

# RHA project to ornament needy families with gifts

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'Tis the season for philanthropies, and an RHA group is asking UNL students to help its cause.

Jadd Stevens, chairman of the Residence Hall Association's Student Action Team, hopes students will support the Salvation Army's Angel Tree project, even though there are several other charities seeking assistance during the holiday season.

The Angel Tree project has been the Student Action Team's main focus this semester, said Laura Sullivan, a team member and junior political science major.

The Student Action Team is an RHA committee that deals with student issues and volunteer service. With help from the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, RHA is serving as campus sponsor of the Angel Tree project.

Christmas trees will be in both the Nebraska Union and East Union this week from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The trees will hold a total of 1,500 ornaments, each representing a child in Lincoln

whose family needs help with holiday expenses.

Students can select an ornament, purchase a gift of \$10-\$15, and return it to the front desk of Abel, Smith, Neihardt, Selleck or Burr-Fedde residence halls by Dec. 8.

Angel Tree ornaments also will be placed in the Women's Center, Culture Center and Student Involvement office this week. Today, Wednesday and Thursday, ornaments will be available at food service in Abel-Sandoz, Harper-Schramm-Smith, Cather-Pound, Selleck and Neihardt residence complexes.

The Nebraska Union tree will be kept in the ASUN office when the union booth is closed. Ornaments will also be available there, and gifts will be accepted.

There is only one rule as to what gifts may be purchased.

"Since the Salvation Army doesn't promote violence, no guns or knives may be donated," Stevens said. "Other than that, all gifts are welcome."

Stevens said trees are stationed across Lincoln to try to find buyers for all the children. The Salvation Army has, however, overcompensated a bit so all leftover ornament requests will be filled, he said.

Aside from RHA's efforts, Stevens said help has also come from ASUN and the Athletic Department, which has agreed to take 100 ornaments.

This is the second year that a campus Angel Tree has existed, and Sullivan is hopeful it will be successful.

"Hopefully, we can make it as good, if not better, than last year," she said.

RHA also is involved with the current campus food drive, supported by Neihardt Council's swing dance Nov. 19. Four boxes of food were gathered.

"The people who were there had a really good time," she said. "We decided this was something worthwhile."

Both Stevens and Sullivan hope to fill all the ornaments on the tree and gather as much food as possible.

"We'd like to help everyone," Sullivan said, "but if we can help just a few, it will be worth it."



## Hotel employee arrested

Police arrested a 21-year-old Cornhusker Hotel employee Monday for setting fire to one of the rooms Sunday.

The fire Patricia Salazar admitted to starting caused about \$40,000 damage to the third floor of the hotel at 333 S. 13th St., Fire Inspector Don Gross said. The sprinkler system flooded the floor and caused \$33,000 damage to the carpeting and elevator electronics.

Gross said he conducted a 12-hour investigation into the fire, which started in room 311 around 10 a.m.

The paper trail led to Salazar, who confessed when confronted.

She used a match to light some papers, then spread the fire to newspapers in the room.

Gross said Salazar would not say why she set the fire. She was jailed for first-degree arson Monday afternoon.

Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

When the victim reached into his coat, the suspect held a small knife to his throat and forced him into an alley.

The suspect told him not to make a scene and took \$20. He is described as a white male in his late 30s, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 160 pounds with shoulder-length brown hair.

## Vandals trash Asian Center

Vandals dumped water, food and paint on the floor of the Asian Community and Cultural Center last week causing \$3,730 damage.

The vandals apparently entered the 140 S. 27th St. building Tuesday night through a window and started dumping things in the basement, Heermann said.

Buckets of water were followed by buckets of paint and canned and frozen foods from the community center.

The floor, stereo, organ, table and four chairs were covered with the mess, and the fire extinguisher was discharged in the room.

In the process three oriental costume masks, valued at \$1,500, were damaged.

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## Man robbed despite kindness

A man who was asked for a cigarette Friday afternoon was robbed at knifepoint despite his kindness.

The 38-year-old victim was standing on the northwest corner of 21st and O streets around noon when another man asked him for a cigarette,

## Residence hall students to get mini-directories

From staff reports

To help conserve waste paper, the new Aliant phone books issued this week will come in small sizes for residence hall students.

Dale Ekart, the recycling coordinator on campus, is one of the people behind the idea in the size change.

If this change works, next year people will be able to request which size of book they want.

Linda Geisler, a coordinator for phone book distribution, said she wants and expects feedback from students and staff.

Both Ekart and Geisler urge students and staff to recycle their old phone books Dec. 17 and 18. People can deposit the books in the office paper containers around campus on those two days. The old phone books will be sent to Chicago or Green Bay, Wis., and turned into either newsprint or insulation.

Ekart encourages people to recycle whenever possible.

"My job is to make piles and get them hauled off," he said.

# Milk mustaches may bring fame to students

■ NU's winner will have a chance to compete for a spot in a Sports Illustrated commercial and will appear in the Daily Nebraskan.

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It doesn't give you a caffeine high, you can't buy it from a Pepsi vending machine, and you can't carry a liter of it around all day to help make it through class.

But drinking it in the Nebraska Union today could place your picture in Sports Illustrated.

Tracy Naden, spokeswoman for the Milk Processor Education Program, said about 200 people usually show up for their chance to be photographed with a milk mustache for the "Milk, Where's Your Mustache" campaign.

"It's pretty popular among college students," she said.

The Milk Mustache campaign will pass out free milkshakes to students from noon to 2 p.m. inside the

west entrance of the union. After drinking the milkshakes, students will pose for the camera and hope their mustaches are white and thick.

Though contestants traditionally are students, faculty and staff members can participate as well, she said.

Contestants need to have "a really prevalent milk mustache," Naden said.

Some of the more creative contestants Naden has seen brought cow stuffed animals, their girlfriend or boyfriend or even the school mascot with them.

"People will pour a whole glass of milk all over their head or take their shirt off," she said. However, most people don't need to go to extremes to get a good photo shot.

"Just acting excited and having a really good milk mustache is (important)," Naden said.

Each student who competes will receive a free T-shirt. The UNL winning photo will appear on <http://www.whymilk.com> and in a "Got Milk?" ad in the Daily Nebraskan.

The winning student will then compete against other students from more than 100 other universities. The best "Milk Mustache" student will

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appear in an ad for Sports Illustrated. Jerry Weber, head athletic trainer for the university, said he hopes the campaign will encourage students to drink milk more often.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding about milk," he said.

"They kind of look at milk as something Mom made them drink at home, and now that they're away from home, they don't want to do that anymore," Weber said.

Statistics provided by the Milk Processor Education Program said 70 percent of college non-athletes skip milk daily.

Many students also are afraid

drinking milk will cause them to gain weight, Naden said.

"College students have a myth that it's high in fat and that it's not good for you. They forget that skim milk is fat-free," she said.

Naden said other beverages, such as pop and juice, have more sugar and calories than milk and do not always have the eight essential vitamins milk does. She recommends students drink three glasses of milk daily to build bone mass.

Weber said he hopes students enjoy the campaign.

"It's a fun, informational way of (teaching)."



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