

Psst!...superstition is alive and well at NU

by Larry Eckholt
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Students aren't superstitious — not in public.
"But I won't use your name."
With that, students unleash a barrage of superstitions, ideosyn-

crasies or irrational behaviors that make one think the University caters to a bunch of nuts.
Oh, most aren't worried about black cats or ladders or spilled salt. But many confess they, too, are surprised at the things they do.

Actors, and others connected with the theatre have their own superstitions associated with performance night. Those backstage during tonight's presentation of "The Hostage" at Howell Theatre could hear the phrase "break a leg" waiting throughout the make-up room, but they probably won't hear whistling.

Josepy Yrb, a mechanical engineering student from Hong Kong, said that if something happened that appeared to be illogical he attempts to find out why it happened. That way it doesn't become superstitious for him.

There are some who fabricate stories for sensational effect.
One man said he just followed "folksy" superstitions, (like "never attack a girl whose boyfriend is a football player") instead of the normal witchcraft genre.

But many people are extremely serious about certain beliefs they hold. And they don't care if their names are used.
Rick Mann is a chemical engineer and he believes in the theory of "good vibrations."
"I TRULY BELIEVE that one can tell if a stranger he meets will be compatible by the 'vibrations' he transmits," he said.
In the past, he said it was called intuition, or "just a funny feeling," but the theory now contends that people give off sound waves not related to speech.
Mike Semrod, a business major, and George Bryan, a speech and English major, openly admit that the number 84 has special meaning for them.



ONE COED SAID that, because of her background of "Old World beliefs," she occasionally resorts to an old custom, bowing seven times before a new moon in order to get her wish.

"I generally do this before finals," she said with a serious tone in her voice. "But, please don't use my name."

A speech student told of refusing to wear a particular dress if it had brought bad luck in the past.

"For heaven's sake, don't let my husband find out," she confided. "He may misinterpret my intentions."

A speech major explained that "break a leg" is a traditional good-luck wish in the world of the theatre, while whistling is supposed to bring bad luck to the performers.

ONE COED revealed that she sleeps with a pillow over her head, "probably because I am afraid of the dark."

Many people flatly deny having any such habits.

"I am just not superstitious about anything," Anita Lockhart, a senior in English, said.

They both were members of the 4th class to graduate from Fremont High School. They were involved in an accident on a particular road — Highway 84. Also, the numbers 8 and 4 reappear on license plates, account numbers and in other ways that have confirmed some sort of pattern.

But these students aren't a bunch of nuts. They are studious, serious, convinced . . . and some are very secretive.

Just look at that happy mother, taking her baby for a walk. Sure is a strange black baby carriage.

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Bryan also reads his horoscope regularly and is "sympathetic to the use of black magic."



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New party focus aims at alienated

By Julie Morris
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The national Peace and Freedom Movement, child of early anti-Vietnam sentiment, has arrived in Nebraska as a podium for the alienated.

Four of the seven members of the Nebraska Peace and Freedom Party are University students, but the focus of party activity is not on the campus.

Steering committee chairman Dave Sallach, a University sociology graduate student, said the party was organized too late to place candidates on November's ballot, but that it is a political party, not a drop out society.

"BASICALLY WHAT we're committed to in Nebraska is building a viable political movement," he said.

"The party accepts the electoral process as a legitimate action," Sallach said. "We see electoral politics as being one kind of force. Given the unresponsiveness of the political system now we can use the electoral system to organize around."

The party's first project is a write-in campaign to elect black Omahan Ernie Chambers to the Omaha School Board.

Chambers ran in the school board primary in May, but finished 13th, one short of qualifying for candidacy in the general election.

Sallach said the campaign is community-wide, and will not be limited to black Omaha.

THE PARTY held an organizing convention Aug. 24 in Omaha's Fontanelle Park that drew 300 people, he added.

A second convention to elect permanent officers will be held Sept. 29 in Lincoln. A place has not been set, but it may be on the University campus, Sallach said.

Sallach said the Peace and Freedom Party has supporters in the black communities in Lincoln and Omaha, on most of the college campuses in the state and among some farmers, but he would not name a probable strength in numbers.

Tom McCarthy, a field organizer for the National Peace and Freedom Movement spent the summer working in the state. McCarthy, from San Francisco, works with the national Peace and Freedom Office in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Peace and Freedom partisans who met in convention in Ann Arbor in August nominated Eldrige Cleaver for President, but left a vice presidential choice to the individual states.

Two University students, Dave Bunnell and John Hughes have announced an organizational meeting of Nebraska Students for Peace and Freedom that will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Hughes was president of the failing Students for a Democratic Society last year.

THE CAMPUS organization is planned as an affiliate of the state party and will work jointly with it, Bunnell said.

Sallach said he hopes to find campus people who will work on the Chambers campaign. An open campaign planning meeting for Chambers will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at 3001 S. St.

THE OTHER members of the Peace and Freedom steering committee are, Thane Croston, University student, Dave Bunnell, University student, Cheryl Van Riper, University student, David Davies, University of Chicago student, Omaha native James Grigsby, minister of information for the Omaha Black Panthers, and Tom Windham, a Lincoln man.



'Leaf' our campus trees alone?

Group plants protection in bloomin' petition drive

by John Dvorak
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Concerned students are going out on a limb attempting to prevent the "rape" of one of the last shaded, grassy havens on campus.

