

# Students recognize World AIDS Day

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Students have the opportunity to win prizes and learn more about health today, World AIDS Day, in the Nebraska Union.

Confidential AIDS tests, blood pressure tests and wellness checks will be provided in the union today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for free or at a reduced cost.

This program, sponsored by the University Health Center Community Health Department and the Peer Educators and Peers Encouraging Responsible Sexuality at UNL, is in recognition of World AIDS day.

The program, which is in its 12th

year, was started by the World Health Organization, said Pat Tetreault, sexuality education programmer for the University Health Center.

This is the seventh year the day has been recognized at UNL. This year's theme is, "AIDS - End the Silence: Listen, Learn, Live!"

In years past, events included guest speakers and displays of panels made for the AIDS quilt.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Graduate Student Association will be displaying two panels for the AIDS quilt today.

"AIDS is still a pandemic," Tetreault said.

She said she hoped the booth would help people realize AIDS is not going away.

Her view is shared by Gail Linderholm, the Development Manager for the Nebraska AIDS Project's Lincoln office.

Linderholm said she has heard a lot of people - especially college students - say they didn't believe they could get AIDS.

"It's scary to see kids that have full-blown AIDS; it's not just gay men and IV drug users, it's all of us," she said.

The AIDS Project serves a total of 107 people living with HIV or AIDS in the Lincoln area, Linderholm said.

The AIDS Project will hold a World AIDS Day Memorial and Tribute Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7:30 tonight.

The group also held 20 private dinners throughout the month of November

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as part of its "Night of a Thousand Stars" program. The group will play host to a dance ensemble performance at the 7th Street Loft on Friday at 8 p.m.

The Nebraska AIDS Project is a private nonprofit organization. All the funds raised from the events will go directly to people with AIDS or HIV in

Lincoln, Linderholm said.

Money will be used for a number of purposes, including the purchase of AIDS medications.

For more tickets or information on these events or the AIDS Project, contact the Nebraska AIDS Project-Lincoln Development Office at (402) 488-1331.

## Vote may extend union hours

■ The Union Board recommended the option in part because of library renovations.

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Beginning second semester, students may be able to study later at the Nebraska Union.

At its final meeting of the semester, the Union Board voted unanimously to recommend that the union stay open until midnight Sunday through Thursday. The union currently closes at 11 p.m. during those days.

In addition, the information desk would remain open an additional hour until 11:30 p.m., and it would be suggested to the Caffina Cafe that it extend its hours significantly.

After weighing the pros and cons, the board decided that extending the

time would be a positive change.

The extension would not apply to the Nebraska East Union, although members said they would consider it in the future.

Keeping the Nebraska Union open later would require more labor hours for maintenance and would possibly cause student fees to increase, union members said.

However, members said the change was needed because the renovations to Love Library would leave some students without a place to study.

Bill Behmer, operations manager of the Nebraska Union, agreed with the change.

He requested, however, that he be allowed to study traffic patterns in the union to gauge the possibility of closing certain areas at an earlier time for cleaning.

"I'm all for extended hours if it gives people a place to study," Behmer said.

Also discussed at the meeting was the possibility of introducing the

College Television Network to the union.

The subject was brought up in the open forum by Patty Murad, a representative for the network.

CTN, a free service that offers programming for college students, already operates on 670 campuses nationwide.

The network, with help from CNN, would feature news, sports and music videos.

A few minutes would also be set aside every hour for university bulletins.

Through advertiser support, televisions would be supplied, installed and maintained at no cost to the university or the students.

The only condition for the university would be that the televisions remain on for the majority of the building's operation hours.

The board decided not to vote on entering a contract with the network until after it had gotten the opinions of other colleges.

## UNL professors speak of university positively

■ Speakers Bureau selects professors to speak about university, other subjects.

BY MARGARET BEHM  
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University of Nebraska-Lincoln organizations that need a free and knowledgeable speaker can select one of 14 professors on the speakers bureau who speak in areas such as science, English and law.

