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African student group aids grieving family

By Christopher Burbach

The death of a loved one is always a tragedy for family members left behind. It's particularly tragic when the family of the deceased is thousands of miles from home and family with no way to return.

Henry Leyna, a 33-year-old graduate student at UNL from Tanzania, died Oct. 29 of either an aneurysm or a stroke, according to Peter Levitov of the International Educational Services.

His wife and two daughters are now stranded in the United States, said Chris Takara, publicity secretary for the African Students Association.

Association members are now attempting to raise funds to help the Leyna family return to Tanzania. They have set a goal of \$3,000, but hope to be able to raise more than that, Takara said.

He said arrangements have already been made to send Leyna's body back to Tanzania.

"We want to do the best we can to get her (Mrs. Leyna) home so she can accompany her husband's body," Takara said.

Mary Nwagu-duPain, president of the association, echoed that sentiment.

"The sooner we're able to raise the funds and get the family home, the better," she said.

The situation is very stressful for Leyna's wife and children, Nwagu-duPain said.

"If she could get home to her own family, they could console her," she said.

Takara said Tuesday the fund drive had reached one-third of its goal.

"We're really pleased and surprised, but we haven't reached our goal yet," he said.

Nwagu-duPain also expressed surprise at the university community's response.

"We (foreign students) are thousands of miles from home," she said. "It's good to know there's someone there at a time like this."

ASUN will collect donations at a booth in the Nebraska Union from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today through Saturday, and in the East Union today. The ASUN booth at the Nebraska Union also will collect funds today or those interested can take donations to the ASUN office, Nebraska Union 115.

Off The Wire

National and international news
from the Reuter News Report

PLO factions agree to Tripoli cease-fire

TRIPOLI, Lebanon — Warring Palestinian factions agreed to a cease-fire for 7 p.m. (2 p.m. EST), a spokesman for Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat said Wednesday. Security sources and residents here reported that fighting died down 30 minutes after the cease-fire was to take effect. Anti-Arafat forces occasionally were shelling the Baddawi refugee camp just northeast of here, the Arafat spokesman said.

Arafat and his close aides have taken refuge in Tripoli from Baddawi, raising fears among the local people that a long and bloody battle could engulf the city. He has been under pressure from Moslem political and factional leaders to get out of Tripoli.

Grenada council appointed

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — An interim eight-member advisory governing council was named Wednesday to steer Grenada toward democracy after last month's bloody coup and the subsequent U.S.-led invasion. Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon, who appointed the council members, said the council would make preparations for general elections on the Caribbean island.

Planetary system forming

WASHINGTON — The star Vega, one of the brightest in the night sky, appears to be forming its own planetary system from matter circling around it, according to data sent back by a telescope orbiting the earth. A team of astronomers said at a press conference that the orbiting telescope, known as the Infrared Astronomical Satellite, also has discovered between 10,000 and 20,000 galaxies. Based on the telescope's data, the astronomers said, one star similar to the sun forms every year in the Milky Way galaxy.

One of the scientists said evidence suggests that the forming planetary system "is not a frequent occurrence."

Secret papers misdirected

WASHINGTON — The State Department said Wednesday that it is trying to find out how it inadvertently sent an unlocked safe full of secret documents to a local prison. Spokesman Alan Romberg said the four-drawer file-safe was sent to Lorton Reformatory maximum security prison for repair, along with empty filing cabinets. Two inmates found the documents Oct. 26, Romberg said. He said prison officials immediately called the State Department and security officials recovered what they thought were all the missing documents.

But Tuesday night, a reporter for a Washington television station showed manila folders that he said contained 31 pages an inmate had found in a desk at the prison. He said they dealt with subjects including Soviet missile strength, fighting in Lebanon and monitoring of a military coup in an unnamed country.

Romberg said Secretary of State George Shultz has ordered a full investigation and said that whoever was responsible would be disciplined.

Baby rivals jackhammer

BOSTON — Science has confirmed what harried mothers have known for years: The scream of a young child sitting on your lap can rival the noise of a jackhammer. When a group of Minneapolis researchers took sound readings from an 11-month-old infant, they found that the noise heard by a mother holding the baby was nearly as loud as a jackhammer blasting three feet away. According to the study published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, the scream was 30 times louder than normal conversation and only slightly softer than the blare of an automobile horn 16 feet away.

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He asked the committee, "Do we want to begin to tear down a strong foundation of such a highly acclaimed part of our university community...? Do we want to make our university mediocre in all areas through reductions in various budgets?"

Sen. Sarma Paritala presented testimony similar to that given to the Support Program Evaluations Committee earlier this week. He reiterated ASUN's stand on the importance of the International Educational Service and the functions it offers.

UNL student Eric Peterson and Foreign Films Chairperson Brenda Nelson spoke against elimination of the Sheldon Film Theatre and reduction in the Kimball Hall budget. If the film theatre is eliminated, Peterson said, the research library, film-making equipment and film collection will no longer be maintained by Sheldon. The proposed \$23,000 cut would in effect eliminate the theater director's position. Director Dan Ladeley currently schedules all presentations in the gallery, maintains the library, equipment and film collection and handles theater bookings.

Sen. Steve Henning presented research on UNL's Bureau of Business Research. He said that the initial recommendation is erroneous in stating that the BBR is a service, unrelated to other programs at UNL and that there is an absence of similar units in comparable institutions.