Some of the trees will be destroyed when construction begins early next week on the Sculpture Gardens, according to Kent Abraham an architecture student.

A large number of architecture, art and music students are

disenchanted with the idea of removing the trees. Abrahams said Thursday.

THE AREA, lying between Architecture Hall, Sheldon Art Gallery, and the Music Building, is one of the last havens of grass, trees and natural beauty, Abrahams continued.

Students can be seen lounging in the area, studying or eating lunch. Art students spend a lot of time

in the area on assignments. Even classes are occasionally conducted under the shade of trees that may be gone in less than a week, Abrahams said.

As of Thursday evening, the opposition was mostly unorganized.

Before and after Saturday's football game, however, an easel will be placed in the area explaining what is going to happen.

Passers-by will be asked to sign a petition opposing the tree removal, according to Glenn Nees, another concerned student and an ASUN senator from the college of Engineering and Architecture.

If all other measures fail, Nees said that students will gather in rings around the trees, thus preventing anyone from removing the trees.

There are enough concerned architecture students alone to physically prevent removal of the trees, Nees said Thursday afternoon.



Protest planned with candles

G.I. police chief expects no trouble

University students and members of the Lincoln Committee of one thousand are planning a candlelight protest of the Nebraska American Independent Party convention in Grand Island Saturday night.

The organizers expect about 100 people to join them in a memorial

ceremony to "slain freedom fighters." The ceremony will be held in front of the downtown Holiday Inn convention site.

FORMER ALABAMA Gov. George Wallace, the party's probable nominee for president, is not expected to attend the convention. Wallace was booed by 200 to 300 college and high school students and clergy at the party's organizational convention in Omaha last March.

The convention and accompanying violence touched off two nights of unrest in Omaha's northside.

Grand Island Police Chief Michael Gephart said he has made no extra security arrangements for the convention. He said he had not heard about the memorial service.

"To tell you the truth," Gephart said, "I didn't think I'd need anybody extra since Wallace isn't coming."

John Dietz, chief student organizer of the protest, said a group of Grand Island citizens who sponsored a memorial march for Martin Luther King last spring will take part in the Saturday memorial.

Dietz said the Rev. Velton Randall of Lincoln's Quinn Chapel AME, 1225 S. 9th St., will lead a short prayer service.

University students who will participate in the memorial will meet at 5 p.m. on the 15th St. Mall between Q and R Sts. The convention begins at 8 p.m.

Clause objectionable Anti-prejudice rule reduces off-campus housing list

by Jim Evinger
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The University approved off-campus housing list has been "reduced substantially" because of a new anti-discrimination policy, according to Housing Director Edward Bryan.

Beginning at the start of the past summer, all approved landlords were required to sign a statement agreeing to new regulations.

Many landlords took it "almost like a slap in the face," he said.

"Some landlords, especially those with whom we have had excellent working relations, felt we violated a trust," Bryan said.

In Bryan's opinion, the statements have not helped University-community relations at all. "We are not real sure if we have helped the students either," he said.

The statements were mailed to all approved landlords early in the summer, Bryan continued. Early in August, the housing department had received only about one in four back, he said.

ANOTHER LETTER was then

sent to landlords re-explaining the situation, according to Bryan. The second letter stated that the landlords would lose their approved listing if they did not sign the statement.

Bryan estimated that about 40 per cent of the landlords had returned the signed statements. Those who did not return the letter were removed from the approved list.

Response from landlords, even those who did sign the statement, has been negative, Bryan declared.

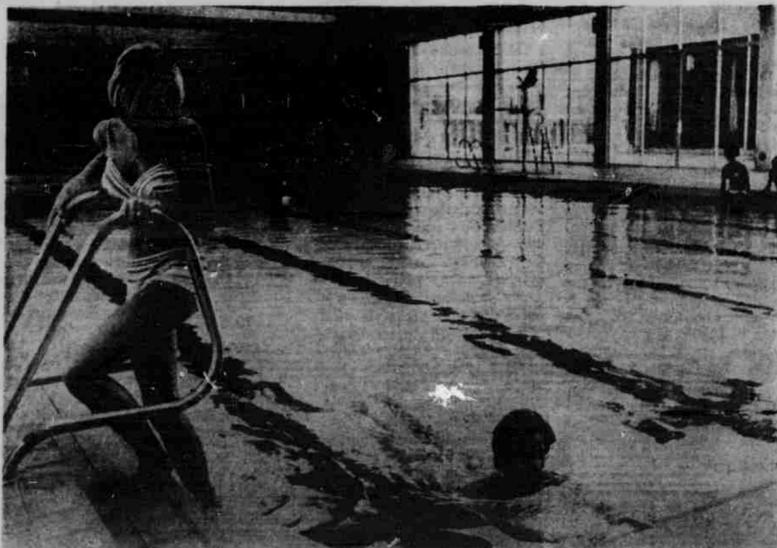
To be approved, landlords must agree to the following regulations.

—That they will rent to all students and members of the University community regardless of religion, race or national origin.

—That the facilities meet and are maintained in accordance with minimum standards as established by the University of Nebraska code.

—That the facilities will be opened for inspection for officers of the University.

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Suit Yourself

Facilities for showering and dressing at the new Abel-Sandoz swimming pool are currently being designed. Sophomore Carol Moseman, Oakland, Neb., (foreground) is one of first swimming suit-wearers in the pool, designed for use by 100 people at capacity.