

# Manslaughter charge issued

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A 22-year-old Lincoln woman was charged with manslaughter Wednesday after a child she allegedly put in scalding-hot water died in a Lincoln hospital.

Sandra Roberts, 830 N. 13th St., was originally charged with felony child abuse after she brought her 2-year-old daughter to St. Elizabeth's Hospital on Sept. 22 with second- and third-degree burns on her body and feet.

Roberts' daughter died in the hospital in November, causing prosecutors to

increase the charges against the 22-year-old.

Prosecuting attorneys asked Lancaster County Court Judge Mary L. Doyle to increase the bond held against Roberts to 10 percent of \$100,000.

Roberts had already paid 10 percent of a \$25,000 bond after she was charged with felony child abuse.

The request was made because Roberts had lived in Lincoln only since May and, because her other child remains in state custody, prosecutors feared she would flee the state. She is originally from Alabama.

Roberts' attorney, Shawn Elliott, argued against the increase in the bond,

stating that Roberts has yet to miss a court appearance and had no previous criminal record.

Doyle decided to not increase the bond but did ask Roberts to move out of her home because she lived with four children. The children do not belong to Roberts.

"I don't see her as being a threat to the public at large," Doyle said. "I'm not comfortable with her living in a household with four children."

Roberts told Doyle she would move in with a friend. She is not to live with children below the age of 16 and must report her new address to the county attorney's office.

# ASUN sets tentative election rules

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The ASUN Electoral Commission now has a working set of rules for next spring's student body election, but those could change early next semester.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senators passed the proposed rules Wednesday night after a lengthy discussion regarding party names on ballots.

Several senators disagreed with the rule change from last year that would add party names to election ballots this year.

The ASUN constitution says that Electoral Commission rules must be voted on and approved by the senate each semester.

The rules that were approved Wednesday night will be voted on again next semester, and senators could vote them down in their second vote.

If that happens, the Electoral Commission will meet again and decide whether any changes need to be made.

The rules would then go back to the Senate for approval. If the rules

are voted down next semester, there would be a period of time with no rules governing the campaign or election.

College of Arts and Sciences Senator Natalie Hoover said party names should not be added to the ballots.

"I am more comfortable knowing people vote for me because they agree with what I'm saying," Hoover said. "We, as candidates, must make our voters more accountable."

Hoover said leaving the party names off the ballots encourages candidates to be known by name.

Government Liaison Committee Chairman Andy Faltin disagreed, saying most voters tend to vote for candidates from the same party anyway.

"What is the problem with voting along a party line?" Faltin said. "Party members run with similar platforms. They rally behind their name. It's a symbolic gesture of what a party is."

First Vice President and Electoral Commission Member Rachelle Winkle said the commission decided to reinstate party names on the ballots because the point of taking them off last year wasn't achieved.

Winkle said party names were originally taken off to encourage more independent candidates to run for office.

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Senator Urrvano Gamez said the ballots without party names ought to be given another chance. It takes longer than a year to see results, he said.

In other business, ASUN senators approved the parties for next spring's ASUN election - Empower and Impact.

ASUN President Andy Schuerman said these groups are like ad-hoc organizations and will dissolve after one year.

Senators also passed an amendment to the bylaw that deals with student organizations.

The amendment now makes it mandatory for a representative from a new student organization to go through a brief orientation in the Student Involvement office.

This must be done within three weeks of the organization receiving

County Court on Wednesday. Attorneys on both sides of the case have until next week to submit written arguments.

Lauck, 46, marked "no" on the gun permit application when asked if he had ever been convicted of any crime punishable by one year in prison.

Lauck spent three years in European prisons after being convicted of inciting racial hatred in Germany in 1996.

Officer arrests two for breaking into car

A Lincoln police officer on patrol in south Lincoln arrested a Lincoln man

and a teen-ager early Tuesday morning after hearing them try to break into a car, Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

Son Mai, 20, of 930 S. 17th St., and a 16-year-old boy were arrested for attempted entrance of a motor vehicle without permission.

The officer heard a noise and, after arriving, saw the two, who looked suspicious, driving in the area, Finnell said. He then stopped the pair and made the arrest.

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## Law & Order

Court to decide whether to prosecute Lauck

Lincoln's most famous neo-Nazi, Gary Lauck, will find out later this month if the state has enough evidence to prosecute him for lying on a gun permit application.

Lauck appeared in Lancaster

# Gestures prompt recall of NU basketball posters

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Nebraska," he said. "We don't want anything in a negative way associated with the University of Nebraska or with Nebraska basketball."

Anderson stressed that the players were not actually making gang signs. They had been told to relax and act natural.

Nee said the players were surprised when they found out the posters were being recalled.

"They were stunned," Nee said. "They laughed like, 'What are you talking about?' There was no association whatsoever because (making gang signs) was not their intention."

Anderson said the Lincoln Police Department verified that the gestures made by the players were not gang signs and that the gestures did not

appear in the Athletic Department's local gang book.

The players had no intention of offending anyone, she said.

"We believe the players were 100 percent sure they were not doing gang signs," she said. "We're 100 percent putting our best foot forward as role models."

Anderson said new posters are not being printed because it would be too expensive. Fewer than 500 of the original 4,000 that were printed were distributed.

Nee said the three players involved had talked with the media in the past week, but when contacted by the Daily Nebraskan, Buckendahl did not want to comment.

Fields and Walker could not be reached Wednesday.

Anderson said a similar situation

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CHRIS ANDERSON  
Sports Information director

had happened before, but she would not elaborate.

Nee agreed that the gestures were not gang signs but said pulling the posters was a positive thing.

"We didn't want to take a chance," he said. "We have to not send a negative signal to young people."

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