

Investigators closer to identifying victim

By CHAD LORENZ
Senior Reporter

County investigators are awaiting forensic test results to identify the body of a murder victim found north of Lincoln Sunday.

Sgt. Owen Yardley of the Lancaster County Sheriff's office said forensic tests to be completed this week will provide clues such as determining how long the woman had been dead.

Investigators are also trying to match dental records and fingerprints with the body, Yardley said.

Originally, police couldn't identify the severely decomposed body found a half-mile west of I-80 near North 40th Street.

A dog trainer discovered the clothed skeleton at 9:15 Sunday morning while taking black Labradors out for a training exercise.

The body is being investigated as a homicide because of "suspicious circumstances," Yardley said. He would not say exactly what led investigators to believe the woman had been murdered.

Until the body is identified, Lancaster County sheriff's deputies and Lincoln police are checking every possible lead, Yardley said.

"We're doing a lot of legwork right now until the body is identified."

Officers are questioning residents and businesses near the crime scene, Yardley said. Other officers are checking missing-person reports from surrounding police agencies.

Memorial Stadium 'unbearable'

By ERIN SCHULTE
Senior Reporter

When the Baylor Bears rush the field to take on the Cornhuskers at UNL's homecoming game Oct. 12, they'll be missing two of their hairiest, scariest team members — Billy and Ginny.

A tangle of snarling football players is all the wildlife Memorial Stadium can handle, so Baylor must leave its two North American black bear mascots — officially known as Judge William "Billy" Boyd and Judge Virginia S. "Ginny" Crump — at home.

The two performing bears, which are kept chained during games, are banned from UNL's stadium, as are all live animals. The policy has been around at least since the time Bob Devaney was athletic director, associate director of athletics Don Bryant said.

It's not a matter of prejudice against live mascots, he said. Memorial Stadium simply doesn't have enough room on the turf to accommodate live animals.

"We don't let the Sooner Schooner on or the Army mule, and Colorado can't bring Ralphie (the buffalo)," Bryant said. "If we had a lot of space outside the end zones, nobody would care."

Although Baylor can usually bring at least one bear to games, the Nebraska ban hasn't left officials too broken up.

Dub Oliver, director of student activities at Baylor, said they'll still be bringing their costume mascot, Bob the Bear.

The live bears are required to travel by trailer anyway, and it would be tough carting them all the way to Nebraska in their cages.

So, the bears will stay at home in Waco, Texas, where they have a special place in a small zoo on the

Baylor campus, Oliver said. The bears are kept in a display similar to that of zoos, which is a pit that tries to resemble a bear's natural habitat.

Because of the fans' and the bears' safety, the only time the cubs (full-grown bears are too big to handle) are on chains, Oliver said, is when they are at the games.

The bears, which are replaced every two years, are always given the first name "Judge," after Judge Robert Emmett Bledsoe Baylor, who founded the university. They are then given a second name of an important campus official.

The bears are handled by the same trainer for two years, and that person is always picked from the Baylor Chamber of Commerce.

"They're very comfortable," Oliver said of Ginny and Billy — even if staying home means they have to grin and bear it.

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GRADUATE STUDENTS TO GET GIFT NEXT YEAR

By PHILLIP REESE
The Technician
(N.C. State U.)

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. — Many graduate students will be putting some extra cash back in their pockets after paying next year's tuition and fees.

N.C. State Teaching and Research Assistants will not have to pay out-of-state tuition and/or will receive free comprehensive health insurance next year.

The benefits will be paid for by an \$800,000 chunk of an annual \$8.6 million General Assembly appropriation recently allocated to NCSU for "academic enhancement."

Graduate school Assistant Dean Robert Sowell said the question of how to divide the \$800,000 between the two benefit programs is still being considered.

RANSOMED TOILET FOUND ON ROOF

By DAN MCKAY
The Daily Lobo
(U. of New Mexico)

(U-WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — UNM student Andres Martinez was reunited with his toilet Sunday afternoon.

The commode had been missing for about a week when security aides found it on the roof of Hokona Hall, where Martinez is a resident advisor.

"We got it back," Martinez exclaimed while using a skateboard to wheel the toilet into his dorm room. "I'm locking my door now. Home sweet home. Welcome home, baby."

Thieves stole Martinez's toilet while he showered more than a week ago. He later received a ransom note demanding a one-pound box of lard, a

jar of peanut butter, strawberry cream cheese and one black sock.

The thieves signed the note "Jerry's Kids," Martinez said he couldn't afford the demands so he took them a peace offering. He got a letter and phone call afterward saying he'd get his toilet back Monday.

Martinez added that the stolen toilet wasn't safely stowed on the roof.

"It was very precariously situated up there," he noted. "A gust of wind would have blown it off onto someone's head."

SPEECH SHOWS

DANGER OF MIXING ALCOHOL, SEX

By BRIDGETTE BLAIR
The Collegian
(Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Although laughter and jokes were heard among members of the capacity crowd last night in the HUB Ballroom, T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman delivered a very serious message about safe sex and alcohol awareness.

"The biggest lesson I learned, to date, was not to mix sex and alcohol," Goldman said.

Goldman, who is HIV-positive, contracted the disease through college fraternity experiences at Indiana University. During last night's discussion, sponsored by the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils, Goldman told the audience that he put others at risk. "I would drink, I would hook up, and I would rationalize," he said.

Sullivan said he thought the HIV virus was something that affected other people, in other places and not his friend.

"But for the first time in my life one of my best friends told me he was HIV-positive," Sullivan said.

Sullivan presented statistics concerning AIDS, safe sex and alcohol. He also showed two films: one about the AIDS quilt and another about alcohol and safe sex.

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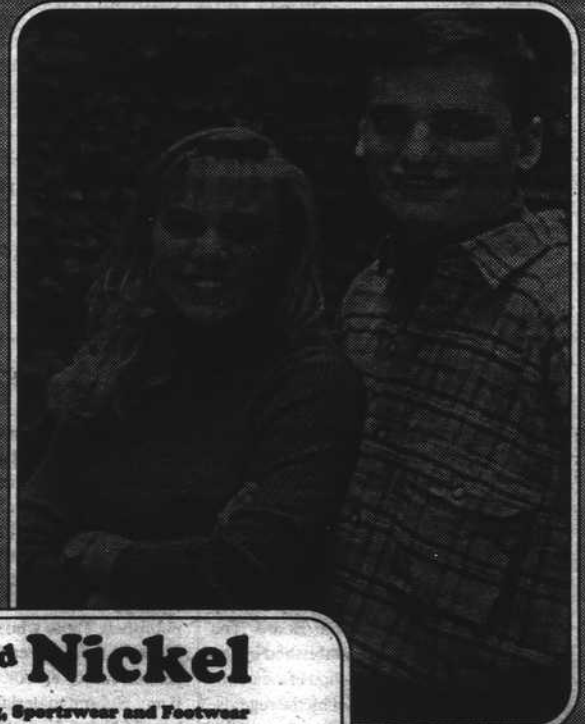
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