

Law & Order

Judge issues warrant for arrest of Gary Lauck

Police are still looking for Gary Lauck, a 46-year-old Lincoln man convicted in a German court of spreading pro-Nazi information, after a Lincoln judge issued a warrant for his arrest Monday.

The warrant was issued after Lauck lied on a gun permit application, court documents said.

On the gun permit application,

Lauck answered "no" when asked if he had ever been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by more than one year, Lancaster County Court documents said.

Lauck was arrested in March 1995 while attending a neo-Nazi rally in Denmark. Danish authorities extradited him to Germany, where he was convicted of several crimes relating to spreading pro-Nazi and anti-Jewish information. A Hamburg court sentenced Lauck on Aug. 22, 1996, to four years in prison, and he was released March 19, 1999.

Lincoln business reports stolen computer equipment

Burglars broke into an East Lincoln business over the weekend, taking computer equipment valued at \$10,600, Lincoln police officer

Katherine Finnell said.

Four Gateway computer towers and other computer accessories were stolen from the Farm Service Agency between noon Friday and 3:45 p.m. Monday, Finnell said.

Police: Man arrested trying to cash stolen pickle card

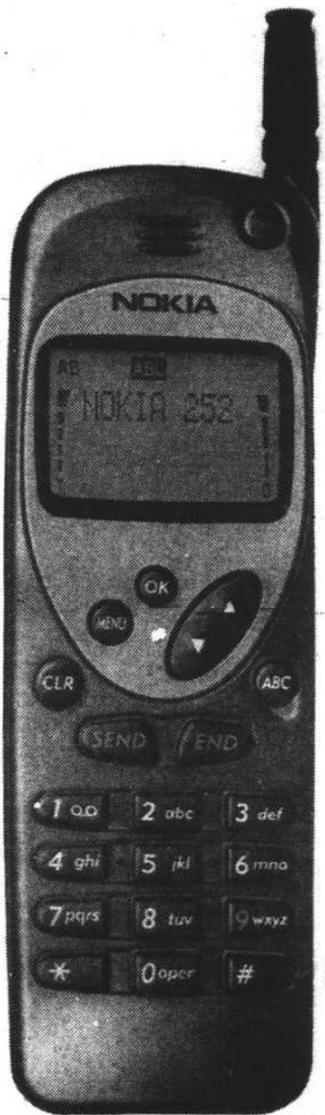
Lincoln police said they arrested a 37-year-old Lincoln man for trying to cash in one of a stack of pickle cards stolen from the car of a convenience store manager last week.

Michael Gasper was arrested at about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday after trying to collect the \$599 payoff from one of the stolen cards, Finnell said. He was arrested on a charge of theft by deception.

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Doctorates for women, minorities at new peak

CHICAGO (AP) - More women and minorities are earning doctoral degrees than ever before, according to a survey of 382 universities nationwide.

The survey, conducted by the University of Chicago and released Tuesday, found that about 41 percent of all recipients of doctoral degrees were women in the academic year ending in 1997, a total of 17,322 women. Ten years earlier, women accounted for one-third of all doctoral degree recipients, and in 1967, about 12 percent.

Among minorities, the numbers nearly doubled between 1987 and 1997 - from 2,046 to 3,840, to about 9 percent of all doctorates granted.

"We're the beneficiaries of the women's movement," said Alexandra Hrycak, 33, a sociology professor at Reed College in Portland, Ore.

Some say the rise has to do with a trickle-up effect: More women and minorities getting undergraduate degrees makes for more eventually getting graduate degrees, and so on.

Some credit affirmative action and other attempts to diversify.

Others say women and minorities are slowly overcoming stereotypes, such as the tendency to steer women away from math and science. Still, the study found that the number of women in the physical sciences, such as chemistry and engineering, remains low.

Food Services strives to offer many options

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"In the past, we've purchased soy milk for a vegan student," she said. "If a student has a question or concern, we try to find a solution."

Comment cards are a way to gauge students' opinions. Edwards said the cards help the dining halls improve.

UNL student Gopi Shah lived in Neihardt Residence Center for three years and said being offered only one vegetarian entree was a problem.

"I talked with Pam Edwards, and I think they made a better effort," Shah said.

Shah, a senior actuarial science major, said Edwards was receptive to her suggestions.

"If students talk to her, she takes their opinions seriously," Shah said.

Jennifer Rempe, a junior math major at UNL, said Food Services could do more to cater to vegetarians.

