

Group welcomes all women

Women's Studies Association promotes diversity among students.

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In her home country, Yeaji Shin never knew how liberated women could be.

Her definition of liberation changed when she came to the United States and got involved with the Women's Studies Association.

Shin, a native of South Korea, is one of two graduate assistants for the Women's Studies Association, a student organization aimed at promoting awareness of women's issues and education.

Shin said she became involved with women's studies when she learned about feminism shortly after she came to the United States.

"(Women's studies) helped me

justify my female identity," she said. "I come from a very patriarchal and repressive society. It has liberated me to act out. This place is just wonderful for me."

Shin said the Women's Studies Association exists to promote the diversity of the female status on campus by providing a variety of information and activities.

Shin has personally organized an event, which will be held Oct. 22, celebrating Asian women scholars in American academia.

"The event is to promote an Asian women curriculum," she said. "Hopefully, many students will be able to get a good perspective on the topic."

Tagi Adams, also a graduate assistant, said the association also will be sponsoring other activities including a "Take Back the Night" vigil on Oct. 20 and a conference in the spring.

The association and all of its activities are open to anyone interest-

ed in women's history, the female community or women's issues.

"We're pretty broad," Adams said. "We don't subscribe to a certain point of view on women's issues. We're pretty much a safe place for anyone interested in any aspect dealing with women."

Both Shin and Adams emphasized that anyone is welcome to join the group, regardless of gender or otherwise.

"Every woman who is interested in women's issues or humanism should get involved," Shin said. "We even have some male students that are involved."

Those interested in becoming involved with the Women's Studies Association should stop by its office at 308 Avery Hall or call (402) 472-9392. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The calendar of events for the organization can be seen online at <http://www.unl.edu/womenssp/wshome.html>.

Lincoln man, 20, dies in highway car crash

By JAKE BLEED
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A Lincoln man returning from paying off his car loan lost control of his automobile, which was then hit by a dump truck, killing him and seriously injuring his passenger, Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner said.

Jose Domingo Navarajo, 20, who resided in an apartment on the 1200 block of D Street, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, Wagner said. Antonio Gonzales, 28, who lives in an apartment on the 2300 block of Q Street, was flown to BryanLGH West by Star Care V, where he remained in critical condition Tuesday.

The men were driving westbound on Highway 6 around 10:20 a.m. Monday after Navarajo had paid for his car loan at Ashland State Bank, Wagner said.

The car was in the far right lane of the highway when Navarajo lost control. The blue Mazda MX 3 spun across two lanes of westbound traffic, over a curbed median, then across two lanes of eastbound traffic, Wagner

said.

A dump truck driving in the far eastbound lane then hit the Mazda near the driver's side door, Wagner said.

The driver of the dump truck, Corinda Ballard, 34, was not injured in the accident. Wagner said she had just delivered a load of cement at a construction site and was returning for more when the accident happened.

Waverly Fire and Rescue units spent two hours trying to remove Gonzales from the wreck with jaws of life equipment, Wagner said.

Sheriff deputies investigated the crash for about five hours Monday, Wagner said. Navarajo's car was so mangled in the wreck that deputies weren't sure what it was upon arrival.

"We didn't know what it was until we got the vehicle registration," Wagner said.

Wagner did not know why Navarajo lost control of the car nor how fast he was going. Wagner estimated the speed of the dump truck at 55 to 60 mph.

Neither of the drivers nor the Mazda's passenger were wearing seatbelts, Wagner said.

U.N. authority takes hold in Timor

Indonesia allows agency to visit refugees who have fled.

With East Timor's water, electricity and sanitation services in shambles from weeks of looting, Indonesia agreed Tuesday to let the United Nations start taking on some civilian authority earlier than planned, the U.N. envoy said.

In addition, Indonesian Foreign

Minister Ali Alatas agreed to allow the U.N. refugee agency to visit the thousands of refugees who fled to West Timor to determine whether they wanted to return home, remain in West Timor or be resettled elsewhere in Indonesia, U.N. envoy Jamsheed Marker said.

The decisions came during talks Tuesday with Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Alatas and Portuguese Foreign Minister Jaime Gama, and details were to be worked out today in meetings

with the ministers and senior U.N. officials.

The United Nations has been eager to start taking over civilian control in East Timor to try to fill the administrative vacuum created when the territory collapsed into anarchy after its people voted to separate from Indonesia.

