

Reeves faces death

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The Mesners and the Lamms are opposed to Lacey seeking the death penalty.

"He knows how we feel about it - very definitely," Mildred Mesner said. "We are very disappointed."

Paula Hutchinson, Reeves' attorney, declined to comment on the case.

Gus Lamm, the husband of Vicki, said he was also disappointed in Lacey's decision.

"I guess what I would like him to realize is that there isn't going to be any winners out of this," Lamm said.

"It seems like this is going to open up a whole new round of misery amongst a lot of people who would not like to seem him do this again," he said.

The Mesners agree. "It will bring grief to our whole family if he dies," Mildred Mesner said.

The circumstances cited were the same that were used in the first sentencing of Reeves, Lacey said.

After he had been drinking and using drugs, Reeves broke into the Lincoln Quaker meeting house and killed Mesner and Lamm.

Vicki's daughter, Audrey Lamm, now 28, was present at the time of the murders.

Audrey Lamm said she also is against Reeves being sentenced to death.

Despite Lacey's plans, both Mildred Mesner and Gus Lamm said the families are a long way from giving up their fight to save Reeves' life.

"I guess as long as we can keep him out of the electric chair we will go on," Mildred Mesner said.

Gus Lamm said that although the last 20 years have been taxing for him and his family, the cause has been worth it.

"Would I have just as soon (the murders) not happened? Absolutely," Gus Lamm said. "It is an opportunity to let others know there are other ways to go about this (sentencing)."

Gus Lamm said he understood not everyone would agree with him.

"There has been enough killing in this case," he said. "I don't think another one will add any closure or reconciliation for anybody along the line."

Students decide on fees

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Then all of the allocations to the groups are presented in separate bills for ASUN to approve. ASUN can amend the bills, Griesen said.

After ASUN amends or approves the budgets, Fund A fees then have to be approved by the chancellor. Fund B fees have to be approved by the Board of Regents.

CFA is now in the process of listening to proposed budgets.

Looking at this year's budgets, Stanfield said, students should expect their fees to rise.

"It is likely that there will be an increase in student fees every year," he said.

Month honors black history

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cussions sponsored by the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs. The Afrikan People's Union is putting on afternoon events that will follow the lunch discussions, which will feature guest speakers.

Patton encouraged all students to attend the Feb. 23 and 24 "Bridging the African Diaspora Conference," a two-day meeting that focuses on the worldwide migration of African people.

"It will hopefully shed some light on people of African descent," Patton said.

The conference will feature five keynote speakers on topics including literature, pop culture, his-

torical events, human rights violations, religion and politics. The conference is free of charge, with the exception of Friday's dinner.

University events wrap up with the annual Big 12 Black Student Government Conference, Feb. 22-25, which is at the University of Kansas this year.

Natalie Lucaf, conference chairwoman from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, said the Big 12 meeting provides a chance for minority student government members attending predominantly white institutions to come together.

Late registration for the conference has been extended to Feb. 2; the late registration fee is \$90.

Students vow to fight MIP bill

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voiced her opposition to LB114 during open forum.

The legislation allows for a presumption of consumption - where a minor is presumed guilty and has to prove his or her innocence, she said.

"If you appear to be intoxicated, if you appear to be young, they can ask you to take a breath test," she said. "It creates a real constitutional problem."

Gamez said the senate voted to lobby against LB114 because the legislation would allow for minors, such as designated drivers, to be charged with MIP because of circumstantial evidence.

"It would be too easy for students who are obeying the law to get in trouble with the law," he said.

LB114 also proposes additional punishments for alcohol violators. If minors are charged with alcohol violations, their driver's licenses could be taken away for three months. Parents of the minor would also be notified of the offense.

Joel Schafer, ASUN president, said he is against taking away the license of someone charged with MIP.

For college students, this punishment could have disastrous results - many students use their cars to get to work, which in turn pays for their schooling.

"There are a lot of students who make a mis-

take and receive an MIP, but they'd still need their car for work," Schafer said. "And they need to get to work to pay for school."

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska did not intend to promote underage drinking when it passed the bill, he said.

"We are in no way condoning the use of alcohol by minors by passing this bill," Schafer said. "But I don't think that anyone who is truthful can say that alcohol isn't a part of the college social scene."

Schafer also presented two other bills that passed without discussion that will send GLC lobbyists to fight legislative bills.

The GLC is the lobbying arm of student government.

The legislative bills call for proposed changes to the NU Board of Regents.

The GLC lobbyist will be sent to ensure that the ASUN president remains on the Board of Regents.

Schafer now sits on the Board of Regents. He doesn't have voting power, but he's in on regents' discussions and enjoys the other perks that go along with membership.

Schafer said he wants a student to be on the board, but he doesn't want the governor to pick the student.

"The governor could pick someone whose views are different than those of the student body, and I don't want to see that happen."

Proposed bill aims at underage drinking

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"It's up to all of society," he said.

Lisa Lewis, a 19-year-old sophomore marketing major, agreed that changing people's behavior requires more than a promise of harsh consequences.

For this reason, she said she supports the idea to notify parents when their child gets busted drinking.

"Kids are more apt to not drink if parents know about the violation," she said.

Lewis said good parents will steer their children away from alcohol if they know about the problem.

By itself, though, she said the law won't faze bold students

who want to drink.

"Minors don't take threats as seriously as they should," she said.

Mike Bonifas, a 20-year-old junior marketing major, said at most, the law would force minors to take their drinking underground.

"They will drink more secretly," he said.

Minors masking their habits will hamper cops in their quest to halt underage drinking, he said, because cops will have to work harder to bust them.

Moreover, Bonifas said, the bill's tough penalties are too harsh for a crime that many people view as trivial.

"I'm just glad I turn 21 in a month," he said.

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