Many off-campus organizations use this service because it is mostly advertised off campus, said Dave Fitzgibbon, the manager of news and video service for UNL public relations.

"The university gets a chance to show off some of our best people when they visit communities throughout the state," Fitzgibbon said.

Kenneth Dewey, a UNL professor of geosciences and member of the speakers bureau, spoke recently at the Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd., which is a retirement home.

The speakers show the university in a positive light, said Robert Hughes, president of the board of administrators at the Cotner Center.

"We're impressed when we see those professors come out here," Hughes said. "They are so intelligent and speak so well that we are inclined to believe that there are some top professors at the university."

Dewey said he was glad to have been given the opportunity to show the university in a positive light.

"The speakers bureau shifts the view from the few negative things that occur," Dewey said, "to the larger, more positive things that occur at this university."

The speakers travel all over Nebraska to speak to organizations, Fitzgibbon said.

Some of the speakers will board a plane this spring, and stop in farther areas of Nebraska such as the western and north central parts, Fitzgibbon said.

"We make an effort to reach all parts of Nebraska," Fitzgibbon said. "This is why the speakers take a plane ride out to the parts of Nebraska that are harder to get to."

The organizations that play host to the speakers do not pay for the speakers, Fitzgibbon said.

The fact that the speakers are free enables the Cotner Center to have qualified, interesting speakers, Hughes said.

"We aren't in a position to pay for the speakers," Hughes said. "So when we get them for free, we appreciate it."

The 14 members of the bureau were nominated last spring and were selected in mid-summer, Fitzgibbon said.

Speakers can be nominated by anyone in the university, but they are usually nominated by deans and directors of departments, Fitzgibbon said.

Anna Shavers, an associate professor of law, said she was pleased when she found out she was picked to be on the bureau.

"It felt good to be chosen," Shavers said. "It's a lot of work, but it's always good to know that people think you will be a good representation of the school."

Dewey was also glad to have been given the opportunity to give back to the university, despite the amount of time it takes.

"This takes up a lot of time," Dewey said. "But it's a gift that I want to give back to the university because they have invested 25 years in me."

1980 — Confusion  
Hysteria  
Ignorance

1999 — Complacency

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## World AIDS Day

December 1, 1999  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Nebraska Union

AIDS —  
End the Silence:  
Listen, Learn, Live!

**Stop by our booth for:**

- **FREE**, confidential and anonymous HIV testing done today using the orasure method (no needles!) conducted by the Lancaster County Health Department.
- Free blood pressure testing.
- Wellness Profiles done for \$10. The profile includes total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, glucose and hemoglobin.

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## Law & Order

**Police arrest man for possession of marijuana**  
Acting on an anonymous tip, Lincoln police found almost 1 1/2 pounds of marijuana in a northeast Lincoln home early Tuesday morning. Police arrived at the home at 6126 Platte Ave. at about 2:20 a.m. A woman who lived in the house answered the door and allowed police to search the home, Ofc. Katherine Finnell said. Inside, police found three bricks of marijuana apparently belonging to Eddie Brinkley, who was a guest at the home. He was arrested for possession with intent to deliver and several outstanding warrants.

**Seven local businesses broken into over weekend**  
Burglars hit two Lincoln businesses Sunday night, Finnell said.

The front door of Barb's Hallmark, 200 N. 66th St., was pried open late Sunday night or early Monday morning, Finnell said. Burglars took \$2,720 in cash and caused \$250 in damage. Police think a thief entered Hancock Fabrics Inc., 6800 P St., while the store was still open Sunday, then hid until the employees left and locked the doors, Finnell said. After the employees left, the thief kicked down an interior door but failed to crack into the store's safe. The thief caused \$200 damage in the incident. Five other stores in Lincoln were broken into over the weekend, Finnell said, including another Barb's Hallmark at 2840 S. 70th St. Finnell said police do not know if the crimes are connected.

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