

# Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

## Police investigate two deaths

The bodies of two men were found Friday afternoon less than a mile apart in west Lincoln, but officials have not linked the two deaths.

Lincoln Police are investigating one death as a potential homicide; the other was declared a drowning accident.

The two men have been identified, but police are not releasing their names until relatives can be notified, Lincoln Police Cpt. Jim Peschong said Sunday.

"We believe they may be transients," he said.

The body of an adult male was discovered around noon, floating in Salt Creek near West O Street about two blocks from the People's City mission.

John Colborn, chief deputy Lancaster County attorney, said Sunday that autopsy reports showed the man drowned, probably by accident.

There was no evidence linking the deaths, Colborn said.

The second body was found about seven blocks north underneath a Salt Valley Boulevard overpass. The body was lying along an embankment next to railroad tracks when it was discovered by an employee of Pease Bindery,

111 Oakcreek Drive.

Peschong said the body was believed to be a man in his 20s or 30s. He said the cause of death was not known, but foul play is suspected.

"It's a little early to tell at this time, but we will be proceeding along that line (homicide) as we normally would," he said.

### ASSAULT

Lincoln Police arrested a 30-year-old man Thursday night in connection with the alleged assault of a 12-year-old girl.

The girl was walking with a 13-year-old girl on Plum Street between Ninth and 10th streets at 9:50 p.m., Lt. Lee Wagner said.

A man allegedly jumped in front of them, grabbed the 12-year-old around the waist and made a lewd comment, Wagner said.

The 12-year-old shook free of his hold, and both girls ran.

Based on their description, police arrested Wilbur Hicks at his nearby home on the 800 block of Peach Street.

— Chad Lorenz

## Omtvedt

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ing arts and CBA — also will be filled next semester, he said.

But he said it would be hard for anyone to take Leitzel's place at UNL.

"It will be a fast learning curve for me, and there will be big shoes to fill," Omtvedt said. "Joan Leitzel has done a tremendous job, and I am honored to follow her. I'm not inheriting any problems, and nothing is broken that needs to be fixed."

Omtvedt first came to UNL in 1975 as the head of the animal science department. Seven years later, he was appointed dean of agriculture research at IANR.

He later became the interim vice chancellor for IANR and was named to the position permanently in 1988.

"It's really been an exciting position," he said. "I've seen tremendous changes at IANR,

and it's been very enjoyable."

While he is serving as interim senior vice chancellor, Omtvedt said, he will still keep his duties at IANR.

Ted Hartung, associate vice chancellor for IANR, will be retiring soon, Omtvedt said, and Omtvedt didn't want to interrupt his retirement plans.

So Omtvedt will remain at IANR, although he will be appointing an assistant vice chancellor soon to help him out at IANR.

The search for a permanent interim senior vice chancellor should take about six to nine months, Omtvedt said.

"Dr. Moeser and I agreed that we have to get it filled soon," he said. "So many things are happening, and it's such a dynamic time for UNL."

Brian Foster, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been named chairman of a search committee to find a permanent senior vice chancellor, Omtvedt said.

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