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Cornstock will wrap up Western Week events

The Cornstock XIV concert and several Western games are the main events of Western Week, which begins April 25.

Deanna Armstrong, chairperson of the main events committee of University Program Council-East, said Western Week begins at 3 p.m. Wednesday with games at the East Campus tennis courts.

Armstrong said teams of six people will race against other teams in events such as a piggyback race, seven-legged race, bale stacking and other games.

A traveling trophy will be awarded to winners in both the men's and women's divisions. A \$5 entry fee is required and teams still can register in the UPC-Campus and Activities and Programs office on East Campus, Armstrong said.

The sights and sounds committee will sponsor the screening of Southern Comfort at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Burr Hall. Admission is \$1.50 for students and \$2.50 for non-students.

Friday's Cornstock XIV features three local bands playing from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the open grass south of the East Union.

MX, a contemporary rock band, begins the festival at 12:30 p.m., followed by "The Rave," which features a '60s sound. High Heel and the Sneekers from Omaha will complete the show. High Heel and the Sneekers also feature contemporary rock and pop music. Cornstock XIV is sponsored by the dance and Cornstock committees.

T-shirts for Cornstock can be bought next week at booths in both unions and also at the show.

Armstrong said she anticipates a crowd of 4,000 for the Friday concerts.

Off The Wire

National and international news from the Reuter News Report

Administration rejects Nicaraguan ambassador

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has rejected Nicaragua's nomination of Nora Astorga, a heroine of that country's Sandinist revolution, to be its ambassador in Washington, a senior administration official said Thursday.

Astorga, a 36-year-old lawyer, was prominent in the revolutionary army of the Sandinist National Liberation Front that overthrew the government of Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

She has admitted her role as an accomplice in the March 8, 1978, murder of Gen. Reynaldo Perez Vega, deputy commander of Somoza's National Guard.

Astorga has said the original plan was for her to invite Perez Vega to her bedroom where Sandinists were waiting to kidnap him, but the general resisted and was killed in the ensuing struggle.

The Reagan administration official refused to give specific reasons for the rejection of Astorga but said, "She's not the type of person we want here, we wouldn't send that type of person there."

Britain and Libya in standoff

LONDON — Britain and Libya were locked in a contest of wills Thursday night as police in London maintained their stakeout at the Libyan Embassy and fresh diplomatic contact brought no immediate breakthrough.

Britain is demanding to search the building and question those inside about the killing of a young policewoman in a shooting incident at the embassy Tuesday. But Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi Thursday blamed the British government for the shooting and demanded the immediate withdrawal of the police, who have kept the building surrounded ever since.

In an interview with NBC-TV, Gaddafi denied personal involvement in the shooting which also injured 10 anti-Gaddafi demonstrators. He said the Libyans in the mission had been acting on their own under police siege when they were attacked by "some Middle East people."

Leftist Salvadorans claim attack

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Leftist Salvadoran guerrillas said Thursday they had fired on two U.S. helicopters which crossed into El Salvador from Honduras Wednesday.

A U.S. Army helicopter carrying two American Senators was hit three times by gunfire close to Honduras' border with El Salvador but no one was injured in the incident, U.S. officials in Tegucigalpa said.

The rebel Radio Venceremos said in a broadcast Thursday that anti-aircraft units firing .50 caliber machine guns shot at two U.S. helicopters.

Sens. Lawton Chiles of Florida and Bennet Johnston of Louisiana, both Democrats, were flying to a Salvadoran refugee camp in Honduras close to the border with El Salvador when the two helicopters carrying their party came under fire. Only one of the helicopters was reported to have been hit and made a precautionary landing.

Most Americans support freeze

WASHINGTON — A large majority of Americans support a U.S. Soviet nuclear freeze, but a majority also think Moscow cannot be trusted to honor such a pact, according to a nationwide poll released Thursday.

The poll, financed by the Committee for the Present Danger, found that 81 percent of those surveyed favored a verifiable freeze, and 76 percent felt verification was a very important aspect of any arms control agreement.

But 71 percent said they did not think Moscow could be trusted to honor a freeze

The Committee for the Present Danger, a conservative organization formed in 1976 with Ronald Reagan as one of its founders, supports increased defense spending. A freeze motion was approved last year by the House of Representatives, which has a Democratic majority, but was defeated in the senate, which is controlled by Republicans. The poll found 30 percent of Americans backed a unilateral U.S. nuclear freeze, 55 percent thought a freeze would reduce defense spending, and 33 percent thought a freeze would reduce the chance of war.

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