

# Class centers on graphics

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Students of the hard sciences can perfect their visual and artistic skills with a new course next semester.

Scientific Illustration will be offered for the first time through the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.

The course is designed to teach students about the importance of communicating messages through graphical images, said Lana Johnson, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln instructor who will teach the course next semester.

Johnson said the course teaches students to communicate their information through presentations, charts and maps, which helps others better understand specific messages.

The class also covers computer screen shows, 35mm slide presentations, and scanning principles, which are useful tools in helping to simplify messages, she said.

Though the class is geared toward students who are in the sciences, Johnson said she encourages anyone

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LANA JOHNSON  
course instructor

interested in the course to enroll.

“I think that anyone who is interested in learning how to communicate scientific information in a visual way would benefit from the course,” said Johnson, who studied scientific illustration at the University of Arizona.

While Scientific Illustration is an introductory course, Johnson said it helps students get a head start on their futures.

Scientific illustrators can work for National Geographic Magazine, Smithsonian, NASA and other companies and publications, she said.

James King, associate professor of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, said Scientific

Illustration is important because it helps students create portfolios for job opportunities.

“Web development-type outfits are always looking for illustrators,” King said.

“It also allows an added dimension for people interested in pursuing a newspaper career.”

King said USA Today is a good example of a newspaper that hires illustrators for its graphic work.

While many illustrators are hired by newspapers and other publications, King said others have successful careers by doing freelance work.

“We live in a very visual age,” King said. “And good illustrations are important to get the message across.”

## Bond denied for man found with millions

From Staff Reports

A Minnesota man being held in Lancaster County on federal weapons and money laundering charges was denied bond Monday.

William A. Kirkpatrick, 57, of Hovland, Minn., was stopped by the Nebraska State Patrol Nov. 10 for speeding on Interstate 80 near Lincoln. A search of his rental car turned up \$1.8 million in cash, four handguns, masks and fake police badges.

Kirkpatrick is facing charges of being a felon in possession of a handgun and being in possession of a handgun that had the serial numbers illegally altered. He is also facing federal money laundering charges in

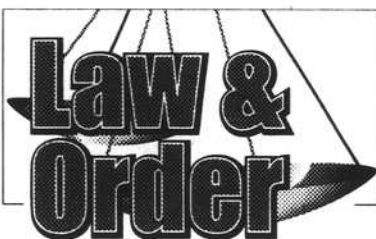
connection with the money seized in the traffic stop.

A judge set a Jan. 26 hearing on the weapons charges.

Another woman, Myra Jean Penney, was also being held on money laundering charges, but she has been released by prosecutors.

The FBI believes the money and the guns may have been part of a Feb. 10 holdup of a Seafirst Bank branch in Lakewood, Wash. Federal investigators believe that holdup may have been part of the “Trench Robbers,” who have robbed banks in 16 states over 15 years.

U.S. Magistrate David L. Piester, in denying Kirkpatrick’s bond plea, said with the FBI’s evidence, he felt Kirkpatrick was a risk to flee authorities.



### Assault

A spat between roommates ended when a woman struck a girl in the head with a hammer Sunday afternoon.

The 17-year-old girl was treated for a head wound at Lincoln General Hospital and released Sunday.

She told police that she and Tammy Merryman, 26, got into an argument at their home at 1516 S. 29th St. about 5 p.m. The girl said Merryman struck her in the head with an object, and officers found a hammer in the area of the fight.

Merryman was jailed on a second-degree assault charge.

### Weapons damage

Two cars were shot at in two separate incidents over the weekend.

On Friday, a motorist on North 27th Street reported that two cars between Vine and Pear streets were slowly driving next to each other. The driver watched as a man in the back of the car in the east lane fired three shots into the other car.

Both cars turned opposite directions down Vine Street. Police have neither suspects nor victims in the case.

In an incident Sunday, a neighbor in the area of 29th and Dudley streets reported hearing a gunshot.

Looking out the window, the neighbor saw a late '70s or early '80s white car with a dark top, possibly a Cadillac, driving south on 29th Street.

Police found a Chevy Caprice on 29th Street between Dudley and Starr streets with a bullet hole in the rear passenger side door. Damage was estimated at \$200.

## Two survive plane crash in field east of Lincoln

From Staff Reports

A pilot and a passenger escaped unharmed when their small plane went down in a field just east of Lincoln Monday afternoon.

Details were few Monday night, but residents in the 10000 block of O Street reported an explosion about 5 p.m.

Rescue workers were called to the area, but the pilot and a passenger were already free of the wrecked plane. The plane was apparently trying to land at a nearby private airfield.

The names of the pilot and passenger were not available Monday night. The Lancaster County Sheriff’s Department was investigating the crash.

## Williams waits for word on two pending appeals

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Williams’ chances are dwindling, said Assistant State Attorney General J. Kirk Brown.

“When you get to this stage of the game particularly, every time he is denied relief, the odds of this execution being carried off goes up,” he said.

He added that the issues Williams

has brought before the other courts have been repeatedly shot down in the past, including the argument that he did not receive a fair trial because his sentencing judge was not black and that 18 years on death row were a violation of his civil rights.

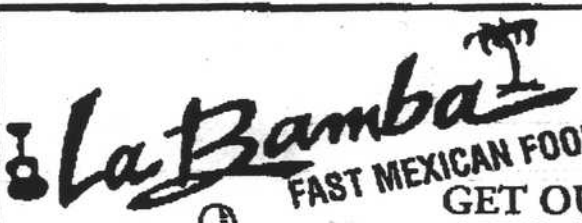
But there still may be more delay tactics from the Williams camp, Brown said.

“There is no way to predict what issues they will raise or what reactions the courts will have,” he said “But we proceed on the assumption we’re going to have an execution.”

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

### CORRECTION

In Friday’s Daily Nebraskan, Gargi Roysicar Sodowsky’s title was incorrect. She is an associate professor of educational psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



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