## uo spokes-men for bike trip

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resource on all aspects of bicycles, Fuller said.

Nooij and Bosman said they were looking forward to seeing the vast plains of north-central Nebraska in contrast with their native Netherlands, a country one-quarter the size of Nebraska with 10 times the people.

Fuller said the trip should be a learning experience for the Dutchmen.

"They have no idea that they can pedal for hours without seeing anybody," Fuller said.

Along the way they will be videotaping their travels and interviewing people they meet in an attempt to capture the culture of north-central Nebraska.

The project is funded jointly by the U.S. Department of Education and the European Union to promote exchange study.

This is the first year of the project, with European students studying at several American universities including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Kansas State University in Manhattan, Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va., and Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo,

American students also are working on projects at European universities, and their work will be included in the bicycle CD-ROM.

Students involved in the project

begin by writing a research proposal outlining a project studying one aspect of the bicycle.

Many of the projects are physicsrelated, but they do not have to be,

Bosman said it was great to be able to "make our own borders for the project."

In planning their trip, Nooij and Bosman have been hindered by cultural differences, but with the help of Bike Pedalers, a Lincoln bicycle shop, and the UNL Police, the two Dutchmen are ready to hit the trail.

Coming from a city in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where several thousand bikes are parked outside the main train station every day, Nooij and Bosman thought they would be able to find bikes within their budget to use in a matter of days.

That was not the case. American bikes are geared toward the sport market and carry a much heftier price tag than European bikes, which are used mainly for transportation.

But UNL Police agreed to lend the Dutchmen two bikes from its impound lot.

And Bike Pedalers, 1353 S. 33rd St., lent them a trailer to haul their video equipment and other provisions behind their bikes. The business also gave advice on other needed accessories.

Planning difficulties aside, the Dutch tandem is ready to hit the trail, and it is equipped with a confident and worry-free attitude to help overIf we're in the

mood, maybe we'll just ride back to Lincoln."

> SANDER NOOLJ Dutch exchange student

come any problems.

In guessing how many miles they would cover, Nooij estimated 400, but Bosman talked him down to 320. According to the map, it is 187 miles.

But they are planning a nice easy pace of 40-50 miles a day for five or six days, and maybe they'll rest for a day, they said.

Now they just need a ride to Valentine.

Originally Nooij and Bosman planned to rent a car for the drive to Valentine, but there is no car rental agency there.

When they get to Norfolk, Nooij and Bosman have no idea how they will return to Lincoln.

"If we're in the mood, maybe we'll just ride back to Lincoln," Nooij said.

UNL students can apply to go to Europe as part of the program and do their own bicycle research. Those interested should contact the International Affairs office.



Police officer hit by car

A police officer was hit while directing traffic after Saturday's football

Lincoln Police Officer Emery Bashus was standing in the middle of the 14th and Court streets intersection at 6:20 p.m. when he was hit by a northbound vehicle, Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

The car that hit the officer continued north on 14th Street and away from

Another motorist notified the officer directing traffic at the next intersection, but no one stopped to help the officer as he lay in the street.

Bashus did not see the car that hit him, and no witnesses came forward after the accident.

The officer injured his left wrist and right ankle. He was treated and released at BryanLGH West on Saturday night.

Woman, 85, robbed in home

An 85-year-old woman was robbed in her home early Saturday morning. The woman heard a noise at the front door and then a thump in the kitchen

just after midnight in her duplex on the 900 block of F Street, Heermann said. She went to the kitchen where she found a man who started speaking Spanish to her, and then switched to English to ask for money.

The woman raised her cane toward the man, and they struggled. He said he would go away if she gave him money, so she gave him \$28 from her purse, and he left.

The woman's next-door neighbor in the duplex said she was in the living room and heard a screen ripping at about the same time as the break-in.

The robber was described as a Hispanic man 20 to 30 years old, 5-feet-4 inches tall with a thin build.

Compiled by senior staff writer Josh Funk

## City Council allocates \$10,000 for lawsuit

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Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering considers itself the top firm in Washington and one of the top five in the nation.

Dave Donovan and Mark Shelton, two attorneys with the firm who would handle the work in the city's defense, said they could not comment on whether or not they would take the case because the city has not yet told them what their duties would be.

Despite the 7-0 affirmative vote and the credentials of the Washington firm, there was still some skepticism on the council.

"We need to check it out a little bit more," Councilman Jeff Fortenberry said. "We need to make sure this is not an activist firm. That would look bad for the city."

Fortenberry said the aid of a radically anti-abortionist faction would be damaging to the city's defense and hurt the public's image of how taxpayer money is being spent to protect the

Conversely, Council Chairman Curt Donaldson and Councilwoman Linda Wilson said they were happy to have Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering helping the city.

'From a taxpayer standpoint, we are very fortunate to have their representation," Donaldson said.

"This is advantageous for the city," Wilson said. "I've heard they are have not handled any such cases.

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> JEFF FORTENBERRY councilman

a very good law firm."

The council will revisit the issue Oct. 5, when it will vote again on whether or not to extend the contract with Rembolt, Ludtke and Berger past the injunction hearing on Wednesday.

During the council session, Fortenberry asked Austin to do more in-depth research regarding Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering so the council and the taxpayers would have a better understanding of the firm's work.

The council wanted to confirm that the lawyers involved have not had any previous experience in anti-abortion legislation.

Donovan and Shelton said they

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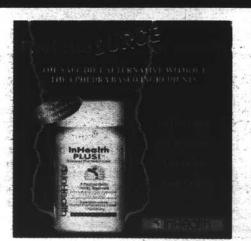
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