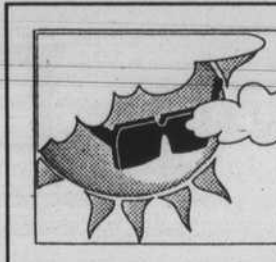


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TODAY'S WEATHER

70/40

Today, partly sunny, southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Tuesday, cloudy and cooler with a 30 percent chance of showers. High in the mid-50's.



Greg Bernhardt/DN

Judy Diamond, an assistant professor of museum studies at UNL, travels to New Zealand every winter to study Kea parrots.

Baldwin may be released to center

By Sean Green
Senior Reporter

UNL student Andrew Scott Baldwin was scheduled to sign a bail order at 8:15 a.m. today, and he could be released for care at an Omaha psychiatric institution if he can post \$10,000 bail.

As soon as Baldwin can raise the bail money, he will be released to St. Joseph's Mental Health Center in Omaha for observation, Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said Sunday.

Baldwin, 22, faces up to 25 years in prison for allegedly beating Gina Simanek of Lincoln and injuring a Lincoln police officer Jan. 18.

However, Lacey, who had asked the court to set Baldwin's bail at \$50,000, confirmed reports that there were several conditions for Baldwin's release.

The conditions to his release were issued by Lancaster County District Court Judge Paul Merritt Friday, Lacey said.

Baldwin will be released provided that he does not contact Simanek, her family, or University of Nebraska-Lincoln football players Trev Alberts, Travis Hill or 18 other witnesses.

He also must be admitted immediately to St. Joseph Center for Mental Health's locked unit for observation.

After being released from St. Joseph, Baldwin must live in Lincoln with either Nebraska assistant coach Frank Solich or the Rev. Donald Coleman Sr. and continue to receive outpatient treatment under the supervision of Jack Stark, the football team's psychologist.

The Omaha-World Herald reported Saturday that Stark sent a letter to the court Wednesday and said he expected Baldwin to undergo evaluation at St. Joseph's for at least a week.

Hal Anderson, Baldwin's attorney, declined to comment Sunday on Baldwin's case.

Wild calling

Professor conducting parrot study in New Zealand

By Phuong Vu
Staff Reporter

Every winter, Judy Diamond travels to the high mountains of New Zealand to study a species of birds whose numbers are declining steadily — Kea parrots.

For the last four years, Diamond, an associate professor of museum studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has conducted a field study on Kea parrots with funding from the National Geographic Society.

Diamond works with her husband, Alan Bond, a research associate in zoology at the Nebraska State Museum. Bond also is a consultant for the University of California-San Diego Medical School and the Creighton University Medical School.

The two are working with the New Zealand department of conservation to develop management plans for the

species, Diamond said, because only about 2,000 Kea parrots are left in the wild.

Diamond and Bond first heard about the Kea parrot 10 years ago when they traveled to New Zealand for a scientific meeting. Sheep farmers told them about a parrot that attacked and killed sheep, she said.

Diamond said she attempted to find out more about the one-foot-tall bird. Her husband had studied the foraging behavior of birds, she said, and they both wanted to learn more about Keas.

Their study was the first long-term quantitative field study conducted on the parrots, she said.

During the field study, Diamond said, she discovered Keas did kill sheep and other animals, but the numbers were not nearly as high as the sheep farmers claimed.

"Keas will eat insects, plant material, dead animals and harass live animals," she said.

Their harassment can kill animals, Diamond said. The parrots dig holes on

the backs of sheep, she said, and the open wounds can lead to blood poisoning.

But, Diamond said, Keas are master explorers in their mountain habitat and they have complex social organizations.

"Kea parrots will try to investigate and manipulate anything in their environment," she said. They are intensely curious, she said.

"It's relatively easy to find Keas if you know where to look," she said. "Keas aggregate where there's people."

Diamond and Bond also are conducting a field study on the Kaka, a relative of the Kea parrot.

The Kaka are an endangered species, Diamond said, with fewer than 1,000 birds remaining.

Last year, she and Bond studied the Kaka on a rain forest island called Kapiti in New Zealand.

"I wanted to know if behavior evolved differently in a rain forest environment vs. the high mountains," she said.

When Diamond is not researching in



FACULTY PROFILE

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Programs added to UNL employee health care plan

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

Rising health care costs coupled with state budget cuts have caused colleges and universities throughout the country to reevaluate their employee health plans.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln recently implemented two new employee health care programs and is educating employees on wellness to help cut costs. UNL also raised insurance premiums 15 percent.

Gregory Clayton, director of risk management and benefits at UNL, said the university started participating in a program with Mutual of Omaha called the "Preferred Provider Or-

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Scottsbluff gains MBA classes

Courses taken via satellite link

By Taryn Gilster
Staff Reporter

Students in western Nebraska will be able to continue their education in business with a joint graduate degree program offered by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Chadron State College.

The new graduate program, to start next fall, is the latest addition to a growing network of cooperative higher education options in western Nebraska.

Arnold Bateman, extension coordinator of the UNL Panhandle Re-

search and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, said the joint masters of business administration program would be taught by faculty from UNL and Chadron State and transmitted via satellite to the extension center in Scottsbluff.

"The majority of our courses are graduate courses," Bateman said. "We try to complement what Chadron State has and avoid duplication."

UNL provided a classroom at the extension center, and Chadron State supplied electronic equipment, he said.

The Division of Continuing Studies at UNL also assisted with the arrangements, including providing the electronic communications systems, with funding from the Nebraska Legislature.

The university has a satellite system that sends signals to Scottsbluff and Chadron State, he said.

Chadron State is offering its third semester of credit courses via the same system to Scottsbluff, he said.

Bateman said students might choose to complete the UNL or Chadron State route in receiving their masters' degrees.

The Chadron State MBA program requires 30 hours of undergraduate courses, including core courses. The UNL program requires 39 hours with required courses such as calculus, elementary quantitative methods and operations and resources management courses.

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MONDAY

Corrections:

In Friday's Daily Nebraskan, an article on a fire in Abel Residence Hall incorrectly stated that the sprinkler system failed to extinguish the fire. The sprinkler system did extinguish the fire.

Also in Friday's edition, a story on the Nebraska Community Improvement Program should have said the program was a cooperative effort between the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and a group of investor-owned utility companies. The story should also have said a workshop on Saturday was sponsored by the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable and the Lincoln Urban Development Department.

In another story Friday on multicultural awareness and homosexuality, a quotation was misattributed to Donna Polk, who is a community activist. Polk spoke on the need for students to become involved in civil rights, but she did not specify her sexual orientation.

The Daily Nebraskan regrets these errors.



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"Wayne's World" producer Lorne Michaels finds film's success disappointing. NOT. Page 9

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