

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**November 6, 2010**

**Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON)**  
**Fall Program and Annual Meeting**  
Country Inn and Suites/Beacon Hills Restaurant  
5353 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE  
10:00 a.m. – 1:30p.m.

**“SPEECHLESS IN NEBRASKA: THE HIGH SCHOOL PRESS”**  
featuring  
**FRANK LoMONTE**  
Executive Director  
**Student Press Law Center**

“What are the next topics...that will not be explored in the (student) newspaper?” a television commentator asked recently after the Omaha North High School student newspaper was censored by the principal for issuing a special section on teen sexuality. “Drugs?” he asked. “Gangs? Lack of parents in the home? Poverty? I mean, we can’t talk about these things?”

The Omaha North High School incident is just the latest in a growing list of student censorship incidents in Nebraska. Censorship has reached beyond the student newspaper to student theatrical performances, creative writing assignments, student art, and even students’ basic human need to grieve the loss of a friend.

AFCON has invited Frank LoMonte, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, to discuss the troubling effects of student censorship in Nebraska. The Student Press Law Center, based in Arlington, Virginia, advocates for student free press rights and provides information, advice and legal assistance at no charge to students and the educators who work with them. To learn more about the Student Press Law Center visit their website: [splc.org](http://splc.org). To view a list of student censorship incidents in Nebraska, visit the AFCON website: [nebafcon.org](http://nebafcon.org).

If you want to receive updates about the AFCON annual meeting and/or you are interested in attending, please send your name and email address to: Peggy Adair, [matgama@tconl.com](mailto:matgama@tconl.com).

“We are in school to learn life lessons,” a former journalism student lamented, “and being censored should not be one of them.”