

Candidates consider increase in police force

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ways to be more efficient and effective," Kubicek said. "But I think it has to enroll the police officers themselves."

Jim Wrenholt, an independent candidate, said it was only natural to want to hire additional police officers to cope with population growth.

"Everybody wants a safe town," he said.

Wrenholt, leader of the petition drive that returned P Street to one-way traffic, and owner of Nordic Software at 301 P St., said although he did not have a police plan, he questions those candidates who do have one.

"I'm a little bothered by candidates who go out and promise 45 new jobs to get a new endorsement by the police union," he said.

Reichert, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student and a Republican candidate, has the most detailed police plan and said his ideas were the best solution to ensuring public safety.

Under Reichert's plan, 17 additional officers would be hired without raising taxes.

This, Reichert said, would be done by reallocating everything in the annual police budget.

Currently, police cruisers are replaced every four years. Each new vehicle costs between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Reichert said replacing just the engines would be better than replacing entire vehicles. This, he said, would create a \$25,000 surplus each time an engine is replaced.

"The police shop keeps the vehicles in excellent condition," Reichert said. "The only wear, really, is in the engine."

The money saved, combined with the federal grant money already used for the hiring of law enforcement officers, ensures that taxes would not be raised, Reichert said.

"Crime is definitely increasing," Reichert said. "It's due to a lack of manpower in the police department. They can't be everywhere at once."

Reichert said he was concerned about Wesely and Johnson making false promises to the community.

The cost of hiring a new police officer in Lincoln, he said, was \$50,000.

"It's one thing to have a plan," he said. "It's another to say that you just have an idea."

"Basically, (Wesely's) just blowing smoke."

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Johnson



Wesely



Reichert



Kubicek

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Wrenholt

Senators remember colleague and friend

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"All of us who worked with him and knew him are saddened by his death," he said. "He was a very well-respected member of the Unicameral. Stan took his job seriously and never forgot his rural roots, and always conducted himself with the utmost integrity."

Sen. George Coordsen of Hebron, a close friend of Schellpeper's and fellow member of the Revenue Committee, praised Schellpeper's selfless service to the state.

"This is a tragic day for all Nebraskans because he spent a good part of his adult life trying to make the good life better, without any interest in receiving recognition," he said.

Although Schellpeper was known for his concern for rural needs, these issues — health care, highways and quality of life — applied to all Nebraskans, Coordsen said.

As members of the Revenue Committee, Schellpeper and Coordsen worked on major changes in state tax policy. Schellpeper supported shifting the tax burden from property taxes to sales and income taxes, an effort that has made progress but remains unfinished, Coordsen said.

"We shared a common goal: to balance how we support all of government," Coordsen said. "We tried to get a better balance for the

benefit of all Nebraskans."

Jeff Schellpeper, the late senator's oldest son, remembered his father as a family man, a dedicated farmer and a state senator willing to seek compromise.

The elder Schellpeper was very close to his family, Jeff Schellpeper said, including his wife, Faye; his children, Jeff and Tom Schellpeper and Nancy Morfeld; and eight grandchildren.

"I'm sure whenever anybody talked to him about family, he always would have brought up a story about his grandchildren," Jeff Schellpeper said. "He always brought them to his office to show them off. He was proud of them."

A hard-working farmer, Schellpeper was also concerned about soil and water conservation and the environment, his son said.

"What comes to mind now, if I picture my dad, is him driving a tractor," he said. "He's a farmer, and most everybody else thinks of him as a state senator. To me he's a father and a farmer, a grandfather and really close to a lot of his neighbors."

Coordsen said it would take him some time to recover from the loss of Schellpeper.

"I thought of him as more than a brother," he said. "I'll miss him more than I would my right hand."

Staff writers Shane Anthony and Jessica Fargen contributed to this report.

Northwestern up in arms over nude wrestler videos

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EVANSTON, Ill. (U-Wire) — Videotape of nude wrestlers shot secretly at a 1995 national tournament hosted by Northwestern is part of a nationwide FBI investigation that has uncovered a bizarre and perverse ring of Internet pornography.

The shocking footage was captured in locker rooms at the Midlands Wrestling Championships — the nation's second-largest collegiate wrestling invitational — held at Welsh-Ryan Arena on Dec. 29-30, 1995.

No Northwestern wrestlers appeared on the tape, Wildcats Wrestling Coach Tim Cysewski said.

Clips of other Northwestern collegiate athletes, in addition to the footage captured at Northwestern, have been collected by at least one unknown purveyor and marketed as pornographic material available on the Internet and by mail.

A former University of Pennsylvania wrestler found himself to be the subject of a similar tape after it was sent to him by a fellow athlete, the Chicago Tribune reported Sunday.

Despite the obvious invasion of privacy, the absence of a concrete legal precedent and the ambiguity of Illinois' obscenity laws might complicate the investigation.

"It disgusts me to see or hear anything about this," said Northwestern wrestler Sam Neider, a two-time All-American who was a freshman at the time of the tournament.

"I easily could've been the victim of this whole thing. Whatever perv did this has definite problems. We're just talking about one sick individual. I'd like to take it into my own hands, but I hope the FBI gets whoever did this."

Although this marks the third time in less than a year that Northwestern has been involved in a federal investigation, Athletic Director Rick Taylor said this inci-

dent has little to do with the Northwestern athletic department.

"This was a Midlands event, not a Northwestern event," Taylor said. "They just happened to rent out our facilities. This could have happened anywhere — at a department store, a swim club."

"The fact that it did happen here is a coincidence. Let's not make a mountain out of a molehill."

The tape recorded at the Midlands turned up on the desk of Ken Kraft, Northwestern's senior associate athletic director, in January 1996, just days after the tournament's conclusion.

The explicit footage was captured in the Welsh-Ryan shower and locker rooms and during the tournament's weigh-ins, at which wrestlers are required to be naked.

The Tribune reported that the hidden cameras were concealed in gym bags and under bath towels, and that one of the tape recorders was still running when it was discovered by a wrestler.

Neider said two of the wrestlers who appear on the tape were his high school teammates, adding that the embarrassing and private footage has "severely affected their lives."

"One of the individuals I know pretty well," Neider said. "His career is even in jeopardy."

After discovering the tape, Kraft waited more than two years before handing it over to the FBI last spring, at which point there were already a number of similar tapes in circulation, the Tribune reported.

And despite Kraft's attempts to keep the incident under wraps, Neider said he and his teammates learned of the tape through the rumor mill.

Kraft, who was Northwestern's wrestling coach from 1957-79, could not be reached for comment.

According to Neider, Kraft's decision not to disclose the tape until a year ago was grounded in the best interests of the athletes in question.

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