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Bottoms Up

The Brass Rail, one of the oldest taverns in Lincoln, is steeped in tradition. A&E, PAGE 9

Sharing Tradition

Americans joined in the celebration of the Year of the Dragon on Saturday night. NEWS, PAGE 8



Movie lawyers subject of class

By Gwen Tietgen

Staff writer

Seeing Tom Cruise attack Jack Nicholson in "A Few Good Men" might get ratings in Hollywood, but the truth is, most real-life lawyers would be disbarred if they tried any of Hollywood's antics in the courtroom.

Debunking some of these myths is what Nancy Rapoport, dean and law professor at the NU College of Law, hopes to accomplish this semester in her new class, Images of Lawyers in Films.

Rapoport said the class involves a lot of legal research on law and popular culture, and in turn combines two of her loves: professional ethics and films.

"I want to show how the film conventions of Hollywood rely on making the story interesting and present very muddled images of what lawyers do—in or out of the courtroom," Rapoport said.

For example, there are few movies about lawyers who aren't litigators, she said.

"These muddled images give non-lawyers a skewed impression of lawyers, and they also lull lawyers into assuming that what they're watching on the silver screen is real," she said.

Rapoport said she has spent up to 10 hours a day thinking about the order of the class and has been taping clips from movies.

She said she also spent a considerable amount of time over the semester break preparing for the class by watching between 60 and 70 movies.

"It's one of the most enjoyable classes I've taught and one of the hardest," Rapoport said.

The class combines undergraduate honors students with graduate students.

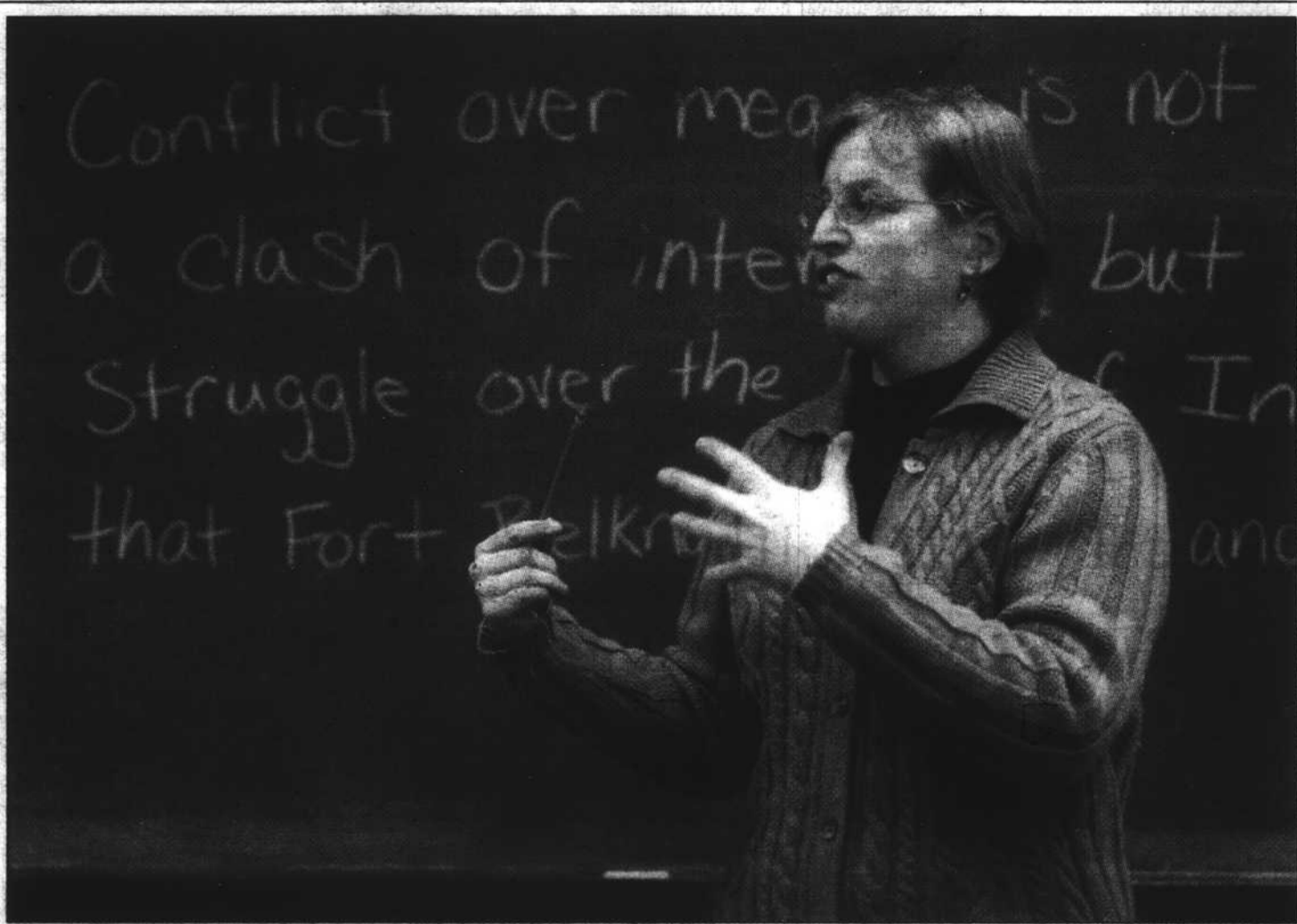
Rapoport said the combining of graduate and undergraduate students is being done in part to help recruit honors students to the law college.

