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A tribute to two legends

George Brett and Nolan Ryan remembered for their contributions to baseball and childhood.

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Partly cloudy and warm today. Wednesday, dry and warm, highs in the 80's.



Travis Heying/DN

Students can use U-locks to protect their bicycles from theft. The number of bikes stolen so far this year has doubled from the same period last year.

A real steal Bikes disappear from campus at twice last year's pace

By Dionne Searcey
Senior Reporter

Bike thefts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are double the number they were last year at this time, UNL Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said. From the first day of school until last Friday, 64 bikes were stolen from campus, Bushing said. Last year during the same time, 31 bikes were stolen.

Bushing said most of the bikes were stolen from the west edge of campus near buildings such as Avery Hall. Other high-risk areas include the racks near the Abel-Sandoz and Cather-Pound residence hall complexes.

Everyone is at risk from bike thieves at all times, Bushing said. Even students entering a building for a few minutes should be leery of leaving their bike unattended, he said. "Somebody could park it there and just be

inside a half hour in the middle of the afternoon at an academic building," Bushing said, "and they come back and their bike is gone."

If thieves can't steal the whole bike, they also will look for bike accessories such as tires and seats.

Students who own bikes with quick-release tires and seats should carry extra locks for those features, he said.

In order to help track stolen bikes, students should register their serial numbers and license their bikes, Bushing said.

Forty of the bikes stolen this year had serial numbers recorded or were licensed, he said.

Bushing said he thought most stolen bikes ended up disassembled by thieves and swapped for parts.

"They end up just about anywhere that they can get rid of them," he said.

Police compile a list of stolen bikes to give to bike shops and pawn shops. Many shops subscribe to a computerized theft line that sends a nationwide look-out for serial numbers of stolen bikes, he said.

Scott Maurer, a UNL graduate and employee at Cycle Works, said he had no idea where a thief would take a stolen bike.

"It goes to the Southeast; it goes to Florida; it goes to the peninsula. Who knows?" Maurer said.

Most stolen bikes probably don't stay in town, he said.

"If you were a smart crook, logically you'd get that bike out of the same city," he said.

Maurer speculated that local bike thieves traveled in groups looking for easy victims.

"Three guys go out with a van and a bunch of cable cutters and go at it," he said.

Cycle Works employees keep an eye out for stolen bikes, Maurer said, and report suspicions to police. They are especially leery of unpainted bikes, he said.

Along with licensing bikes, Maurer said advertising descriptions of stolen bikes is a good idea.

Last week a customer brought an unpainted bike to the bicycle shop for repair, he

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Judge rules Baldwin must remain in state

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

Scott Baldwin will not be allowed to return to his home in New Jersey and will remain in the Lincoln Regional Center unless another appropriate Nebraska facility is found, a district judge ruled Monday.

In a four-page opinion, Lancaster County District Judge Paul Merritt ordered the regional center to provide a written treatment plan recommending an appropriate facility for Baldwin.

The plan must be submitted to the court by Oct. 22.

Baldwin, a former NU football player, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the January 1992 beating of Gina Simanek of Lincoln. In September 1992 he was paralyzed from the chest down when he was shot during a scuffle with Omaha police.

In the order, Merritt said state law would not allow Baldwin, 24, to return to New Jersey, even though the Lincoln Regional Center has said Baldwin should be allowed to return home.

"The court is aware of no authority (and none has been cited) which permits it to place Mr. Baldwin outside the state of Nebraska," Merritt wrote.

"So long as Mr. Baldwin remains under the court's jurisdiction, due to having been acquitted on the basis of his defense of not responsible by reason of insanity, he will be treated by the state of Nebraska."

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said Baldwin should stay in the regional center for a long period of time, despite regional center officials' wishes.

"I understand they want to get rid of him," Lacey said. "I'm OK with where he is."

Lincoln Regional Center Spokeswoman Carol Smith said late Monday she didn't have enough information to discuss the order.

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Seven candidates remain on list for NU president

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

The committee in charge of finding a new NU president spent 5 1/2 hours Monday eliminating four more names from contention for the university system's top post.

After the committee's Sept. 9 meeting, 15 candidates remained to as contenders for NU President Martin Massengale's position, NU Corporation Secretary J.B. Milliken said.

Of those 15 candidates, two dropped out and one late nominee was added, leaving 14 eligible candidates.

Members of the committee have "completely checked" references of 11 of the 14 finalists, with three candidates left to be referenced, Milliken said.

At least seven candidates remain in the presidential pool for certain, he said. However, the list could contain as many as 10 names when considering the three candidates who have not been referenced.

Milliken said those three candidates agreed to supply the committee with references.

"I'd say we'll be able to move (the other three candidates) forward with the selection process soon," Milliken said.

The lengthy debate during the meeting was appropriate, Milliken said, considering the weight of each decision the committee would make.

"It was a long meeting," he said. "Part of the reason ... is because we're getting to a point where each decision is very important."

Professional adviser Bill Funk of the Korn/Ferry search firm said the committee's progress in calling candidates' references had made considerable progress.

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Russian violence leads to tenuous unity

Yeltsin needs support from outlying provinces, history professor says

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

The gunfire is slowly subsiding in Moscow, but Boris Yeltsin's apparent victory Monday could be little more than a sign of more problems to come in Russia, one UNL professor said.

James McClelland, an associate history professor who specializes in Russian history, said Yeltsin's task of keeping the fragile Russian state together was far from finished.

McClelland said in the aftermath of the violence in Russia's Freedom Square, keeping the state unified would be just as or more difficult than the months of stalemate with Parliament and the recent armed conflagration

combined.

"In the long run, the real danger (for Yeltsin) is not Parliament," he said. "The local areas of Russia — the outlying provinces — may not listen to Yeltsin, or whoever may be in power."

Armed troops ousted rebellious, hard-line lawmakers from the White House, the republic's parliamentary building in Moscow, late Sunday and early Monday.

McClelland said there could be a smaller-scale repeat of the 1991 failed coup against Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Soviet Union broke up as a result of the failed coup, with several of its republics declaring independence, he said. McClelland said the remaining provinces inside Russia may try to dissolve the Russian republic.

"It's possible that the provinces may follow that model," McClelland said. "They may pound their chests and claim their independence, then

in one to three years realize they've got some economic problems.

"They may also declare independence and be met with violence."

After the Soviet Union crumbled, many world leaders "laughed off" the formation of the Commonwealth of Independent States, predicting its rapid collapse.

"It hasn't collapsed," McClelland said. "The (former Soviet) republics — though declaring independence — are reinforcing their economic ties with the power center."

"They couldn't survive on their own." Yeltsin is no stranger to violence, McClelland said. All of Russian history entails power struggles.

But McClelland said Sunday's retaking of the White House was part of the worst civil strife in Moscow since the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917.

McClelland said Yeltsin was forced to make an unfortunate decision, but he said there ap-

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