



Former dean arrested for indecent exposure in park

A former dean of UNL's College of Fine and Performing Arts was arrested for indecent exposure in Wilderness Park on Thursday.

Two men were arrested on the same path, at different times Thursday, for exposing themselves in the park, Lincoln Police Officer Kathy Finnell said.

A plain-clothes police officer was patrolling the park as part of a selective enforcement project targeting indecent exposures.

The former dean, Larry Lusk, 66, was arrested at 1:40 p.m. The other man, 59, was arrested at 12:48 p.m. Both men were arrested while walking down the same trail masturbating.

Lusk is the second man associated with UNL's College of Fine and Performing Arts to be cited for indecent exposure within eight days. On March 31, graphic design associate professor Ron Bartels was arrested for allegedly exposing himself in his car.

Police officer assaulted during fight at Royal Grove

Early Thursday morning a police officer was assaulted after a fight

broke out during the Royal Grove's amateur strip night.

The officer was hit in the back of the head with a cellular phone and a fist when he got caught in the middle of a dispute between two men, Finnell said.

The officer had been trying to talk to both parties when the argument escalated, and the officer was in the middle.

Both parties fled after the assault Thursday and had not been cited.

Man cited second time in four days for exposure

A Lincoln man was arrested for indecent exposure Thursday after he exposed himself to an employee at the hotel where he was staying.

A 27-year-old female employee saw the 59-year-old man at 5:40 p.m. exposing himself by the window in his room, Finnell said.

Police said the man had been cited for a similar incident three days earlier at the same motel, the Econo Lodge, 2410 N.W. 12th St.

On Monday, the man had exposed himself to another guest in the guest's hotel room.

Compiled by senior staff writer Josh Funk

Temple student charged with rapes, beatings

■ **Classmates described the accused attacker, who was active in extracurricular activities, as popular and friendly.**

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and then raped them, each woman said.

The two women were treated at nearby hospitals.

In the days after the rapes, police removed evidence from nearby houses and took a two-door, white sedan that was believed to be the car Ali used to pose as a cab driver, while members of the local media swarmed to Annenberg Hall, where most of the School of Communications and Theater (SCAT) classes are held, to find out from his peers what sort of student Ali seemed to be.

A theater major who said he "had a few classes" with Ali said he "seemed to be a nice guy."

But most students were reluctant to talk about the case, and notices posted on the doors of Annenberg Hall told students that reporters were likely to approach them to talk about the cases. Students, the signs said, should direct all reporters to the University News Bureau.

According to Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News stories, other students said that Ali's behavior was strange at times.

Most students, however, were in various states of disbelief over the crimes, as were Ali's neighbors.

They said that Ali, who they estimated lived on 11th Street for three years, was quiet, and never caused problems in the neighborhood.

As television cameras followed him on his way to county prison late last week, Ali appealed for help.

"I wish I could get some serious help, I really do," he said. "I need somebody to realize that I need help."

Ali may have been alluding to reports that informed police that, as a child, he had been the victim of sexual assault himself.

An active participant in Temple's theater department, Ali acted in student films, and last semester took part in the staging of August Wilson's play "Joe Turner's Come and Gone." Ali played the part of a child in the production.

SCAT officials refused to comment about the arrest.

Ali was arraigned Friday, and is being held on \$225,000 bail for the two attacks. University officials have said that Ali has been suspended pending a disciplinary hearing.

CNN reporter speaks on women's contributions

Hinojosa remembers important women in her life

By **BERNARD VOGELSANG**
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With a lecture by a CNN correspondent and an awards presentation, the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission on Friday night celebrated the strengths women bring to the community.

As keynote speaker for the commission's annual event, Maria Hinojosa, the first Hispanic CNN correspondent, told the women of Lincoln in a passionate address that they could achieve anything if they shared their experiences.

Hinojosa shared her experiences with 350 people at the women's commission's 23rd Annual Event in the Cornhusker Hotel.

Hinojosa, born in Mexico City, covers urban affairs for CNN in New York. She also anchors National Public Radio's "Latino USA," a weekly program about news and culture in the Latino community.

Hinojosa's lecture was a tribute to women who have had an impact on her life during the last month. She said her friend, human rights activist Ingrid Washinawatok, was killed in early March in Colombia.

"It taught me that life is divine," she said. "Life is not about the rush to meet deadlines. It is about the moments of love and friendship between women, between women and men or between friends."

Hinojosa also addressed the situation of Su Leng, a Chinese woman who illegally lives in New York. Hinojosa said she interviewed Su Leng because she is an example of the illegal immigrants who work 12 to 16 hours a day for \$1 an hour to pay off the people who smuggled them to the United States.

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Finally, Hinojosa talked about her babysitter, who did not want a present for her birthday because she felt she had not deserved it. This was an example of a woman who didn't fully realize her contribution to society, she said.

After this story, Hinojosa was struck by emotion and was unable to talk for a few seconds. The audience immediately reacted with applause.

Hinojosa continued by saying she wanted to tell these stories because they are women's common voices.

"If women share words of support and strength, they can become determined and powerful," she said.

The event also recognized outstanding community members for their work toward the advancement of women.

Sheryl Schrepf, director of St. Monica's Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women, received the Alice Paul Award. She was director of the Lincoln YWCA and helped open the Friendship Home, a shelter for battered women.

Schrepf also said that although she turns 50 this year, getting older would not decrease her spirit to fight for the advancement of women.

"If somebody thought I was a more radical feminist when I was

younger, just wait and see," she said.

Lela Shanks, author of "Your Name is Hannibal Hughes Shanks: A Guide to Alzheimer's," received the Woman Artist Award, along with a \$250 stipend.

Police Chief Tom Casady, last year's Erasmus Correll Award winner, presented Brian Mathers, community service director of the Lincoln Action Program, this year's honor for his contribution to the welfare and advancement of women.

EvaMarie McDowell, a senior at Lincoln High School, was awarded the Young Feminist Award. Pat Galitz, a commission member, said McDowell was a top student and a dedicated volunteer.

Before Hinojosa's lecture, Mayor Dale Young presented Son Dinh, a seventh-grader at Park Middle School, an award for an essay he had written about his mother's courage to adapt to life in the United States after fleeing Saigon in the Vietnam War.

Norma Heller, a fourth-grader at Prescott Elementary School; Casey Byrd, a sixth-grader at Norris Middle School; and Anne Kettler, an eight-grader at Lefler Middle School, also received awards for essays on women.

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