Pro-Indonesian militias went on a killing, looting and burning rampage, driving thousands of people from their homes, torching entire villages and destroying the territory's utilities and infrastructure.

Under the agreement that paved the way for the Aug. 30 ballot, the United Nations is to assume formal civilian control of East Timor after Indonesia's parliament ratifies the vote results, expected in late October.

CORRECTION

Charm L. Smith is a UNL doctorate student. She was incorrectly identified in a cutline in Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan.

Police arrest man, 28, on suspicion of thefts

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Omaha police arrested a 28-year-old Lincoln man and held him until Lincoln police could arrive and bring him back for two counts of felony possession of stolen property and one count of larceny.

Shawn Durham, who lives on the 5800 block of N. 23rd Street, was connected to stolen property found in two Omaha pawn shops and was interrupted Monday while attempting another burglary at 6350 Campbell Drive in

Lincoln.

A 34-year-old woman told police she heard a noise coming from her open garage, then saw a man emerge from the garage carrying frozen steaks and shrimp, Lincoln police officer Katherine Finnell said. The food was taken from a storage freezer in the garage. The man was also carrying a chainsaw.

The resident confronted the man, who dropped the steaks, shrimp and chainsaw and ran to his car. As the man drove away, the resident saw her daughter's bike stowed in the back of his 1987 white Honda Accord.

Omaha police contacted their Lincoln counterparts late Monday after they pulled Durham's car over and found the missing bike in its back seat, Finnell said.

Police then connected Durham with property stolen in two Lincoln burglaries that was found in two Omaha pawn shops.

The first burglary connected to Durham took place July 29, Finnell said, when Durham allegedly broke into a home at 1310 Smoky Hill Road and took a bag of golf clubs and a bike, valued at \$850.

The golf clubs and bike were later sold in Omaha to the EZ Money Pawn Shop, 4721 S. 24 St., Finnell said.

The second burglary took place on July 8, at 830 Hazelwood Drive, Finnell said. Durham took a Honda self-propelled lawnmower from the home, Finnell said, and later sold it at Sol's Jewelry and Loan, 514 N. 16th St.

People trying to sell items to a pawn shop are required by state law to provide a signature and driver's license or other identification to the pawnbroker.

Finnell said Durham was arrested for larceny after stealing the bike from the home at Campbell Drive because the garage door was left open. Were it closed, she said, Durham would have been arrested for burglary.

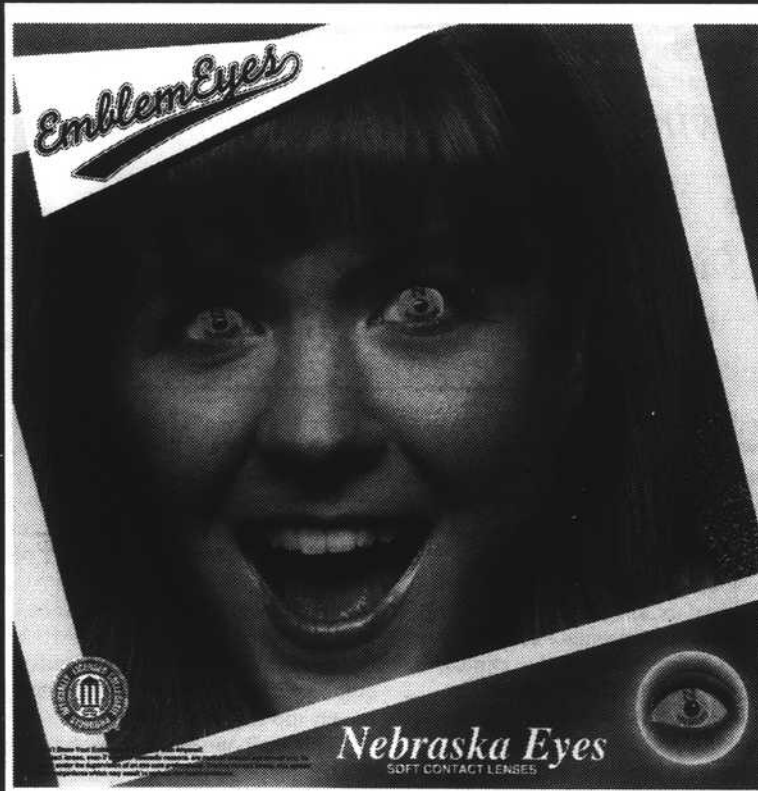


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