

Licking the flames



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FIREFIGHTERS spray down a fire that started in the southeast corner of the house on 1819 Washington St. The tenant woke up when smoke alarms sounded. He was hospitalized for smoke inhalation. Firefighters said strong south winds made fighting the fire difficult. The fire caused close to \$100,000 in damages, destroying the home owned by C. David Heffelbauer. Two house cats have not yet been found.

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Law & Order

Lincoln woman raped

A 40-year-old Lincoln woman was raped Monday night while walking her dog, Lincoln police said.

Capt. Lee Wagner said the woman called police about 10 p.m. to report the rape, which occurred in the 400 block of North 28th Street. The woman said her attacker held a knife to her throat and raped her. The suspect then fled north on 28th Street.

Three men approached the man at his home in the 3700 block of Pace Boulevard, he said, one was carrying a clipboard. The man told the three to leave, though, Wagner said, because his meter is a remote read.

The three men became agitated, he said, and left in a red pickup. Police have not made any arrests, he said, but he reminded citizens that city water employees should have identification.

Tools lifted from pickup

Someone stole \$3,100 in tools from a parked pickup overnight Sunday to Monday, police said.

Wagner said the truck was parked on 12th Street between Van Dorn and Hill streets. The tools were taken from a tool box, he said.

Marijuana found in truck

The State Patrol found 58 pounds of suspected marijuana under the bed liner of a truck during a traffic stop Monday afternoon.

Sgt. Tim Salmen said the 37-year-old California man was traveling to Chicago and failed to signal a lane change near the 27th Street exit on I-80 about 2:15 p.m. The man gave troopers permission to search the vehicle. They found the drugs and \$1,200 cash.

Compiled by staff writer Shane Anthony

Meter readers suspicious

A Lincoln man turned away some suspicious, would-be water meter readers Monday afternoon, Wagner said.

Outgoing ASUN president proud of year's goals met

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ing, Russell said.

In order to make the Outstanding Educator award more fair, the academic committee revamped it to include nominees from both large and small classes.

Before the award was changed, professors who taught large classes had an advantage over those who taught small ones, Russell said.

Another achievement of this year's senate was the establishment of a Martin Luther King day committee that begins planning events in the spring for the January celebration.

Holding UNL responsible for issues dealing with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act was another issue ASUN tried to tackle, Russell said.

"We thoroughly addressed NAGR-PA issues and are still following up on it so we can find out ourselves what is going on and not rely on other sources," the outgoing president said.

One of the things Russell said she was most proud of was the establishment of the Laura Cockson memorial scholarship.

The scholarship, which honors the UNL student killed by a drunken driver last spring, was a community effort, Russell said. Because of the efforts of campus organizations, a \$750 scholarship will be given each year to a person who promotes alcohol awareness and responsible drinking.

Fund-raising is still going on, which could boost the amount given out every year, Russell said.

One of the original goals of the senate was to initiate online class registration, said Paul Schreier, Technology Fee Advisory Board chairman.

While online registration is not yet a reality, students can find grade, schedule and financial aid information on the Web, Schreier said.

While completing some goals, Russell said this year's senate fell short of others set last spring.

Increasing diversity and sensitivity training classes was one priority that

the senate didn't follow through on, Russell said.

"I would have liked to see more of a concrete end or continual process on diversity and sensitivity training," she said.

While Russell made an effort to talk to a lot of students, she said she didn't have as much personal contact with students as she had hoped for.

Whether or not next year's senate decides to pursue these issues will be up to members of the body, Russell said.

While Russell said the accomplishments of each year's student senate tend to fade quickly in the mind of students, she said she wants this year's senate to be remembered for contributing to a more productive ASUN in the future by taking risks.

Russell said she hoped she helped that philosophy by showing others that it is important to take risks and not be afraid of other's criticism.

Last spring, ASUN set out the following goals. Listed afterward is the progress made on each goal:

- **Updating ASUN's Web site:** A description of what ASUN is and does was added to this year's page.

- **Continuing town hall meetings:** Regular town hall meetings were held to discuss issues such as the proposed constitutional amendment that would change the senate's make up and the ASUN party system survey

- **Internet class registration:** While grade, schedule and financial aid information is accessible on the Web, online registration does not yet exist.

- **Start a campus coalition:** A campus coalition, made up of student organization representatives, was formed.

- **Opening lines of communication with the parking advisory committee:** Russell attended parking advisory committee meetings and wrote legislation to increase the price of permits according to benefits rather than on a flat fee basis. Legislation was also passed to ask the parking advisory committee to seek additional methods of funding parking garage construction projects to lessen the financial burden on students.

Moerer calls for continued progress

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room was too small and technology had to be brought into the room in order for her to teach.

Moerer agreed and said the university has requested technology funding in its budget request.

The Appropriations Committee is considering the university's request and will release its final budget in May.

Raikes, along with Sens. Diane Schimek of Lincoln and Carol Hudkins of Malcolm, said he would continue to look out for the best interests of the university and the state.

"I want a strong statewide institution that in effect provides leadership for the entire state," Raikes said. "There is no better place for state dollars to be invested than in the higher education system."

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