock.

The 19-year-old man was arrested for possession of, sale of and the intent to deliver a controlled substance and the warrant.

## Police find crack in car

In a separate drug bust, a traffic stop led police to six rocks of crack cocaine in one man's car Tuesday.

When police stopped the man near 24th and W streets he gave the officer two different names, Heermann said.

Police cited the man for giving false information and searched his car where one rock of crack cocaine was found at the driver's feet.

In jail five more rocks of the drug were found in his possession, totaling 2.6 grams.

Police also seized \$883 in cash from the man as evidence.

As of Wednesday morning police were still trying to establish the man's true identity.

## Guns stolen from home

Three 12-gauge shotguns were taken in a residential burglary Monday night.

Thieves took the guns, some gun cases and other miscellaneous items from the home on the 100 block of Furnas Avenue for an estimated loss of \$800, Heermann said.

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# Senior check process may be sent to Internet

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Within the next few years, the six weeks or more it may take to get a senior check could be reduced to less than a minute with a new computerized degree checking program, university administrators said.

The program will eventually allow students to perform their own senior checks online, with more complete results, said Earl Hawkey, director of Registration and Records.

The computerized checks, which any student could use, would list degree requirements and indicate whether they've been met. If the requirements were not met, the computer would give suggestions of possible classes to make up the deficiency.

Currently, five people are responsible for senior checks, which means a long, anxious wait for graduating seniors, Hawkey said.

"That's the whole thrust - better service to students and keeping up with what people have a right to expect," Hawkey said.

The College of Business Administration is the first college to test the automated program, but it is being developed in the Teacher's College, the College of Engineering and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Hawkey said all colleges will go through the test mode before the system is actually implemented in a few years. He said he did not want to place a strict time line on the project.

"We are moving slowly on it, but we are

trying to take everyone's interest to heart as well so it's a product that everyone is happy with," Hawkey said.

"It is a big investment of time on part of colleges."

Kim Sabatka, staff assistant in the CBA dean's office for undergraduate programs, said the college has been checking the results of the computerized system against student records for accuracy.

Although time consuming for employees, the program seems to be accurate and efficient, Sabatka said.

"The time that we've invested in it is going to be well worth it," she said.

The program will eventually allow students to not only check their degree requirements, but to see what would happen to their academic progress if they changed their major, Sabatka said.

But the program should be used as a supplement to advising, not a replacement, she said.

"I hope the reports do not take the place of students' seeing an academic adviser," she said.

"We still want to make sure the student is progressing. We need that contact."

Hawkey also said he saw some possible danger in the program.

"I see it as an advising tool," Hawkey said. "This should not be an excuse for students not to see their advisers."

The degree audit program is being funded by the New Student Information System program, which was implemented three years ago and brought students services such as the NRoll system.

# Lid opponents call for 'Blue to MU'

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community to wear blue. The board supports ASUN and Students Against the Lid's efforts, she said.

"They're still supporting the teams - just in a different color," Kuchta said.

Russell said she is pleased to have some support from athletic teams and organizations, including the football team, the women's volleyball team, the UNL marching band and the UNL spirit squad.

"We live in a democracy where people have

to choose," Russell said. "But we want more blue in that stadium than red. I hope people choose to display blue some way."

Klein said residence hall students and other groups supporting "Blue to MU" and other efforts opposing Initiative 413.

Banners, posters and signs will be hanging on individual greek houses and residence hall rooms this week, she said.

"Hopefully we can make our statement visible," Klein said. "(Initiative 413) doesn't only hurt us, the students. It will harm the city and the state, alike."

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