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Non-profit group aids poor

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 In a village two hours from
 Teresina, Piaui, Brazil, chickens



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run loose in front yards and goats loiter in living rooms. The village has a centralized water well or pump serving up to 100 people and almost every home has its own outhouse — sometimes just a hole in the ground.

Elizabeth "Betty" Besal, home gardening coordinator for the UNL department of horticulture, recently returned from a two week Partners of the Americas conference in northeast Brazil, where she worked with the country's underprivileged.

"I had never been involved in Partners' planning before," Besal said. "It was good for me to get involved. It opened a new culture — new part of the world."

POTA is a private, non-profit organization designed to help underdeveloped countries. The organization pairs up committees of volunteers in North and South America to work together developing projects to aid the poor.

The first week of the workshop featured a series of talks, Besal said. The talks, held in Recife, Brazil, included presentations of nutrition, public health, agriculture and gardening programs.

"The theme was women in society," Besal said.

Through the workshop, women in low-income communities learn to care for their families. The women also were taught how to grow and preserve food at home and add to their incomes.

"Men often go to the big cities to find jobs," Besal said. "The responsibility of feeding is left to the mother until money comes." But often, there are no jobs, and likewise, no money, she said.

With the help of POTA and the Brazilian government, people are taught to help themselves.

"From where they're starting, almost anything is profitable," Besal said.

One group of women from a slum area in outer Teresina established, with help from POTA, their own laundry service. Although their business lacks laundering machines (they hand-wash) their business is thriving, Besal said.

Lack of adequate housing is another problem for the underdeveloped countries.

"The government is trying to get around that," Besal said.

In some cases, the Brazilian government provides people with the materials needed to build a home.

"Though a home may only be 9 feet by 9 feet for a family with six children, that's something," Besal said. "They (the homes) are not all cardboard boxes."

During the second week of the workshop, Besal went to Piaui, Brazil — Nebraska's sister state. She spent time in the community observing living conditions, she said. Besal also helped Piaui's volunteers workplace organize projects. Together they pondered, "how could these projects become reality?" Besal said.

According to Besal, the trip was exciting and educational.

"I met so many interesting people while I was there," she said.

There will be a POTA general membership meeting Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

"If anyone is interested, they're welcome to attend," Besal said. Location will be announced.

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Police Report

UNL police located a cassette recorder that was reported stolen from the Military and Naval Science Building Sept. 7.

A follow-up investigation showed that the recorder reportedly was found by a staff member and put in lost-and-found.

The following incidents were reported to the UNL police between 3:41 a.m. and 11:38 p.m. Monday.

3:41 a.m. — Medical emergency reported at Pound Hall. Person was taken to the hospital.

8:42 a.m. — Fire alarm reported sounding at the department of home economics on East Campus.

9 a.m. — Medical emergency reported at Andrews Hall. Person was taken to the hospital.

10:33 a.m. — Belated report of camera equipment allegedly stolen from Selleck Quadrangle. The theft reportedly occurred last month.

1:39 p.m. — Cassette recorder reported returned to owner. The recorder was reported stolen from the Military and Naval Science Building Sept. 7.

1:59 p.m. — Car reported vandalized in Parking Area 3 near Harper-Schramm-Smith residence halls.

2:05 p.m. — Stereo equipment reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 6 near Burr Hall on East Campus.

3:06 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported near the College of Law on East Campus.

4:08 p.m. — Billfold reported stolen from Nebraska Hall.

4:25 p.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 1 at 17th and R streets.

10:21 p.m. — Bike reported stolen near Ferguson Hall.

11:38 p.m. — Report of possible trespassing at Bessey Hall. People were gone when police arrived.

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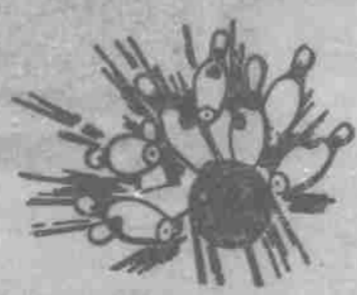
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 - University . . . Wednesday . . . 7:30
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