



Getting sloshed

Students trudge to classes Monday under rainy skies.

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Bjorklund

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Harms, 18, was missing for almost three months before Scott Barney, the other man charged in the case, led police on Dec. 6 to her shallow grave in a field south of Lincoln.

Metal detectors were in place, and security was tight Monday for what was expected to be a week-long jury selection process. The jury is being chosen in Sidney because of pretrial publicity in the case.

Endacott split potential jurors into three groups and outlined plans for attorneys to question each group on a different day.

From each group, 12 potential jurors will be chosen. From the 36 potential jurors, 12 final jurors and four alternates will be chosen Thursday, the judge said.

Endacott has ruled not to sequester jurors once the trial begins, but they would face some restrictions. They will be allowed to travel home on weekends or have their families visit them in Lincoln, Endacott said.

Universal health coverage to be discussed at lecture

From Staff Reports

Universal health coverage will be addressed at the next speech in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 15th annual E.J. Faulkner lecture series.

The lecture, sponsored by the College of Business Administration, will be Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Before attorneys began questioning the first group of 32 potential jurors Monday afternoon, the judge warned the potential jurors to disregard any newspaper or television stories about the case.

Jurors will be housed at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln for the trial, which is scheduled to begin Monday, Endacott said. The trial is expected to last at least four weeks.

Bjorklund took notes, rocked in his chair and scanned the courtroom with little expression as jury selection began.

Prosecutors have said they would seek the death penalty against Bjorklund if he were convicted.

Barney, 24, has agreed to plead guilty to first-degree murder and testify against Bjorklund in exchange for a promise by prosecutors not to seek the death penalty.

Defense attorneys renewed a request Monday to delay the trial. The judge said he would consider the request but jury selection would proceed.

Former Rep. Willis D. Gradison Jr., president of the Health Insurance Association of America, will speak on "Capital Requirements of U.S. Health Insurers: Implications of Universal Coverage."

E.J. Faulkner, after whom the series is named, was chief executive officer of Woodmen Accident and Life Co. of Lincoln.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Spanier

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touch with the university at all hours.

Surrounded by a fax machine and computer, with UNL's parking plans sprawled out on the desk in front of him, Spanier said he worked almost nonstop to achieve the goals he had set for himself.

In a 1991 press conference after he was installed as chancellor, Spanier pledged to address a list of issues: budget cuts, vacant administrative posts, gender equity and minority recruitment and retention.

Checks can be made by each item on the list.

The budget cuts are complete. The last of the administration jobs has been filled. The affirmative action office has been restructured. And more

minorities and women have been hired.

"All of the things we've said we'd do, we've done or are planning on doing," Spanier said.

Spanier doesn't take all of the credit for his accomplishments. He said all administrators had helped him achieve his goals.

"We have an administration team that works well together," he said.

And that team, he said, will help lead the university into the future.

"Now that we've got some stability," he said, "now we can get on with the long-range planning."

Goals for the future include improving research at UNL. In the years to come, Spanier said he planned to seek more research grants to build UNL's research capabilities.

He also plans to literally rewire the whole campus, adding a student information center for registration and making voice, data and video connections to reach across the world.

Spanier wants to create tougher admission standards, improve academic advising and revamp scholarship programs, he said.

And he plans to stay in touch with the student body, he said, something he holds as a high priority now.

One of Spanier's most important duties, he said, is keeping the lines of communication open.

"I want to have the kind of tone here where people know where the chancellor stands," he said. "I don't like going around doing things in secret."

Spanier has published his electronic mail number. He meets with students and invites them to his house. Each week Spanier eats in the residence halls or greek houses. He speaks on a radio show once a month. He personally answers every letter he receives.

Because of his efforts, Spanier said students were less afraid to voice con-

cerns.

This year, in particular, the issue of greenspace has fueled students' fires as many have openly criticized the chancellor's decision.

Many students may know Spanier best for his commitment to turning a parking lot north of Broyhill Plaza into a park.

"That's odd if you think that's what symbolizes my first two years here," he said.

During those years Spanier has contended with student, parent and faculty furor over issues such as graduation prayer. He also deals with put-downs from the new conservative student tabloid, "The Ideal."

"None of the issues that people have mentioned as being problematic are really critical issues," he said.

"You don't want people to feel bad about how the university is managed,"

Spanier deals with criticism, he said, by not taking it personally.

"You're never going to get people agreeing with me on every issue," he said.

So, Spanier said, he takes things as they come.

"Some days I feel like I'm a chancellor. Other days I feel like I'm a mayor—like it's a big city here," he said.

"I'm making my decisions in terms of what I believe is in the best interest of the university."

Spanier will continue to work on his goals, he said, which are far from being accomplished in a matter of days.

"We've got more than two years worth of work to do. I don't ever see it slowing down much," he said. "If anything, the pace will accelerate."

And, two years from now, Spanier said he could see himself in basically the same position: "Just plugging away."

Former Moscow news correspondent to talk at Lied

From Staff Reports

Nicholas Daniloff, a former Moscow correspondent for United Press International and U.S. News & World Report, will speak Wednesday at the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

Daniloff's lecture, which begins at 3:30 p.m. at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, is free and open to the public.

