

# Bike thieves strike UNL

## Four motorcycles reported stolen

By Joel Strauch  
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The bike thieves on UNL campus have moved up from Trek and Pioneer to Yamaha and Kawasaki. Last Thursday, four motorcycles were stolen at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Three of the thefts occurred on East Campus, and one was on City Campus.

Three of the four motorcycles were recovered, UNL Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

Of the recovered motorcycles, two had damaged ignitions, "as if someone had attempted to hot-wire them," Bushing said.

A 1989 Kawasaki stolen from the Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity house has not been recovered, Bushing said.

"But we've put the license plate numbers in the National Crime Information Center computer," he said. "If someone is stopped on that motorcycle, running the plates will show that it's stolen."

Two Yamaha motorcycles were

stolen from the Burr Residence Hall area, but both were found nearby with damaged ignitions.

Police attributed the motorcycle declared stolen from Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Hall to cramped parking conditions.

"The bike was parked in a regular stall and was found over in the grass," Bushing said. "We figure that somebody just wanted to park there and moved the bike out of the way."

Police have made no arrests for the thefts. Bushing said there was a good chance that the thefts could be related. All three thefts on East Campus occurred within an hour, he said.

"We have reason to believe the bike thefts on East Campus might be connected, but the City Campus incident was probably just coincidence," he said.

Bushing said motorcycle owners could protect their bikes from theft by locking the front forks. But that doesn't guarantee the bike's safety, he said.

"That doesn't prevent anyone from loading it up and taking it away."

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has allowed Spanier and other chancellors ample opportunity to make changes in hiring.

What could be the most important vacancy has yet to be filled.

Martin Massengale announced last spring that he would not renew his contract as president of the NU system.

In November 1990, Massengale was chosen to be president from a pool of candidates outside the university. He had been UNL chancellor for 10 years.

A presidential search committee is compiling a list of candidates to present to the NU Board of Regents. Spanier is a member of the search committee.

The future president will join a new generation of university administrators who are breaking the white, middle-aged, male mold of hires from the past.

Gladys Styles Johnston is the most recent appointee to upper-level administration in the university system. She spent her first day in office Sept. 7 as chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Johnston, a former executive vice president at DePaul University in Chicago and African American, is the first minority to serve as an NU chancellor.

Johnston said she did not think co-workers would judge her by her race or gender.

"People are going to judge me on my performance or my credentials," Johnston said. "That's what's really going to count."

Other recent hires are:

● Priscilla Grew. She was hired Sept. 1 as UNL vice chancellor for research. Grew came to UNL from the University of Minnesota.

● Eric Jolly. Jolly, a Native American, was hired last September as director of the Affirmative Action and Diversity Office. He is a member of the Cherokee tribe.

● David Temple. He was offered the position of UNL ombudsman in July 1992. Temple is 31 years old and

uses a wheelchair.

● Joan Leitzel. She was appointed in August 1992 to senior vice chancellor for academic affairs. Leitzel came from Ohio State University.

● Carol Aschenbrener. She became chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in August 1992. Aschenbrener was executive associate dean at the University of Iowa's College of Medicine.

● John Harris. Harris, an African American, was hired as special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs in August 1991. Harris was 30 years old when he began his job.

At least one vacancy recently has been filled with a hire from within. James Van Horn was hired in July as UNL vice president for business and finance. Van Horn had served previously as associate vice president of business and finance at UNL.

A search committee for the job considered candidates from outside the university.



Johnston

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student affairs official

Spanier said UNL had not eliminated white, male candidates for jobs, nor did the university favor minorities and women.

"We simply have been hiring the best people," Spanier said. "The hires in and of themselves are not because we've said we're going to hire a woman or a minority."

Instead, Spanier said, UNL officials have made efforts to add minorities and women to the job candidate pool. That action increases the likelihood a woman or minority will be hired.

Grew said women were recruited as candidates for the job of vice chancellor for research.

