

## On UNL campus today

## Peace Corps recruiting volunteers

By Donna Sisson

For more than 22 years, the Peace Corps has been working at improving living conditions in developing nations and promoting cultural awareness between the U.S. and Third World countries.

Peace Corps representatives are on campus today to talk with students about volunteer opportunities overseas. They will have an information table set up in Henslik Hall and are showing a free film, "The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love," at 4 p.m. in the East Campus Union.

The representatives will return March 14 and 15 to conduct interviews with students. Interviews on March 14 will be in the Placement Office in the City Campus Union, and in the Agriculture Placement Office on East Campus. Interested students should sign up now for interviews in those offices.

In recruiting volunteers, the first thing the Peace Corps looks at is the skill the individual has to offer, Tom Lassiter, a representative from the Peace Corps Office in Kansas City, Kan., Lassiter said. Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, engineering, and math and science teaching are skills in high demand, he said.

Other things they look for in volunteers are adap-

tability, interest in the plight of the Third World and an attitude of practical idealism — somebody who wants to help change things, but is realistic about it, Gene Rigler, representative from Washington, D.C., said.

Students who qualify and enter the Peace Corps make a commitment to spend two years in another country, as well as 6 to 13 weeks of intense training, Rigler said.

"It's a mutual decision-making process," he said. "The individual decides to commit the time and the Peace Corps must make the decision to support that person for two years."

The Peace Corps experience is a helpful career step, Rigler said. It is a bonus on a resume and provides a higher level of responsibility and hands-on experience than is given in the United States for a person's first job after college.

In addition, the Peace Corps provides volunteers with living expenses, transportation, health care and a readjustment allowance upon return to the U.S.

Most requests for volunteers come from the African region, Lassiter said. Currently, the Peace Corps has 5,200 volunteers in 56 countries. The Philippines has the largest number with more than 400 volunteers.

## Democrats seek local impact

By Stacie Thomas

**Editor's Note: This is the last of a three-part series on UNL student political groups.**

The UNL Young Democrats will be working on the Democratic presidential campaign at its most important level, said the group's president.

Kent Kinzer said the grassroots level is the most important because it directly affects the people. And, Kinzer said, students can have their greatest impact at this level.

The YD will be doing telephone, precinct, and direct-mail canvassing, but only after the Democratic presidential candidate is chosen, Kinzer said. He said that YD avoids endorsing one candidate when more than one Democrat is in the field.

If the group were to endorse a presidential candidate, Kinzer said, it might not be able to decide on one. He said that YD members at UNL include a campus coordinator for Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., and campaign workers for Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and former Vice President Walter Mondale.

At the local level, Kinzer said, the 55 YD members hope to help elect state Sen. Tom Vickers to the 3rd

congressional district. He said Sen. J. James Exon located his campaign headquarters two blocks from UNL so students would be able to help.

"We will have an impact on this campaign," Kinzer said.

Exon also offers an internship at his headquarters, Kinzer said. The internship counts as college credit through UNL's political science department. The Democratic Party headquarters offers two other internships, he said.

As president of YD, Kinzer has a seat and a vote in the Democratic Central Committee, the governing body of Nebraska's Democratic Party. Kinzer said this gives YD more involvement and impact on the senior Democratic Party.

The senior party also supports the YD, Kinzer said, and allows the UNL group to have fundraisers at its functions.

The UNL Democrats were reorganized in Jan. 1982 after dying out in 1978, Kinzer said. The group holds meetings every two weeks, hosting speakers who present issues that directly affect students. The group also plans to co-sponsor a voter registration drive on campus with the UNL College Republicans, Kinzer said.

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## Cancer patient survival increases ACS reports

NEW YORK — There has been a steady increase in the rate of cancer survival in this country but the disease still kills more Americans now than it did 50 years ago, the American Cancer Society reported Tuesday. The society said the 1984 edition of its annual publication Cancer Facts and Figures "documents a steady rise in cancer survival."

"When normal life expectancy is taken into consideration (factors such as dying of heart disease, accidents or old age), 48 percent of all cancer patients will survive five years or more after diagnosis," it said in a statement accompanying the statistical report. "The nation's cancer death rate is slowly inching up," the ACS reported. The number of cancer deaths per 100,000 population was 143 in 1930, rose to 152 in 1940, climbed to 158 by 1950 and stood at 169 in 1980, it said. The society estimated there will be 450,000 cancer deaths in this country this year, "of which 148,000 could probably be avoided with the help of earlier diagnosis and treatment." The society said cigarette smoking was responsible for many of the 450,000 anticipated fatalities.

## Shultz, Congress clash on aid plan

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz verbally sparred with congressmen over aid to El Salvador Tuesday, angrily accusing Democrats of wanting to "walk away" from Central America.

The argument erupted during a meeting of a House of Representatives Appropriations subcommittee after congressmen accused the administration of failing in Lebanon and of being willing to spend unlimited sums on an unrealistic policy in El Salvador. Illinois Democrat Sidney Yates added, "The attitude of this administration is El Salvador will receive as much money as it needs from now until the future." Finally, the normally mild-mannered Shultz erupted, "I really don't understand you people. Here we have an area right next to us . . . There are problems there and what you're telling me is let's walk away," he said.

## Hart wins Vermont primary

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Gary Hart Tuesday won his third straight victory over Walter Mondale by a big margin in Vermont's non-binding primary. With 32 percent of the votes counted, Hart had 71 percent to Mondale's 19 percent. Jesse Jackson was one percent short of the 10 percent he needs to maintain his right to a share of federal campaign funds. Oliver "Pudge" Henckel, Hart's national campaign director, told Reuters, "I am absolutely overwhelmed by the results. I never thought we could take Vermont by this margin. For Vice President Mondale to say that he did not compete here flies in the face of reality," Henckel said. In a state where recreation, agriculture and tourism are the only major industries, Hart built his image as a defender of the environment. Hart's victory also was attributable to his positions as a backer of the nuclear freeze and strong environmental laws. Vermont, with 320,000 registered voters, is the state where the nuclear freeze proposal originated and its laws on pollution are among the strongest in the nation.

## Canada pledges to cut emissions

OTTAWA, Canada — A Canadian Minister Tuesday pledged to cut the industrial emissions that cause acid rain in half even though the United States has refused to embark on a joint cleanup campaign. Last month, President Reagan put off any financing of pollution control measure, a move that prompted Ottawa to send a protest note to Washington accusing the United States of shirking its treaty obligations to its neighbor. Scientists estimate that about 60 million tons of acid rain, caused mainly by factories belching smoke into the atmosphere, float across North America every year, damaging lakes, fish, forests and crops. At least half the acid rain falling in Canada comes from the United States. The pledge to cut industrial emissions over 50 percent was made Tuesday by Environmental Minister Charles Caccia after he met provincial colleagues.

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