They shoot card players, ... shouldn't they?

by MARSHA BANGERT Nebraskan Staff Writer

Neither food nor sleep nor threat of class has halted 30 Cather-Pound residents from playing out their hearts.

These students are attempting to establish a world record of 144 consecutive hours of card playing, according to Bernard L. Birkel, one of the organizers.

The game chosen? "Hearts, because it's not boring," he said.

WHILE THE three decks of cards are becoming worn, the four players and Birkel were increasingly optimistic as the game neared the 124th hour

"There have been many doubters that we could establish the record," Birkel said. "Even the players had doubts until the 72nd hour. Since then it's been all downhill."

The game started last Friday noon and will conclude Thursday noon, according to Birkel. All players have come from sixth floors of Pound and Cather residence halls.

"The idea to set a world record started out as a joke," he commented. "Then somebody said, why not?"

NO ONE has set a card marathon record according to Guiness Book of Records, a player reported.

In the 123rd hour, a card had been played every 7.41 seconds according to Birkel's figures. He noted that this is a slowdown from the 6.11 seconds figured in the 108th round.

"We're not trying to set any speed record," Birkel said. "We just want to play consistantly."

Individual records are held by Bette Rubin who has played the greatest total number of hours — 51. Julie Hrabak holds the current record for the most consecutive hours played, slapping down cards for 16 hours.

"When we establish the record," Birkel remarked, "We will have shown what can be done with organization, desire and sacrifice."

It's getting to be a habit

For the second time this semester the ASUN Senate Wednesday could not conduct any business because of a lack of a quorum.

Last Wednesday the student Senate did not have a quorum for a special session scheduled to consider the rules for the Aprill 22 ASUN elections.

The special session last week was postponed to Thursday. However, the Thursday session did not have a quorum and ASUN First Vice President Diane Theisen accepted votes by proxy and by telephone to pass the election rules.

Freshman gets \$1000 scholarship

A University freshman from Holdrege, Scott Pettis, has been awarded a four-year, \$1000-per year scholarship by the Associated General Contractors of America.

Pettis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pettis of Holdrege, is studying construction science at the University of Nebraska. He was one of six students receiving a similar scholarship.

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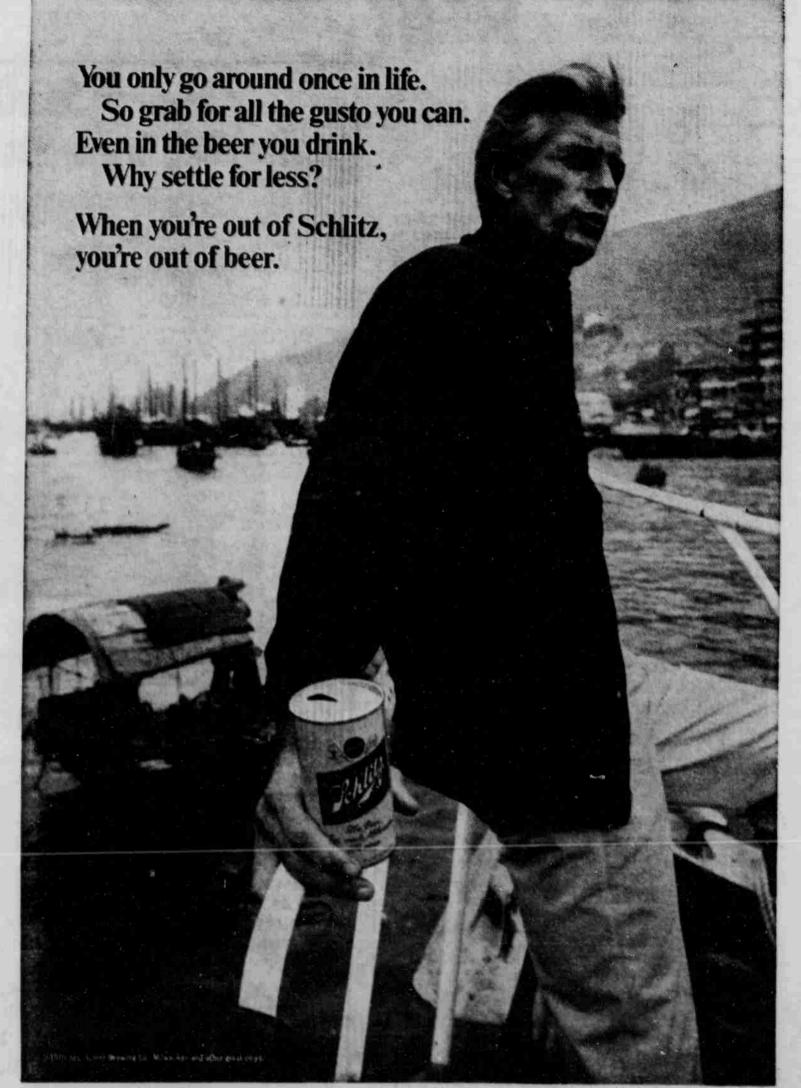
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