"A member of the search committee called me up, and she said, 'Do you know any women who would be interested in applying for this?'" Grew said.

Grew said she examined the status of women on the UNL campus before

she told the committee she wanted the job.

"If there were no other women in the administration, personally I would have hesitated to come here," Grew said.

Leitzel said being a woman had very little to do with why she wanted a job at UNL.

"I'm not sure that anything attracted me particularly as a woman," she said.

But as an academic administrator, Leitzel was impressed by UNL's commitment to excellence, she said.

Leitzel said working within a male-dominated system had not had an effect on her job since she had been here.

University employees and those who hire them should be oblivious to race and gender, Leitzel said, and should focus on quality.

"Anytime a university opens itself up to the strongest talent that is available independent of gender and racial status and only looks for the quality of people being hired, then it will improve upon its excellence."

Temple said he agreed a diverse administration was important. But, he said, it's not always easy being different.

Because of his youth, Temple said he sometimes had to prove himself to his elder co-workers.

"Older administrators or faculty will look at me like, 'Who's this kid?'" Temple said. "Once they talk with me, they realize I know what's going on."

But Temple said his youth gave him a fresh outlook on many aspects of his job.

Harris, 32, also said being young had benefited both he and Temple in their jobs.

"We're the new kids on the block and we've got a lot of ideas and a lot of energy," Harris said.

That kind of energy can be added to ideas flowing from the new leaders of the university system, Spanier said.

Spanier described UNL as "an institution that is ready for change and ready to move ahead."

The effect of change, Spanier said, would be easier to see in the future than it is now.

"It will be a long time before we're exceptionally diverse," Spanier said. "We have an increasing level of diversity, but we do still have a way to go."

# Resolution favors parking

By Becky Becher  
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The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska want Chancellor Spanier to know they think parking is more important than green space.

Last night, ASUN passed a resolution opposing Spanier's proposal to replace the faculty parking lot north of the Nebraska Union with a green space.

"If Spanier goes through with this I think he is really out of touch with what the majority of students want," Jeff Gaertig, Arts and Sciences senator, said.

Gaertig said the majority of stu-

dents favored parking over green space, but some did favor Spanier's proposal.

One of the students who supported the creation of a green space, Mark Petersen, told ASUN that the benefits of having a green space would outweigh some of the "small inconveniences."

Petersen said students worried about losing parking spaces could park in the empty Beadle Center lot near 19th and S St., but Arts and Sciences Sen. Deb Silhacek was concerned the Beadle Center lot would become faculty parking when the center opened.

Senators generally were not opposed to having a green space but they were opposed to moving student parking farther from campus.

Jeff Krohn, Engineering senator, said, "I would love to have a place to frolic, but I need to have a place to park."




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church. He said he did not think his church was abusive, but said the term 'abusive' was subjective.

"What is your definition of abusive?" Hicks asked.

"We are Christians trying and striving to live out our lives according to what the Bible says we should," Hicks said.

Hicks said the Lincoln Christian Church encouraged its members to make informed decisions based on the Bible that will be the best for them and for their conscience.

"We give out advice, but it's up to the individual to decide what to do," Hicks said.

The Rev. Larry Rouse, preacher for Lincoln's Eastside Church of Christ and adviser to the support group that sponsored the forum, said their choices weren't really choices.

"What they mean by advice really is permission," Rouse said.

Rouse said members were shunned if they didn't follow leaders' orders. He said leaders try to influence every decision of the members' lives through a disciple/discipler relationship.

Gholston, who is now an evangelist with the Denver Metro church, said this relationship was key to understanding how the Boston Movement controlled its members.

He said members are told they must obey what their discipler tells them, and that to disobey them is like disobeying God.

"If they were just following the Bible I wouldn't have any problem, but they aren't," Gholston said.

Gholston said these and other cult practices within the Boston Movement haven't changed since he left in 1988.

Gholston said ABC's "20/20" program would air a feature on the "Boston Movement" on Friday, Sept. 24.