

Accident

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a one-way street with eastbound traffic, when the suspect's pickup hit an NU Postal Service van. The van was traveling south on 11th Street.

The collision caused the van to tip onto its side and to hit a third vehicle that also was traveling south on 11th Street.

After the accident, Beers bailed out of the truck and fled on foot.

An off-duty police officer who witnessed the accident chased Beers to a parking lot at 11th and P streets.

When the officer confronted the suspect in the parking lot, Beers threatened him with a screwdriver and then ran down an ally.

The officer apprehended Beers on the second floor of the old Miller and Paine building at 13th and O streets. A construction worker helped the officer corner the suspect.

Beers later was taken to Lincoln General Hospital, where he was treated and released into custody, Bruce said.

When police arrested him, Beers had a fresh gunshot wound in his right ankle. No one was injured in the accident.

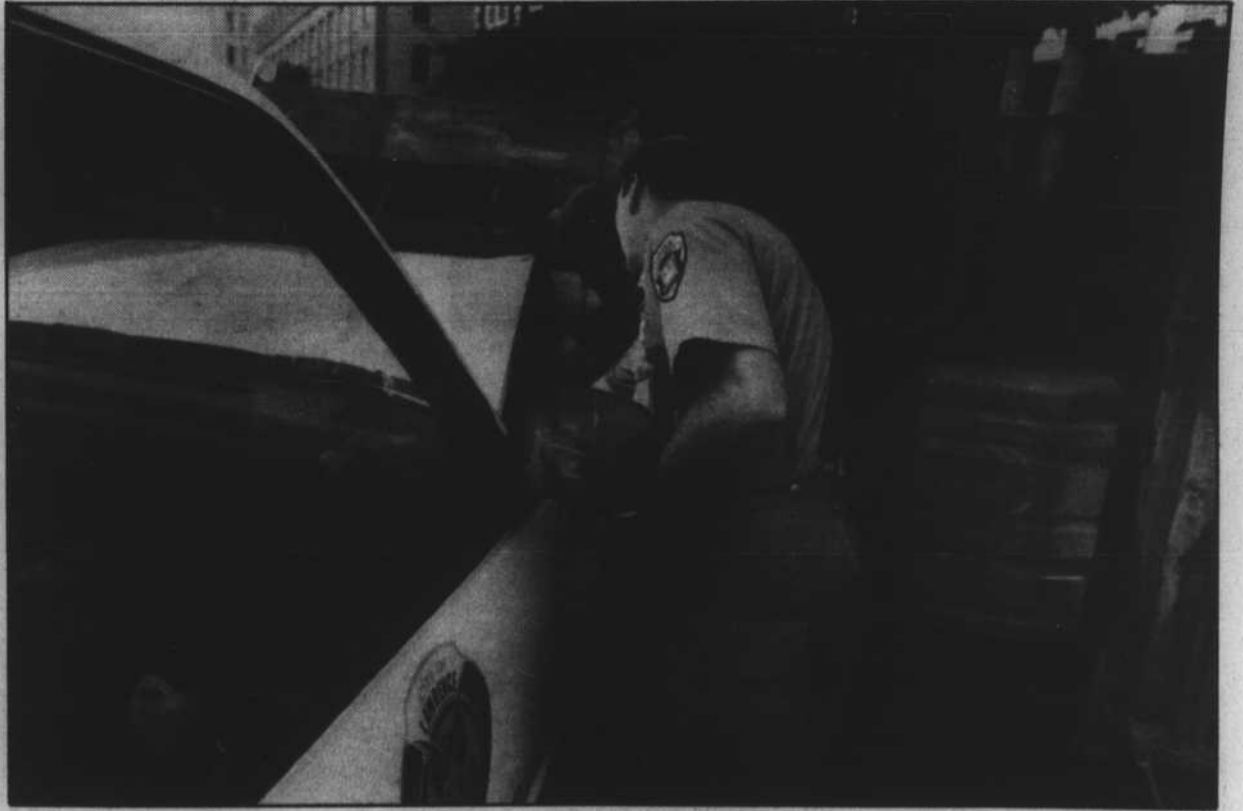
Bruce said Beers gave police several aliases, but he later was identified as the man who escaped on Aug. 30 from a county jail in Fort Smith, Ark.

He was scheduled to be moved to the Arkansas penitentiary to serve 14 to 20 years for kidnapping and using a weapon to commit a felony.

Beers is wanted in connection with at least one robbery charge in Lawrence, Bruce said. Authorities in Kansas consider Beers to be an escape risk and extremely dangerous, Bruce said.

Andrew Stebbing, a detective with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, said Beers was being held in the Lancaster County Jail on charges of attempted armed robbery, possession of stolen property, felony flight to avoid arrest and being a fugitive from justice.

The federal U.S. Marshal's Office will return Beers to Arkansas later this week, Stebbing said.



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Chad Roof, left, and Rick Cuba, both of the Lincoln Fire Department, work on the scene of an accident Wednesday morning in Lincoln that involved a University of Nebraska vehicle and a stolen City of Lawrence, Kansas truck

New board critiques UNL

By Brian Sharp
Senior Reporter

Chancellor Graham Spanier is holding court.

The jury, called the Board of Visitors, is made up of people from across the state. In the coming years, they will help Spanier make some tough decisions that will shape the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Michael Mulnix, executive director of university relations, said the 40-member committee met this summer behind closed doors and talked about everything UNL was doing right—as well as everything it was doing wrong.

"We made a decision from the very beginning that we weren't just going to parade things in front of them," Mulnix said. "We don't want this just to be a group that rubber-stamps the decisions."

Spanier proposed creating the group earlier this year. The group is similar to a chancellor's advisory council that existed about five years ago, Mulnix said.

That group disbanded when then-Chancellor Martin Massengale left UNL to become the University of Nebraska president.

Spanier decided to resurrect the committee under a new name, Mulnix said. "We're going to present the issues

that are controversial so we get some honest feedback," he said. "We want to know what we're doing wrong as well."

Members were chosen from a list that was hundreds of names long, Mulnix said. The members represent all parts of the state, he said, and only half are UNL graduates.

Recommendations for board candidates came from deans, vice chancellors, the University Foundation and other areas, he said.

At its first meeting this summer, the board discussed topics such as the new admissions standards, the image of UNL, research, athletics—including the new ticket policy—and the budget.

"We also talked about the engineering issue," Mulnix said, "and clearly there were some differing opinions from folks in Omaha than there were from people in other parts of the state."

Mulnix said members of the board had some negative responses and questioned different UNL policies, but that was expected. The overall feedback was positive, he said.

Mulnix said he thought the board was optimistic about the direction UNL was taking, largely because of the recent selection of Dennis Smith as NU president.

But Mulnix said he couldn't reveal much of what the group discussed.

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