This class is one of the first classes at the college to combine the two groups.

"The combining of graduate and undergraduate students is being done in this situation because films are something that law-trained and non-law-trained people can discuss," Rapoport said. "The views and experiences of the honors undergraduates and the law students complement each other."

Katherine Hamilton, a junior psychology major, enjoys hearing graduate students' opinions about the films.

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EMILY GREENWALD, assistant professor of history and ethnic studies, talks to students in her Ethnicity and Race in the West class on Friday. UNL students have been required to take three credits of gender and ethnicity courses since 1995.

Lessons in Diversity

Attitudes toward diversity classes change over time

Editor's note: In honor of Black History Month, this is the first story in a weekly series looking at the heart of diversity—what it means now and what it meant in the 1960s during the height of the civil rights movements.

By Veronica Daehn

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in the '60s were not required to take classes about diversity.

But they took them anyway. Students cared about diverse issues and people different from themselves during the civil rights movement, said Jimmi Smith, director of Multicultural Affairs.

Smith was a student from 1967-1971. Students took classes called Black Literature, Black and White Psychology and Blacks in the Political Process, he said.

"It was not a requirement in

the '60s," Smith said. "But it added flavor to the curriculum. Students took (those classes) because it was the thing to do."

Today, though, the mindset of students is different, he said.

UNL students must take at least three credit hours of ethnicity and gender classes. This is because of a university-wide requirement that was instituted in 1995 as part of the all-university comprehensive education program.

In addition, some colleges have their own requirements in aside from the three credits UNL mandates.

Sophomore Megan Adkins is taking Professor Fran Kaye's Native American Literature class this semester to fulfill her ethnicity credits.

The class is important, but she wouldn't be taking it if not for the requirement, said Adkins, a community health and physical education major.

"(Diversity classes) give you

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Suspect in custody in death of Lincoln man

Police found a man dead in a car Saturday night outside the suspect's home.

By Michelle Starr

Staff writer

About two and a half hours after a mobile home shooting Saturday, police had a suspect in custody.

Linh Bao, 29, of Lincoln, was taken into custody at 1:25 a.m. Sunday after being pulled over on Interstate 80 west of Lincoln, said Lee Wagner, Lincoln

police captain.

The search for a suspect began after a person was found dead in a car shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday outside of Bao's trailer at 3700 Cornhusker Highway., Wagner said.

Police would not release the victim's name or the type of weapon used to kill him.

A Seward County Sheriff's deputy spotted the silver 1992 Toyota Sports Van with Lancaster County license plates near the Seward interchange west of Lincoln, said Terri Teuber, State Patrol press secretary. The vehicle matched the description given by

Lincoln police in connection with the murder.

Lincoln Police Capt. David Beggs said the suspect and victim reportedly had an argument before the shooting.

A witness said she saw two men beating Bao and a group watching the beating about 10 minutes before the shooting.

Neighbors said the area, including the Bao residence, had not had violence problems.

Linda Hemmingson, who lives next door to Bao, has never heard disturbances from the trailer, she said.

The only noise that was ever heard

was from parties, but nothing violent, she said.

Hemmingson did not witness the shooting, but said she had heard a noise.

"I heard what I thought was a tree limb hit the trailer," Hemmingson said.

Soon after, police came to her door at about 1:15 a.m., and said someone saw the suspect enter Hemmingson's trailer, but the suspect was not there.

Beggs said Bao was driving the vehicle and surrendered to police without incident.

State Patrol officers, Lincoln police and York County Sheriff's officers also assisted in the arrest, Teuber said.

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