"Personally, I think it sucked, but they did a much better job than some of the restaurants I've been to," said Rempe, who lived in Pound Residence Hall last year.

She said the nutrition bytes cards, which were used her freshman year, were great because they clearly marked the food. But her sophomore year, the cards were missing.

"I'd asked what the meal was, and one of the workers actually stirred it around to look to see if there was any meat," Rempe said.

Aaron Ross, a UNL sophomore environmental studies major, said the dining hall directors tried but didn't do a good job providing a variety

of vegetarian entrees.

"The vegetables they serve are poor quality," said Ross, who lived in Neihardt. "The menus could also vary the vegetarian dishes. It gets kind of old. There's a bunch of different things they could cook."

Cheryl Card, food service manager at the Cather-Pound-Neihardt residents halls, said UNL has done a better job providing options for vegan students in recent years.

Card said the dining halls are more conscious of what students want.

"Ten years ago, we had some vegan entrees, but not for every meal," Card said. "We didn't have the resources we have now. There's so much more variety we can offer."

UNL allocates money to provide vegan and vegetarian food to students, Card said.

Like UNL, universities across the country are beginning to recognize the needs of the vegetarian community. Jim Beeson, food services director at Indiana University at Bloomington, said IU has made a commitment to vegans and vegetarians by providing those students with specific dining halls that have chefs specializing in vegetarian entrees.

"For years, vegetarians were told to eat salad," said Beeson, who is a vegetarian himself.

Five years ago, IU began placing menu cards above each entree to identify whether the food is vegan or vegetarian, Beeson said.

"A lot of students complain that vegans get a lot of food, but if it weren't for the place cards, the students would never know if it was vegan or not," he said.

To further accommodate vegetarians, Beeson said, IU makes vegan meals with replicates, which replace food vegans won't eat.

For instance, if beef burritos are on the menu, bean burritos will be included as an alternative for students. Instead of using milk, IU uses an egg replacement and soy milk. The school also offers an assortment of fruit breads.

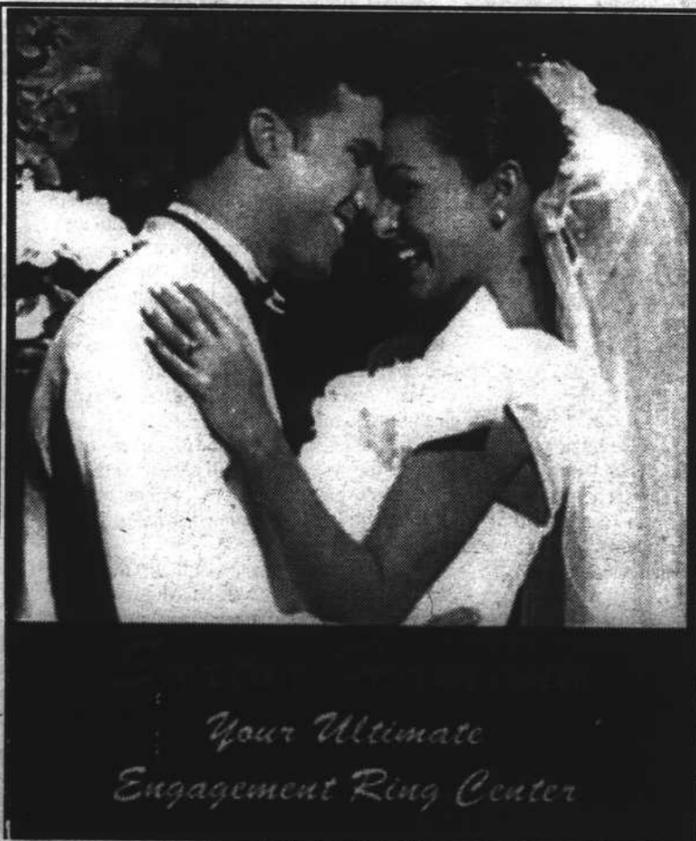
"We have at least 12 students bring in vegetarian friends who aren't enrolled in school," Beeson said. "They come here to eat because they have nowhere else to go."

Bernie Fishlowitz-Roberts, a senior at Haverford College outside of Philadelphia, said he was concerned with the lack of vegan-friendly cafeterias.

"I think every student should be able to walk into a dining hall that doesn't violate deeply held beliefs," Fishlowitz-Roberts said.

He said raising awareness about the issue is a way to solve the lack of acceptable cuisine.

"The more people know about the issues, the more aware and accommodating they become," he said. "It's hard to address if no one knows there's a problem."



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