

Berringer family files suit

By JOSH FUNK
Senior Reporter

The families of former Husker quarterback Brook Berringer and his friend, Tobey Lake, filed wrongful death lawsuits Monday against the owners of the plane Brook was flying and the airfield where he took off.

The two died April 18, 1996, when the small airplane Brook was piloting stalled immediately after takeoff and crashed into a field near Raymond.

Both the Berringers and the Lakes allege that Harry and Barbara Barr, the owners of the plane, a Piper J-3 Cub, were negligent in their pre-flight instructions to Berringer.

One of the main points of both cases is that Harry Barr had modified the plane's fuel-control lever, so that it was difficult to tell if the fuel was on.

Federal crash investigators found that the fuel lever was turned

off.

Also named in the suits are Jack and Darlene Christensen, the owners of the small grass airfield.

The complaints allege that the location of the airport, surrounded by power lines and neighborhoods, contributed to the accident because there was no room to recover when the engine stalled shortly after takeoff.

The Lake suit also names the Berringers as co-defendants, but Brook's mother, Jan, told the Daily Nebraskan that the Lakes still are good friends and only named the Berringers to satisfy a legal requirement.

In a wrongful death suit the complainant must name everyone that could have contributed to the death.

Before filing suit this week the Berringers and the Lakes had been in negotiations with Barr for more than a year, Jan said.

Their cases list several other factors that contributed to the crash.

Winds gusted up to 40 miles per hour and the fully weighted, 65-horsepower, 52-year-old plane may not have been up to the task.

The engine stalled immediately after takeoff because of fuel starvation, and there was not enough room for the pilot to recover said Doug Weems, one of Berringer's attorneys.

"That plane is basically a kite with a motor," Weems said from his Kansas City, Mo., office.

Berringer had his pilot's license with tail-wheel aircraft such as the Cub, and the complaint said Barr had qualified him to fly the plane.

However, the Federal Aviation Administration has no record of any such endorsement on Berringer's license.

"Nobody should have flown that plane that day," Jan Berringer said.

The Berringers and the Lakes are seeking compensation for wrongful death, pre-impact mental anguish and funeral expenses.

Residents, students plan to clean up neighborhood

By KIM SWEET
Staff Reporter

Students are invited to join residents and students from McPhee and Everett elementary schools and Park Middle School in a neighborhood cleanup to kick off Earth Day Saturday.

The cleanup, beginning at 10 a.m., will cover the area from Ninth to 17th streets and from A to H streets. After the cleanup, a picnic at Cooper Park on Eighth and E streets is planned, said Nancy Rosen, project director for Strengthening Neighborhood Partnership.

Numerous groups will be on hand to give information on recycling. There also will be hot dogs, a concert by the band Chef Zydeco and a performance by Clowns on the Run.

In order to gear up for the cleanup, an Ecology Fair will be

held today from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the F Street Recreation Center. Admission is free, and participants are asked to bring a can of vegetables to contribute to the "Stone Soup" that will be available to all at the fair.

The cleanup has two purposes, Rosen said. The first is to bring members of neighborhoods together.

"When people get out and talk to people in their neighborhoods, it makes the neighborhood more inviting," Rosen said.

The second is to make citizens aware of Earth Day and how important it is to keep the city clean.

"I think it will give all of us an idea of what it means when we throw a cigarette butt or a bottle on a ground," Rosen said. "It takes so much longer for people to clean it up."

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Mother, son killed in wreck

By JOSH FUNK
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A woman and her 8-year-old son were killed in a two-car accident that injured seven others Wednesday night.

Scott Hartman's Ford F-150 pickup hit the side of Le Ann Koziol's Dodge Caravan in the intersection of Pine Lake Road and South 70th Street just before 6 p.m., Lincoln Police said.

Koziol was driving westbound on Pine Lake Road when she apparently went through the stop sign without seeing Hartman's northbound truck, Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner said.

Both vehicles came to rest in a ditch northwest of the intersection after the impact.

One of Koziol's four sons riding in the van, Kevin, 8, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident and Koziol, 39, was airlifted to Lincoln General Hospital where she later died from her injuries.

Koziol's other three sons were taken by ambulance to Lincoln General where two, Brian, 6, and Aaron, 4, remained in critical condition in intensive care Thursday afternoon. Matt, 10, was treated for his injuries and released Wednesday night.

Police do not know if Kevin Koziol was wearing his seat belt,

but everyone else in the van was.

Hartman, 30, and the three children riding in his truck, aged 20 months, 6 months and 2½ years, were all treated and released at Saint Elizabeth Community Health Center Wednesday night.

All occupants of Hartman's truck were restrained by seat belts or child safety seats, Wagner said.

Le Ann Koziol's husband Raymond is the operations manager at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Nebraska East Union.

Police are still investigating the cause of the crash, Wagner said. The area also was under construction at the time of the accident.

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Schedule for Greek Week 1998
April 19th-25th



Sunday, April 19th
10:00am

Triads will meet to create banner which must be up by 12 noon on Monday.
Greek Olympics-Basketball tournament @ East Campus.

Monday, April 20th
9:00-4:00
5:00-6:30
7:00

Public relations committee will have booth set up in the City and East Campus unions publicizing greek week events. Also will be selling ice cream social tickets.
Triads will have dinner exchange-Each house is encouraged to invite a UNL Faculty member of their choice.
Spring Program @ the Lied Center (speaker-T Marti Voss) - Sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta, Panhellenic, and IFC. Also have each person bring a \$1 donation to complete our make a wish sponsorship.
*Banner winner announced

Tuesday, April 21st
9:00-4:00
3:00-5:30

Public relations committee will have booth set up in the City and East Campus unions publicizing greek week events. Also will be selling ice cream social tickets.
Ice Cream Social to benefit Make a Wish Foundation
Where: Greenspace east of Stadium under tent- ice cream, rootbeer floats, soda, & live bands. This will be a partnered philanthropy with RHA. Also will be a contest between greek houses and residence halls to sell the most \$ worth of tickets.

Wednesday, April 22nd
8:00-9:30am
6:00-8:00pm
7:30-8:30pm

Wear your greek letters day.
Appreciation breakfast for house moms/dads and house advisors @wick alumni center.
Greek Olympic Events @ Greenspace North of City Union
Triad Skits-Culture Center

Thursday, April 23rd
5:30-6:30
6:30-end

Greek Week Banquet Social Hour @Top of the Rock
*silent auction to further benefit make a wish.
Greek Week Banquet @ Top of the Rock
*Meal
*short speaker (State Senator Jon Bruhning)
*award presentations

Friday, April 24th
11:00am
3:00-6:00
6:00
9:30-1:00

UPC Activities Begin on the Greenspace east of Stadium
FAC @ P.O. Pears (Burgers, Triad Skit Finals, Triad Sand Volleyball Contest)
National Championship Celebration
Evening Social @ Knickerbockers (9th & O Street)

Other Activities going on during the week:

Food and Clothing Drive to benefit Lincoln City Missions

(This will be another partnered activity with RHA)

*A box will be placed on each dorm floor and in each greek house to be filled with any non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, as well as any clothing items to be donated.