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Gallery 9's new exhibit utilizes mailboxes as an art form. A&E, PAGE 9

Shot-putter stalled

Supporters, coaches question wisdom of forcing Carl Myerscough to sit out. SPORTS, PAGE 16



Bathing beauties



UNL JUNIORS CHRIS PRIETO and Matt Johnson bask under the warm March sun Monday before going to class. Temperatures were in the 70s Monday and should be in the 50s and 60s for the rest of the week, with a chance of rain today and Wednesday.

Lydia S. Gonzales/DN

Mother charged in death of child

Girl died in fire while mother was at friend's

By Michelle Starr

Staff writer

The mother of an 8-year-old girl who died in a Feb. 21 fire was charged with manslaughter Monday in Lancaster County Court.

According to court documents, Diane Good, 33, 5306 W. Wilkins St., was charged with manslaughter less than a week after she was charged for her connection to a Feb. 12 robbery of Brewsky's Food and Spirits, 2662 Cornhusker Highway.

Lara Stewart, Good's daughter, died from smoke inhalation after Stewart started a pile of clothes on fire while playing with a lighter at 831 G St., Apt. 4, at 1:46 a.m., Fire Inspector Jack Bruns said.

Bruns said Good had left her children, Stewart and Kenneth Devante Jr., 3, in the care of two teen-agers and went to a friend's house around midnight.

According to testimony from the teen-agers, the two were asleep when Good left, and she did not tell them that she was leaving, Bruns said.

The court charges that Good caused the death of her daughter by negligently placing Stewart in a situation where she could endanger her health and life and depriving her of care, said Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey in a statement.

The County Attorney's office also filed a petition in Lancaster County Juvenile Court asking for the court to have jurisdiction on Good's son, Kenneth Devante Jr., claiming that Good did not provide adequate care for her children on the night of the fire, Lacey said.

Good's bond for the charge of manslaughter was set at 10 percent of \$200,000. Her next court appearance is April 3.

Good was arrested on Feb. 28 for accusations that she allegedly helped plan and cover up a robbery with David Archie, 30, of the same address as Good. Archie was a former employee of the restaurant.

According to court documents, Good allegedly was responsible for disposing the

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Two scholars fill English spots

■ A creative writer and an expert in 19th-century literature will join the faculty next fall.

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

With the completion of national searches, faculty and staff in the English department are anticipating the arrival of two new scholars next fall.

Jonis Agee, a creative writer and novelist, will join Kenneth Price, an expert in 19th-century literature, to fill out the ranks of the English department next fall.

Agee was hired to fill a gap in the department that opened after professor Marly Swick left the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to go to the University of Missouri at Columbia, said Stephen Hilliard, chairman of the department.

Swick taught creative writing at the university.

Price was hired to fill the Cliff Hillegass Chair

in English. The position was established after the Cliff's Notes creator donated money last November to endow a professor who would teach 19th-century literature in the department.

Hilliard said the department was anxious to be the future home to the two professors.

"We have good reason to believe they will be excellent teachers and valuable members of the university," Hilliard said.

Agee has written numerous novels and collections of short stories, Hilliard said. They include "The Weight of Dreams," "Strange Angels" and "Taking the Wall: Short Stories."

She is an Omaha native who has set some of her stories in the Sandhills, Hilliard said.

Agee has been teaching at St. Catherine's University in St. Paul, Minn. St. Catherine's is a catholic, all-women's college.

"She is a person who is taken very seriously as a writer," he said.

Price will come to the university as a full senior professor.

He is a scholar of Walt Whitman and currently teaches in the American studies program at

"We feel this is something students at all levels need exposure to."

Stephen Hilliard

English department chairman

William and Mary University in Williamsburg, Va.

Price said he was excited to join UNL's faculty and be the Cliff Hillegass professor in English. "It's a great honor," he said. "We see it as a great move for us - it's a dream job for me."

Price's wife, Renee, will join the faculty of the College of Business Administration as an

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Service Council unites groups to help community

■ Student Involvement promotes campuswide projects.

By Tony Moses

Staff writer

A group of service organizations hopes it can spark a series of community service projects across UNL's campus, including building a bike trail between East and City campuses.

The Service Council will hold its monthly meeting tonight in the Nebraska Union at 6:30.

The Service Council brings together different service groups to involve more students in community service, said Lauren Hampton, facilitator of the Service Council and a UNL graduate student.

Hampton and Diane Podolske, assistant director for volunteer service and service learning at Student Involvement, established the Service Council.

Groups participating in the Service Council are encouraged to share ideas and to network with other service organizations, Hampton said.

In addition, community agencies

contact the Service Council with service opportunities.

"We're trying to promote campuswide cooperation on projects," Podolske said. "It's worked out really well so far."

The Service Council had its first meeting in January.

She said about 50 service organizations are represented at each meeting, including representatives from the Asian Student Alliance, Student Athlete Advisory Board and philanthropy chairmen from greek houses.

"We want to get as many people there as we can," Hampton said.

"We want it to be a council where the student organizations have control."

Lauren Hampton

facilitator of the Service Council

"If there's someone starting an organization, this would be a great place to come. I would encourage anyone to come."

The meetings are coordinated by Hampton, but she said she hopes students will take charge of the Service Council.

"We want it to be a council where the student organizations have control," she said.

The Service Council organizers hope to involve the groups in a variety of service projects.

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