

Cancer claims ex-UNL professor

From Staff Reports

James "Jim" Leitzel, the husband of former UNL Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joan Leitzel, died of cancer Wednesday in Durham, N.H.

He was 61.

From 1993 to 1996 he was a mathematics professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He taught mathematics at the University of New Hampshire since

1996, the year Joan Leitzel became president of the school.

In a statement, UNL Chancellor James Moeser said, "Jim was one of the most respected members of the faculty who helped make our programs in math education nationally recognized. ... Our hearts are with Joan and their two sons in their personal loss."

Leitzel was associated with committees of the National Research Council, the National Council of Teachers of

Mathematics and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"He was so well-connected nationally," said Mel Thornton, professor of mathematics and statistics at UNL. "It really gave our department a close tie to the national movement in mathematics reform."

"His leaving left a big hole in our department because nobody else knew what he knew and had those connections or the kind of vision he had."

Hibler stopped outside class

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David Hibler, the recently suspended English assistant professor, was stopped by university police when he tried to return to his class Wednesday morning.

The situation, which could have ended in a police arrest, fizzled out with a handshake.

Hibler said he had planned to "observe" his 9:30 a.m. literature class in Andrews Hall Wednesday.

But University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser's office, Hibler said, warned of a possible arrest if Hibler tried to enter his classroom.

Hibler said through e-mail that he felt it was his "moral right" and "legal responsibility" to ensure students' successful completion of the semester.

UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble met Hibler outside 33 Andrews Hall, and reminded him that his suspension letter stated he was not allowed to enter the classroom or have contact with his students.

Hibler shook Cauble's hand, telling the chief that he wasn't ready to be arrested, but that he may return next week.

Hibler later sent e-mail to his students warning them to beware of the "imposters" who would teach the class in his place.

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Law & Order

Juveniles arrested

Police arrested two juveniles Tuesday for a robbery that morning at a Gas 'N Shop, 1140 N. 48th Street, and other crimes in the area.

Police received a tip from a neighbor who saw the boys with some of the stolen property, Lincoln Police Capt. Doug Srb said.

Police followed up on the tip at the boys' houses where they found cellular phones and other miscellaneous items believed to be taken in a number of auto larcenies in the area.

The boys, 15 and 16, also were arrested for a construction site theft and breaking into a car. More charges may follow after police sort out the stolen property.

These two juveniles were also involved in the theft of Husker memorabilia, including Orange Bowl rings, from a former Husker who lives in the area. This theft occurred little more than a month ago.

Shots fired into car

An unknown person fired nine

shots into a car and apartment in the 1100 block of North 21st Street Tuesday night.

The four people inside the apartment heard a popping sound from the alley outside, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Someone fired seven shots into the victim's car, a 1978 Ford Fairmont, and two into the apartment.

No one was injured, and police have no suspects.

Owner of lost \$2,000 found

Police have found the rightful owner of \$2,000 cash found in the street near 61st Street and Platte Avenue.

Joe Hernandez apparently dropped the cash out of a coat pocket, Srb said.

Police confirmed his story with neighbors who had helped Hernandez look for the cash before it was turned in to the police station.

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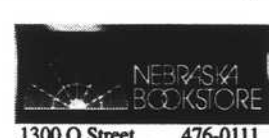
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