

## Event aims to increase campus health, safety

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If you have a bad back, can't see your computer screen or have a tendency to ride your bike like a maniac, there's something for you at the UNL Health and Safety Awareness Week.

The health and safety education week for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students begins today and continues through Thursday.

The week is designed to make students more safety-aware by giving CPR training, cholesterol screenings and back-care guides. A massage certificate and ergonomic supplies also will be given away.

Environmental health and safety office employees will also give out red stress-relieving balloons, demonstrate fire extinguisher use and check offices for safety hazards as part of the week.

It is sponsored by the Environmental Health and Safety Department, the Campus Recreation Center and the University Health Center.

Students need to be more aware of physical safety, Holli Hudson, health and safety specialist, said. For example, many students who use their own computers may not face the monitor correctly, she said. "We're

not seeing carpal tunnel (syndrome) in college students, but we're trying to prevent that," she said. "Prevention is key."

Bike safety is another problem Hudson has noticed, mostly on City Campus. She said some students rode their bikes quickly among crowds of people. The pedestrians may not know the hand signals the bikers use to turn and get in the bikers' way.

The awareness week is an expansion of last October's health and safety fair, which lasted one day each on City and East campuses, Hudson said. She talked to UNL's 32 safety committees and several students and expanded to a week of activities.

The daily events alternate between City and East campuses. They include lunch seminars and a health and safety drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Thursday in the Nebraska Union. The drive, which is an informational booth, will also be in the East Campus Union 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

The awareness week may be held yearly, Brenda Osthus, director of UNL's environmental health and safety department, said.

"We'll kind of see how this one goes," she said, "but if people find it appealing, we'll continue to do it."

## Ethnic Albanian refugees' movement scheduled

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Balkans, the United States also said it temporarily would provide shelter for up to 20,000 ethnic Albanians fleeing Serb assaults while European nations took in as many as 100,000 — but just until they can return home under international protection.

"These people have to go back, otherwise there are no people in Kosovo," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said.

In opening its doors to the victims of Milosevic's effort to clear Kosovo of its ethnic Albanian majority, U.S. officials did not say where refugees might go, but suggested it would be outside the 50 states.

But Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said he was told the plan is to airlift them to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba, once used to house thousands of Haitians fleeing violence in their homeland. Bacon said no decision had been made and that there were appropriate U.S. facilities in Guam as well.

More than 350,000 ethnic Albanians have fled since NATO airstrikes began on March 24, and the exodus continued Sunday.

Albright, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," blamed the refugee crisis on Milosevic, whose forces have continued attacks on ethnic Albanians and forced them by bus and on foot out of Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

She dismissed the suggestion that the air campaign led to the crisis.

"He has systematically brutalized his population," she said. "To say we are responsible for the refugees and the atrocities is really like saying the police force is responsible for a serial killer."

Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, writing Sunday in an opinion piece in *The Washington Post*, urged using "whatever force is necessary" to crush Milosevic's drive to control Kosovo and to ensure NATO does not fail in its first offensive fight in its 50-year history. "We should position strong, mobile forces in Macedonia and Albania to protect those fragile nations

and to make it plain that no option has been foreclosed," Christopher wrote.

Several prominent congressional Republicans and Democrats urged President Clinton to make the use of ground troops in Kosovo an option. Administration officials insisted no American ground forces would be deployed for combat.

"The diplomacy won't start until our president stops saying no ground troops," declared Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Democratic Sens. Charles Robb of Virginia and Joe Biden of Delaware also urged Clinton to keep the possibility of deploying U.S. forces in Kosovo as an option.

The Clinton administration continued to rule out using U.S. ground forces in Kosovo, despite criticism by members of Congress and military experts that the option should be kept open.

"Fighting village to village, there would be thousands of casualties," Berger said. "We do not believe it is necessary to achieve our objectives."

## Heart attack claims life of State Sen. Schellpeper, 65

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Stan Schellpeper, a Stanton state senator known for his advocacy on rural issues and his work on state tax reform in the past decade, died Sunday of a heart attack. He was 65.

Schellpeper's widow, Faye, said her husband died at the family farm outside Stanton, where he was spending Easter afternoon with his family.

Schellpeper was elected to the Legislature in 1986 and was re-elected in 1990, 1994 and 1998. He was chairman of the General Affairs Committee and a member of the Agriculture and Revenue Committees.

Speaker Doug Kristensen of Minden, who called Schellpeper a close personal friend, recalled their years together on the Revenue Committee. The two senators worked with Sen. Jerome Warner and other committee members to initiate major changes in the state's system of tax collection and school finance.

"Stan is obviously going to be remembered by the Legislature as someone who was a good committee chairman and also a very strong advocate of rural Nebraska," Kristensen said. "His knowledge and experience are going to be missed."

Ken Winston, legal counsel for the General Affairs Committee, said Schellpeper was a strong advocate for rural Nebraskans. He was especially interested in rural health care, successfully urging the creation of the Office of Rural Health in the Department of Health and Human Services and an expansion of loans for doctors willing

to practice in rural areas.

"He always wanted to represent the working people of the state," Winston said, "the farmers and the people that go to work every day and run a business or hold a regular job. He just tried to lower their tax burden and represent them and take care of their interests in the Legislature."

"He was a great guy, and he's going to be missed."

Kristensen said the Legislature on Monday would discuss ways to honor Schellpeper's life and service.

"We obviously miss our colleague and want to have a period to pay our respects."

Schellpeper was born Jan. 27, 1934, in Hoskins. Along with his wife, he is survived by three children, Jeffrey, Thomas and Nancy Morfeld and eight grandchildren.

Staff writer Shane Anthony contributed to this report.



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## Law & Order

### Cash, drugs seized

Lincoln Police seized a large sum of cash and an assortment of drugs with a search warrant Thursday night.

Around 9 p.m. police stopped a 44-year-old man for a traffic violation after observing him leave a home on the 5500 block of Benton Street, Lincoln Police Officer Kathy Finnell said.

Police said the man had 9.56 grams of methamphetamine in several plastic bags, so they arrested him and obtained a search warrant for the house.

When they searched the house around 11 p.m., police found \$1,300 cash, 23.8 grams of methamphetamine, 12 hits of LSD, 2.5 grams of marijuana and 3.8 grams of hallucinogenic mushrooms along with several items of drug paraphernalia.

The 36-year-old woman who lived at the house was arrested. Both the woman and the man arrested earlier were cited for possession of a controlled substance and possession with the intent to deliver that substance. Additional charges could be filed by the county attorney this week.

### Man cited for three other exposure incidents

The Lincoln man arrested for laying his penis on an Express Money counter during a transaction last week was cited Thursday for three similar incidents.

A manager of a Colby Ridge Popcorn outlet called police after reading news reports about the indecent exposure, Finnell said.

The manager said that on three separate occasions the man came into Colby Ridge stores and fondled himself while in the store.

Police said on last Monday night the man came into the 233 N. 48th store and placed his penis on the counter while still in his shorts, ordered ice cream and then went to a booth where he ate the ice cream and rubbed himself through his shorts.

Then he returned to the counter, placed his penis on it and ordered popcorn to go.

The man, who was still in jail Thursday, was cited for three counts of disturbing the peace for two February incidents at the 5540 Holdrege Streets store and last Monday's incident.

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