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Baldwin acquitted by reason of insanity

By Sam S. Kepfield
Staff Reporter

Andrew Scott Baldwin was acquitted by reason of insanity Wednesday of the January 18 attack on Gina Simanek Mountain.

Baldwin will have to wait until late June to find out if he must continue treatment at the regional center.

The trial of Nebraska student-athlete Scott Baldwin began Monday and District Judge Paul Merritt Jr., who heard the case, took the matter under advisement until Wednesday.

At that time, Merritt determined that Baldwin was insane. Defense counsel waived a jury trial, because of the technicality of the insanity issue.

In his opening statements Monday, Hal Anderson, counsel for the defendant, said that Baldwin was insane and not responsible for the assault, because his illness prevented him from understanding the nature and quality of his acts. Anderson said Baldwin was incapable of distinguishing right from wrong.

Anderson filed depositions of three psychiatrists who examined Baldwin, along with a forensic evaluation and a psychiatric evaluation. Anderson asserted that all the reports agree that Baldwin suffered from a mental illness the night he attacked Gina

Simanek Mountain.

Baldwin did not testify. County Attorney Gary Lacey, representing the prosecution, called three witnesses.

The first, Lincoln neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Gelber, treated Mountain immediately after admission to a Lincoln hospital. Gelber testified that she was in a 'stuporous' condition, bleeding from her ear. CAT scans taken that evening revealed bleeding into the frontal lobe of the brain, as well as bleeding in the sinus cavity indicating a skull fracture and blood along the covering of the brain, draining into the spinal column.

He said the injuries were significant and that a loss of motor skills, memory and depression are common in such cases.

John and Kristin Walters witnessed the attack after returning from a basketball game. John Walters, a portfolio manager and ex-policeman, said Baldwin's actions didn't seem very rational.

Kristin Walters said that after Baldwin picked up Mountain on the front steps of her house, he carried her to a car parked nearby and threw her at the car.

Baldwin then removed his clothes, picked up Mountain, and began carrying her by her knees, upside down, to the house, she said. He began "bashing her head against the sidewalk" about five to ten times, dropping her when the police arrived. Walters then

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New vice chancellor appointed

By Mark Harms
Staff Reporter

The administration announced Tuesday the filling of one of the two vacant vice chancellor positions.

Joan Leitzel will be recommended to the NU Board of Regents to assume the post of senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, replacing Robert Furgason who left the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last fall.

Ferguson resigned from his post in December 1990. Since then, Stanley Liberty has served as the interim vice chancellor.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said Leitzel's duties would include overseeing the various colleges at UNL.

He said the dean of each college would report directly to the vice chancellor. The directors of University Educational Television, the Computing Resource Center and the International Affairs office also will report to her.

In case of UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier's absence, the vice chancellor would serve as acting chancellor.

The search for both vice chancellor positions began last fall after Spanier took office.

Howe said that more than 200 people applied for the positions.

Several women had applied, he said, but he did not know if there were any minorities in the candidate pool.

He said the chancellor's office narrowed the candidates down to five for each position and submitted recommendations to the chancellor.

The vice chancellor for research position has not yet been announced.

The responsibilities of the vice chancellor for research, Howe said, will be to move the university ahead in the area of research.

He or she would be active in obtaining grant money for university researchers. Also, the vice chancellor would help faculty obtain patents and would assist in technology transfer.



Eugene Rudd, professor of physics and astronomy, does research, with the help of graduate and undergraduate students in Behlen Lab. His research involves the bombarding of chambers housing targets of gas with protons and electrons, which is useful in the examination of radiation damage to biological tissues.

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Professor knows the laws of physics

By Steffen Fries
Staff Reporter

M Eugene Rudd greets his environment through the habits of a physicist.

"You use physics to look at the world," the professor of physics and astronomy said.

Rudd supports his views in an undergraduate physics text for non-science students titled "Physics and Our Changing World View."

The text doesn't include a lot of math, because as Rudd said, "the average non-science student nowadays doesn't know much mathematics, and is scared to death of it."

"It's a cultural physics sort of thing."

The universality of physics is one thing that first drew Rudd to physics. He said it was appealing to apply an equation from one area of physics to phenomena in another area.

He said he liked the precise nature of prediction that physics allowed.

Rudd earned his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1965 and recently was awarded an honorary degree from Concordia College.

He is a member of several professional societies including a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Rudd was selected as Outstanding Teacher-Scholar from UNL in 1991.

His list of publication credits also is long; approximately 65 articles in journals and 90 papers at scientific meetings.

Rudd's research involves bombard-

ing gas with protons and electrons, which he then measures the electrons that are knocked from the ionized atoms of gas.

Measurements are taken of the number of departing electrons and the energies and direction of the electrons.

This is of practical application when examining radiation damage to biological tissues, Rudd said, since atoms of individual cells in the body can become ionized, and byproducts of this ionization can eventually break DNA bonds.

Rudd's research is one of the longest running grants funded by the National Science Foundation, he said.

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Search continues for new athletic director

Devaney's successor to be named

By DeDra Janssen
Staff Reporter

The quest for Athletic Director Bob Devaney's replacement continues while the search committee narrows down the approximately 100 applications received, an official said.

James O'Hanlon, chairman of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's athletic director search committee, said the next step for the search committee would be to submit three or four names to Chancellor Graham Spanier sometime this summer.

"We're moving pretty fast," O'Hanlon said. "We'll be able to do that."

From those three or four names given to Spanier, the chancellor will

pick a few or maybe all of them to come to the university for interviews.

The interviews will be conducted by athletic department personnel, but a large number of different people will get a chance to visit with the candidates, O'Hanlon said.

He said there were requests from the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women and Minorities to

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