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Victims laid to rest; toll may reach 200

By Christopher Sullivan
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Amid teddy bears and hearts, the first of the 80 victims recovered so far from the Oklahoma City bombing was laid to rest Monday.

One-year-old Baylee Almon was buried. She was a tiny victim and an infant who, photographed in a firefighter's arms, broke hearts around the world.

"Baylee is in God's hands," the Rev. Charles McDade said at her funeral Monday.

At another funeral, the three children of Lola Bolden, a 40-year-old Army sergeant, wept in a small chapel where Maj. Ronald Bain, who worked with her, eulogized: "She takes with her a part of our battalion."

Several other funerals and memorial services were held on Monday, the day the White House suggested the death toll could surpass 200.

As suspect Timothy McVeigh sat in jail, John W. Coyle III and Susan Otto, McVeigh's court-appointed lawyers, filed a request to withdraw from the case. Coyle said his family had received threats and — with a golfing buddy dead and other friends missing — he couldn't dispassionately represent the defendant.

Coyle said McVeigh, 27, had not talked with investigators.

Rescuers working as darkness fell located perhaps eight more bodies, said Assistant Fire Chief Jon Hansen. But he estimated rescuers would have to remove about 300 tons of debris to free them.

The hunt for a so-far-unknown second suspect remained investigators' top focus. The FBI said an Army deserter questioned Sunday had no part in the attack. The bureau continued to follow leads across the country. As debris was hauled out by searchers, agents combed it for clues.

The search for the missing resumed in the tomb of pulverized concrete and broken pipes, with special precautions taken to ensure workers' health against infection from decaying bodies.

Searchers once again failed to reach the day care and Social Security areas of the building. They used chainsaws and jackhammers to whittle away at a three-story-high pile of rubble pancaked on those areas. They said they wouldn't get there until Tuesday.

Dean finalists announced

By John Fulwider
Staff Reporter

The names of the three finalists for dean of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering and Technology were released Monday.

James Hendrix, acting dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno, John Jurewicz, dean of Graduate Studies & Research at Florida Atlantic University and William Wilcox, dean of engineering at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., will interview for the position in May.

One of the three could be selected to replace former dean Stan Liberty. None could be reached for comment Monday.

Hendrix earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in science and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Nebraska. He has served as the acting dean of the College of Engineering at Nevada since 1993.

Since 1987, Hendrix has been director of the USBM Mineral Industry Waste Treatment and Recovery Generic Center.

Jurewicz received a Ph.D. in engineering science and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Washington State University. He received a bachelor's degree in math from Kings College in Pennsylvania.

Prior to his service at FAU, Jurewicz was interim dean of engineering at West Virginia

Lincoln has own anti-government people at work

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

People tied to anti-government and paramilitary groups similar to those allegedly involved in the Oklahoma City bombing are active in Lincoln, Police Chief Tom Casady said.

And the number of those people is expected to rise.

Most of the activity stems from individuals, he said, and not organized groups. He said he has known of such individuals for 20 years.

"Don't kid yourself," he said. "We have people in Lincoln and Lancaster County that are stockpiling weapons and ammunition."

"They think that there is going to be some kind of armed insurrection against the government or some kind of mammoth civil disorder in which the strong will survive."

Though he said he did not know if any of the individuals had the capability to make a bomb similar to the one in Oklahoma City, bomb making, exploding and threats have occurred.

"I've been startled by some of the hate-filled views people here in Lincoln

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Among the bodies found Monday was that of a Marine, still in uniform at his recruiting desk in the rubble. The Pentagon identified him as Capt. Randolph Guzman, 28, of Castro Valley, Calif.

Reporters allowed inside for the first time saw search dogs gingerly creeping and helmeted workers crawling into spaces braced with four-by-fours like a mine shaft.

But pool correspondent Roger O'Neil of NBC said other images particularly stayed with him, "from the determined look on the rescuers' faces ... to the toys."

The Candidates

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University.

Wilcox graduated from the University of California-Berkeley with a Ph.D. in chemical engineering. He also received a master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Southern California.

While chairman of the chemical engineering department at Clarkson, Wilcox hired the first two female and the first black faculty members.

During his term as dean, the first female and first black faculty members were promoted to be professors at Clarkson.

Special Report



Jeff Haller/DN

Nichole Delgado works the cash register in the greenhouse at an Osco Drug in Omaha Saturday afternoon. Delgado dropped out of UNL because she couldn't afford to pay for her schooling. She now works two jobs.

The hardest math problem

Unsure financial future leads student to drop out, save for eventual return

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

Editor's note: This is the second in a five-part series about the rising costs of higher education

With fewer than 15 days until her 20th birthday, Nichole Delgado was making another transition. She was packing her belongings from her Smith Hall room and, by the end of the day, had moved to Omaha.

Delgado was a sophomore psychology major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln when she decided to drop out of college.

Dropping out had been on her mind since last summer. Delgado said she had enough money to cover tuition until May, but her financial future looked weak.

For Delgado, it was a matter of getting out while she still could. She had no scholarships. She had financial aid, but she said it was not enough.

She said she didn't want to take out loans because she feared falling into debt.

She couldn't turn to her family either. Her father had to support his wife and four children, and her mother was in a tight financial situation.

Delgado said she had one option left. "I wanted to do it on my own," Delgado said, so she dropped out.

Data relating drop-out rates to financial

obstacles is limited, but UNL administrators offered contrasting views on Delgado's options.

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid at UNL, said dropping out was not the only — or best — option for students in Delgado's situation.

Few students who drop out at UNL do so because of financial burdens, Beacon said. Through an unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Beacon said, any student, regardless of need, could qualify for financial aid.

About 9,600 students at UNL receive financial aid, an increase of 3,000 in five years. The money available also has increased by about 70 percent from \$36.5 million in 1990 to \$61.8 million in 1995.

Loans account for about 64 percent of the money awarded, he said, and Congress will continue to make more loans and fewer grants. The current regulation for loan repayment is 10 years.

Delgado said she did not want to rely on loans because she was afraid of falling into eternal debt, but Beacon said it was possible to work out a feasible loan repayment plan for almost any student.

"At some point in time, a student has to make a decision about his or her future," he said. "If the student doesn't want high loans, there are other alternatives — go to school part-time, work, take longer to graduate."

The worst that could happen to students was that they could default on a loan, Beacon said, and may lose their credit history.

"The federal government will get its money back," he said. "There's no escaping it short of death."

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