Daniloff has recently returned to the United States from Moscow, where he was an eyewitness to the recent confrontation between Russian President Boris Yeltsin and the hard-liners in the Russian Parliament.

While a Moscow correspondent for U.S. News & World Report, Daniloff was arrested by Soviet authorities and later was found guilty of espionage. Soviet authorities later agreed to release Daniloff and drop all charges against him.

Daniloff is the author a several books, including "Two Lives, One Russia," an account of his imprisonment in Russia.

A Cambridge, Mass., resident, Daniloff has been director of the Northeastern University's School of Journalism. He was previously a visiting professor of journalism at the university and is a fellow of the Russian Research Center of Harvard University.

Distinguished alumni to return for Master's Week

From Staff Reports

Park Career Academy in Chicago.

● Gary R. Fries, president and chief executive officer of the Radio Advertising Bureau in New York.

● Louis L. Munoz, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics and radiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

● John W. O'Neill, deputy director at the Johnson Space Center mission operations directorate, NASA in Houston.

● Winston J. Wade, vice president of network infrastructure at US WEST Communications in Denver.

Underwood said each of the alumni would give a presentation to classes in the college from which they graduated.

Five distinguished University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumni will return this week to take part in Master's Week.

Karen Underwood, coordinator of special events and marketing at the Office of University Relations, said Master's Week was designed to bring back successful alumni to meet with students, faculty and staff.

The week is sponsored by the Student Alumni Association, Innocents Society and Mortar Board.

Alumni who will be attending the festivities are:

● Weldon Beverly Jr., principal of Hyde

Assault

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he saw a group of people near the union who he thought were play fighting. However, when Ong fell to the ground, the student called police, Bushing said.

Another witness also told police he saw the incident through a window from where he was in the union.

Police say both witnesses told them they saw about 10 black males near Ong. Two or three of them were assaulting Ong. After Ong fell to the ground, he was kicked in the head several times, the witnesses said.

The group of men left before police could arrive.

Griesen said there was no reason to believe the attack was racially motivated.

"Mr. Ong happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

Griesen said police suspected the assailants might be the same group that was kicked out of the Rapfest shortly before the attack.

Bushing said police had no leads in the case. He said anyone with information about the incident should call the UNL police.

Ong apparently didn't know the identity of his attackers or why they assaulted him, Bushing said.

"I don't believe he had any idea who the parties responsible were," Bushing said.

Attempts to reach Ong on Monday were unsuccessful.

Bushing said a lot of people were on campus Saturday night for various homecoming and other activities, but the area was relatively quiet.

Boon Lee Lim, president of the International Student Organization, said many international students were concerned for their safety on campus in light of the incident.

He said UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble would talk to international students about the incident at a 2 p.m. meeting Wednesday at the International Affairs building.

"We hope that this is an act of random violence," Lim said, and not directed specifically at students from other countries.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Wednesday

9:38 a.m. — Bike stolen, Abel Residence Hall, \$210.

11:07 a.m. — Book bag stolen, Sandoz Residence Hall, \$135.

1:08 p.m. — Car accident, Harper-Schramm-Smith parking lot, \$300.

1:21 p.m. — Checkbook stolen, Nebraska Union, \$1.

1:50 p.m. — Carpet stolen, Harper Residence Hall, \$439.

1:50 p.m. — Television stolen, Cather Residence Hall, \$350.

2:04 p.m. — Compact discs stolen, 1535 R St., \$1,319.

5:10 p.m. — Suspicious person, Architecture Hall.

10:36 p.m. — Person ripping up magazines, Love Library, \$80.

11:09 p.m. — Fire, Richards Hall, \$15.

Beginning midnight Thursday

10:36 a.m. — Bike stolen, Burnett Hall, \$110.

11:55 a.m. — ID stolen, Smith Residence Hall, \$10.

12:34 p.m. — Cash stolen, College of Business Administration, \$148.

1:02 p.m. — Person intoxicated, Architecture Hall, transported to Detox.

1:08 p.m. — Bike seat stolen, 1601 R St., \$15 loss, \$135 damage.

1:28 p.m. — Book bag stolen, Ferguson Hall, \$10.

1:42 p.m. — Stereo and speakers stolen from car, remote lot, 17th and Holdrege streets, \$930.

3:17 p.m. — Windshield broken, 17th and Q streets, \$250.

6:57 p.m. — Bike stolen, Chi Phi Fraternity, \$508.

9:06 p.m. — Bike stolen, Brace Labs, \$130.

Beginning midnight Friday

8:16 a.m. — Radar detector stolen from car, Sandoz Residence Hall parking lot, \$160 loss, \$100 damage.

10:26 a.m. — Fire alarm, Whittier building.

12:49 p.m. — Wallet stolen, City Campus, \$30.

4:59 p.m. — Hit and run accident, \$300.

7:59 p.m. — Larceny from auto, Animal Science building, \$75 damage, \$120 loss.