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The Dow Chemical Company of Midland, Mich., has established an annual scholarship program that will benefit three College of Agriculture students at UNL this fall.

The initial \$1,500 gift, through University Foundation, will enable the college to award \$500 Dow Scholarships to three students. The chemical company asked that recipients be sophomores, Nebraska high school graduates, and be enrolled in agronomy, entomology or integrated pest management.

Go for it, Dad! Give me a hand, Mom! Families can have fun at the Willard Family Olympics Friday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Willard Community Center. Potluck dinner starts at 6:30. Children will spend the week practicing for the Friday event which will include softball throw for distance and accuracy, family relays and other not-too-serious events such as a whistling contest. Call 475-0805 for more information.

Off The Wire

National and international news from the Reuter News Report

Europeans reject moderate parties

BRUSSELS — All mainstream parties except the Socialists took an overall beating in the European Parliamentary elections, as disenchanted electors stayed home or voted for new fringe groups at both ends of the political spectrum. Many people in the 10 countries of the European Community ignored the largely powerless Strasbourg parliament to express a protest vote on purely national issues. Across the Community, as a whole, the turnout after a dull campaign was 60 percent, failing to match even the mediocre 62 percent of the 1979 election. Parliamentary sources said the low poll on Thursday and Sunday could hinder the European Parliament's quest for greater responsibility and stiffen the resistance of the Danish and British governments to granting it more power.

Highlights of the election were the electoral breakthroughs by disparate parties of right and left — the militantly anti-immigrant French National Front, and the radical ecologists of West Germany's Greens Party.

Racial bias case settled

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Air Force has agreed to a \$3.75 million settlement in a long-standing law suit charging it had discriminated against black workers at Robins Air Force Base, near Macon, Ga., the Pentagon announced Monday. Officials said this was the largest settlement made by the Air Force in a race bias complaint. The Air Force agreed with the complainants in the class-action suit to divide the money among 2,600 blacks working at the base since 1972 and to promote retroactively, with back pay, certain black employees.

But the Pentagon said the settlement did not admit any discrimination by the Air Force. It said the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia must still formally approve of the settlement. The court will also divide the settlement among the complainants.

The case was opened in 1973 when 15 black workers filed a complaint with the Air Force, alleging racial discrimination in promotions and other aspects of employment. Their complaints were merged into the class-action suit that ultimately reached the U.S. District Court.

Financial favor extended

PARIS — Paraguay, supported by the World Bank in Washington, is set to receive the first international loan incorporating a device to "cap" high world interest rates, banking sources said Monday. Under the terms of the \$15 million agricultural credit, Paraguay will automatically get longer to repay if the floating annual interest rate rises above 12 percent in the last five years. Some Latin American countries blame much of their inability to repay debts on the rise in U.S. interest rates, which govern the amount they must pay.

The sources noted that Paraguay is considered a good credit risk compared with some countries in Latin America, the region most severely affected by the debt crisis. The loan is particularly favored as it supports cattle ranching, Paraguay's biggest export industry.

Equine death investigated

PARIS, Ky. — Swale, America's top three-year-old thoroughbred, was buried in the Kentucky bluegrass country Monday as veterinary experts sought to unravel the mystery of his death. The remains were shipped here overnight from New York's Belmont Park, where the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes winner collapsed and died yesterday after a morning workout. The death of Swale, who won nearly \$1.6 million in 14 races and was considered remarkably sound, has baffled veterinarians and racing officials. It was initially thought that the colt suffered a freak heart attack, but an autopsy at Belmont on Sunday failed to pinpoint the cause of death.

Monday, specialized testing began on the colt's brain, liver and other organs at veterinary facilities in New York and at a University of Pennsylvania institute outside Philadelphia. Officials said it would take at least two weeks for the test results. Philip Gieaves, a Liverpool-born assistant to trainer Woody Stephens, said veterinarians had not ruled out foul play as a possibility, and that blood, urine and tissue samples would be tested for poisons.

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