

Bikes

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started bike riding, he did not wear a helmet.

However, one day when he was out on a leisurely ride, Baldwin said, he came within 8 inches of colliding with a large oak tree.

"Since then, I've formed a religious attachment to bicycle helmets," Baldwin said. "They're vital if you crash. They make the difference of whether you live or die."

Linda Rizijis, nursing director at the University Health Center, said

very few students who came into the center for treatment for bicycle injuries wore helmets.

"I've only seen one case where a man being treated for bike injuries had a helmet," Rizijis said.

Most of the injured bikers who go to the health center are not suffering from head injuries, she said.

"However, there is always a good possibility of sustaining one if a person does not wear a helmet."

Jill Heins, injury prevention coordinator for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, said 635 Lancaster County residents sought hospital care as a result of bicycle

injuries in 1991.

"In this county, 20 percent of the bicycle injuries were diagnosed as open head wounds," Heins said.

Bicycle helmets can reduce head injuries by up to 95 percent and the risk of brain injury by almost 90 percent, she said.

Heins said that because of the risk associated with helmetless riding, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Injury Prevention Coalition decided to sponsor the Keep A Head, Wear A Helmet campaign.

The campaign, which began Wednesday, will run through June, she said.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Sunday

2:24 a.m. — Robbery, 19th and Vine streets, \$5.

4:47 a.m. — Mirrors broken, Abel Hall, \$175.

Beginning midnight Monday

3:05 a.m. — Accident, Wick Alumni Center, \$150.

9:10 a.m. — Accident, metered parking lot at Nebraska Union, \$100.

9:40 a.m. — Wallet stolen, City Campus, \$12.

10:44 a.m. — Stereo/video cassette recorder stolen, Harper Hall, \$887.

1:59 p.m. — Non-injury accident, Stewart Seed Laboratory, \$200.

2:22 p.m. — Bike stolen, Avery Hall, \$1,515.

3:22 p.m. — Antennae broken, parking lot at 1640 Y St., \$100.

3:37 p.m. — Bike stolen, Cather Hall, \$125.

4:45 p.m. — \$20 loss, Burnett Hall.

8:34 p.m. — Money stolen from purse, non-student arrested at Amigos, 14th and Q streets.

9:17 p.m. — Tail light broken/roof damaged, parking lot at Sandoz Hall, \$100.

10:33 p.m. — Stereo/radar detector stolen, Farmhouse Fraternity, 3601 Apple St., \$240.

Beginning midnight Tuesday

12:33 p.m. — Fence damaged, Sigma Nu Fraternity, 625 N. 16th St., \$150.

1:55 p.m. — Bike stolen, Ferguson Hall, \$100.

3:32 p.m. — Backpack stolen, Nebraska Union, \$45.

3:40 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, parking lot at 19th and T streets, \$1,200.

4:34 p.m. — Backpack stolen, Nebraska Union, \$75.

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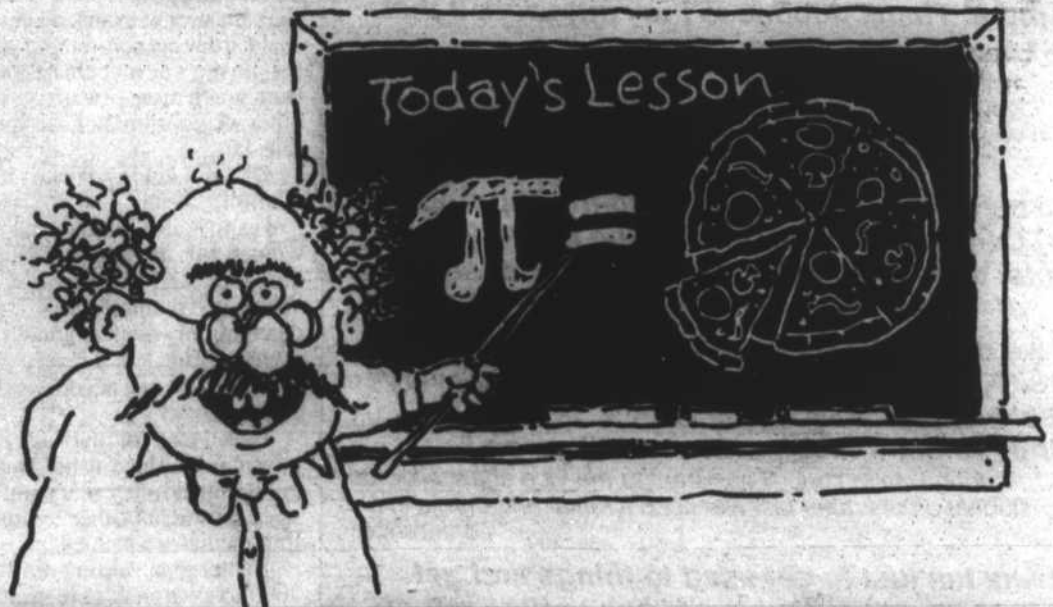


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