Colorado man tours Capitol at high speed, lands in jail

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Staff Reporter

A Colorado man on a motorcycle, who wanted to see Gov. Bob Kerrey, led Lincoln police on a high-speed chase around the Nebraska State Capitol Wednesday noon.

"He wanted to see the governor and get his name in the papers," said Sgt. Art Bandars, of the Lincoln Police Department. "He said he wanted to run for a public office."

The incident ended at 16th and K streets where Lincoln police officers pulled the man off the motorcycle.

Bandars would not release the name of the man, but said he is from Evergreen, Colo., and in his mid-30s. The man is being held at the Lincoln city jail.

He was charged with fleeing arrest, reckless driving, assault, improper registration and littering because he reportedly threw his helmet on the ground.

"He tried to drive over a police officer," Bandars said.

The man failed to stop for red lights or yield to pedestrians, Bandars said.

"Pedestrians were trying to avoid him," he said.

A road block of about five cruisers was set up at 16th and K streets to stop the man, and noon-hour traffic was temporarily halted.

At the scene of the incident, passerbys, many of whom were on their lunch hours, stopped to watch the man circle the Capitol.

A citizen told a Lincoln police officer about the man's reckless driving. Someone else reported that the man had been driving around the airport earlier, Bandars said. No charges were filed in that incident.

NU geologist studies Nebraska landslides

Landslides, which cause over $1.5 billion in damages and about 24 fatalities annually across the nation, have led to an investigation, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln researcher said.

Duane A. Eversoll, associate professor and research geologist with the UNL Conservation and Survey division, said he is conducting a 1½ to 2-year inventory of Nebraska landslides. because of a national program of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Types of landslides, or land movement, in Nebraska include: rotational and transitional slides, lateral spreads, flows, rock falls and rock topples.

Shorts

The actuarial science club will have their annual picnic Sunday at Cooper Park, Sixth and D streets. Admission is free for club members and $2 for non-members. New members are welcome. For more information, contact a club officer or Warren Luckner in Burnett Hall 311.

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The Education Learning Center will sponsor a time management workshop today from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Room number will be posted. Contact 472-1481 for more details.

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"New Light on the Ancient Maya," a lecture with slides by Norman Hammond, professor of archaeology and director of the archaeology research program at Rutgers University, will be in Bessey Auditorium at 3 p.m. Friday.

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The Industry and Academic Advisory Council for the International Center for Franchise Studies will meet at UNL today through Saturday.

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The College of Home economics will sponsor Home Economics Week from Oct. 14 through 18. Guest speakers will include Lyn Grasz, a UNL graduate who works at the National Association of Broadcasters television information office in New York, and Natalie Haun, a UNESCO employee. Grasz will speak during a convocation Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Haun will present and donate to UNL her collection of foreign ceremonial costumes Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Both events will be in the East Union Great Plains Room. Other events also are scheduled throughout the week.

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Applications for People Who Need People, a social organization for handicapped and able-bodied students, are due Friday. Contact the Affirmative Action Office, Teachers College 103 or call 472-3417 for more information.

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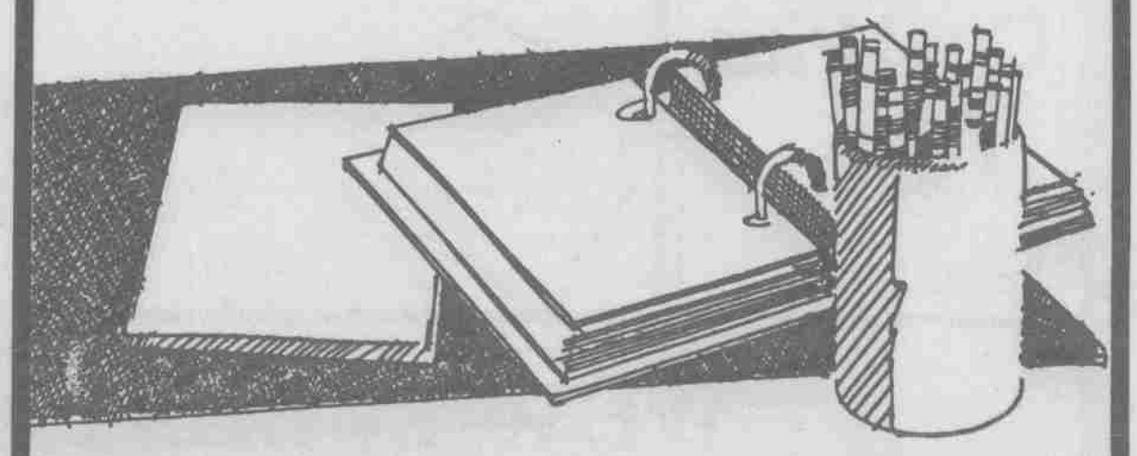

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