

# Director pushes Code

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Though she may be new to Judicial Affairs, Rosemary Blum is looking to lay down the law.

Blum, who took over as director in May, said her primary goal as boss this year is to increase awareness of the Student Code of Conduct.

By getting the word out on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's judiciary laws, students will know first-hand what to expect before violating a rule, she said.

"If it's in print, students are responsible for knowing it," Blum said.

Some of the more common problems among students are cheating on papers and underage drinking, she said.

Many times students will copy information off the Internet, and after editing it, will use it in a paper, she said.

"I've had examples where papers may not be copied word for word, but with the structure, the ideas - there's subtle similarities."

In addition to cheating, drinking was also a major concern, Blum said.

No matter where students drink on campus, the punishment would be the same, she said.

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"Drinking in the CBA (College of Business Administration) building is no different than drinking in a dorm room or fraternity," she said.

Drinking in both places, said Blum, would not be tolerated by her or her staff.

A minor found in possession of alcohol, for example, will have a record on file with UNL for seven years.

Most likely, Blum said, students who are charged with underage drinking will be punished by the city as well as the university.

Tonda Humphress, assistant director of Judicial Affairs, said alcohol was the No. 1 issue she has dealt with while working in Judicial Affairs.

"Alcohol has been in the papers everywhere," Humphress said.

Some other issues covered in the Student Code of Conduct include carrying dangerous weapons and

harassing others via e-mail.

The latter, Blum said, is becoming common among UNL students.

"People should rethink etiquette in some sense when they start using a computer or computer resource sponsored by the university," she said.

"Basically, having university computers or a university e-mail account is a privilege."

The Student Code of Conduct can be found in any undergraduate or graduate bulletin. Judicial Affairs also has copies in its office.

Blum said she hoped students would take the time to skim the handbook.

"The philosophy of this office is to assist students with becoming aware of inappropriate behavior," she said.

"We also want to make sure to support them by helping them make better decisions in the future."

## Law & Order

### Man found dead on porch; homicide suspected

A 37-year-old man was found dead on his porch in the 300 block of NW 13th St. Tuesday night.

Lincoln police responded to a medical emergency around 5:35 p.m., said Capt. David Beggs.

Scott Tupper was found unresponsive on his front porch, the apparent victim of an assault. He was taken to BryanLGH West Hospital and pronounced dead.

Beggs said Tupper's 31-year-old brother, Joseph Tupper, was arrested on suspicion of the homicide.

### Two men injured after 'youth gang' fight

Two 47-year-old men leaving a North Lincoln bar early Tuesday morning ended up in the hospital after fighting with two to five unknown men, police said.

Michael Roberts and James Thompson III left J Ryans Bar, 1434 N. 27th St., with off-sale liquor the pair had bought just before the bar closed, owner Virgie White said.

The assailants were described by police as young men.

"It was a youth gang that jumped these guys," White said. "They were just two older guys trying to go home."

White said the assault did not involve J Ryans.

Both men lived in an apartment on the 1600 block of North 24th Street.

Medical units took both men to BryanLGH West. Roberts was treated for minor injuries and released. Police officer Katherine Finnell said Thompson underwent brain surgery and was initially listed in critical condition.

A Bryan LGH West representative said Thompson's condition was downgraded to serious Tuesday evening.

### Motor homes damaged in burglary attempts

Burglars broke into several motor homes at Leach Camper Sales, 2727

Cornhusker Hwy., Sunday night or early Monday morning, police said, taking \$875 in property and causing \$1,750 damage.

After breaking through windows and doors on five campers, the burglars took a VCR, a television and two radios and compact disc players. Finnell said.

### Man flees police, but is arrested later

A man fled from a Lancaster County Sheriff's Deputy during a traffic stop Monday evening and spent the night on foot before being arrested early this morning, said Chief Deputy Sheriff William Jarrett.

A sheriff's deputy stopped Tibursio J. Martinez, 28, on 14th Street between Bluff and McKelvie streets because the 28-year-old failed to dim his lights, Jarrett said.

Martinez told the deputy he did not have a driver's license and that the truck he was driving did not belong to him.

When the deputy returned to his car to find out who owned the truck, Martinez allegedly fled from the scene, Jarrett said.

At 4:30 a.m., deputies received a call from a homeowner outside Lincoln stating an unknown man who matched a description of Martinez was knocking on his door. Deputies went to the home but could not locate the man.

Martinez was arrested early Tuesday morning after off-duty Sheriff Deputy Craig Schiender, on his way to work, spotted the 28-year-old on 14th Street.

He was arrested for resisting arrest, false reporting and an outstanding warrant from Custer County for illegal possession of a firearm.

Deputies found \$1,447 and less than an ounce of marijuana on Martinez when he was arrested.

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## Deadlocks mar debate in Senate

### ■ Democrats block action on a bankruptcy measure and a federal judge nomination by Clinton.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate deadlocked Tuesday - not once but twice - as lawmakers clashed over legislation to overhaul the nation's bankruptcy laws and the confirmation of several judicial nominations.

First, Democrats blocked action on the bankruptcy bill, saying they wanted an agreement from Republicans to permit a debate and vote on an amendment for a \$1-an-hour increase in the minimum wage over two years.

Republicans countered that they were willing to permit that debate but that Democrats had also demanded votes on unrelated issues ranging from farm programs to gun control.

The vote was 53-45, with one senator voting present, seven short of the 60 votes needed to move the measure toward passage.

Moments later, in an ironic twist to the usual debate over judges, Democrats blocked efforts to force a speedy vote on one of President Clinton's nominees for the federal bench.

The nominee, Ted Stewart of Utah, is backed by Sen. Orrin Hatch.

the Utah Republican who chairs the Judiciary Committee. Democrats complained that while Republicans were eager to speed Stewart's nomination toward passage, they were unwilling to agree to quick votes on several other nominees proposed by the president. Thus, they held ranks, and the Senate voted 55-44, five short of the 60 needed, to advance his nomination to a final vote.

In a rare move moments later, Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota sought to force a vote on two judicial nominees, District Judge Richard Paez and an attorney, Marsha Berzon, both of whom have been named to the appeals court.

It was the Republicans' turn to block action, and they did by margins of 45-54 on Berzon and 45-53 on Paez, both well short of the 60 needed.

It is customarily the prerogative of the majority leader to make such motions, and Daschle's decision to do so had the effect of elevating the importance of the long-running controversy over judicial nominations.

Daschle accused Republicans of seeking to choke off debate on the bankruptcy bill prematurely. He also said that dozens of Clinton's judicial nominations are awaiting action, including Paez, who was appointed more than three years ago.

"We've got to have these votes," he said. "We've got to confirm these judges."

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