

# Don't kick sand in visiting professor's face!



Photo by Kevin Higley  
Wieslaw Szydlowski, once the second strongest man in Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union, is at UNL as a visiting professor.

By Sandy Mohr

The second strongest man in Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union in 1969 is teaching at UNL this semester.

Wieslaw Szydlowski, a visiting professor of mechanical engineering from Poland, competed in 1969 in a contest comparable to Mr. America. He placed one-half point behind the winner.

Body building has been "very popular" in Poland for the last 20 years, Szydlowski said. Because the sport originated in the United States, he said it took a while to catch on in Poland.

"They (Polish people) don't like any kind of sport that comes from the West," he said.

A good physique and strength are only part of body building, though. Szydlowski said men participating in body building also are encouraged to build their brain power.

In Poland, Szydlowski belongs to a Hercules Club for body building. Young men in the club, he said, are urged to attend school.

### More respect

Men join the club, which has about 500 members, "to have more respect in their circle," he said. More men want to join than the club can accommodate, he added.

About two years after body building became popular in Poland, Szydlowski said, the sport gained popularity in

the Soviet Union. It was publicized as a Polish sport there, he added.

Not everyone in Poland likes body building, though. Szydlowski said about half of the people respect the sport, but half "laugh at those men that tense their muscles in front of an audience."

He said it takes five or six years to build muscles in the body well enough to compete in the body building championship.

If the sport became more popular, Szydlowski said, he thinks it might receive more money from the Polish government, which subsidizes all sports with money from a national lottery called toto-lotek.

### No cash awards

The winner of the annual body building championship between Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union gains some national recognition, but, Szydlowski said, no cash awards are given. Instead, winners receive trophies, he said.

After taking second place in the contest, Szydlowski said, he decided he was too old to participate in the contest again. Szydlowski, 38, was 31 then.

At UNL, where he is teaching this semester while mechanical engineering Prof. Joseph Baumgarten is teaching at the Technical University of Warsaw, Szydlowski works out three times a week for an hour and a half at the Memorial Stadium.

## Convocation to focus on rural health

In an attempt to start annual rural health conferences, the Helen Becker Memorial Convocation on Rural Health is scheduled for April 22.

Leon Rottmann, UNL extension specialist and associ-

ate professor for human development and family, said he hopes the convocation will be the start of annual rural health conferences in Nebraska.

"The key behind an annual convention would be to better plan for the years ahead as far as rural health and medicine in Nebraska are concerned," Rottmann said.

Robert Sparks, chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), will be the convocation speaker. Musical selections performed by School of Music members and a remembrance of Helen Becker are included in the program.

The convocation was named in Becker's honor, because she pioneered in rural health and health education, Rottmann said.

Becker, a UNL health education professor for 20 years, was active in extension health education with organizations such as the American Heart Association. She retired from teaching in 1971 and died in 1975.

The convocation is sponsored by the College of Home Economics, the Cooperative Extension Service, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Nebraska Center for Health Education and the University of Nebraska Foundation.

John C. Woodward, associate dean of the College of Home Economics, will be convocation host, and members of Eta Sigma Gamma, health science honorary, will be ushers.

The event starts at 2 p.m. in the Home Economics Bldg., 35th St. at Center Dr.

## bernstein | Idiom plays strange tricks on words | with uncoupling of 'couple'

By Theodore M. Bernstein

Sometimes coupled, sometimes uncoupled. A strange characteristic of the word couple is that in some contexts it has the word of latched onto it and in other contexts it does not. For instance, it is considered substandard usage to say, "Let's have a couple drinks"; the word of is required after couple. That is odd because the of is not required after some similar terms such as "a dozen" or "a few" or "many."

On the other hand, the word of is omitted after couple when an adjective of degree is introduced. We don't say, "Let's have a couple of more drinks" or "No, we've had a couple of too many drinks already." Either idiom has played strange and unexplainable tricks with couple or we have had a couple too many drinks at this writing.

Legalese. An aversion to pompous legal phrases is expressed in a letter from, of all people, a lawyer in Philadelphia. Phrases that he particularly dislikes are such ones as "the above-mentioned incident" or "the above-cited opinion" or "the following-listed authorities." Sometimes such phrases are necessary in legal documents, but most times the more natural constructions, such as "the incident mentioned earlier," will make for more comfortable reading. The letter writer, who offers guidance about writing to younger lawyers, tells them that

the fact that they are lawyers does not mean they cannot use good, natural English. The guidance could hardly be better.

Silly light verse. And the man who would be the first to admit that it is silly, we'll bet, is Leo G. Staley of Columbus, Ohio, who wrote it. Here is is:  
Said the horse, "I will not draw your sleigh.  
Your commands I'll no longer obeigh.  
Preigh, heed what I seigh.  
Or aweigh I meigh streigh.  
'Tis too leight in the deigh for horsepleigh!"  
For that verse that is seigh we should out, "hooreigh!"

Re the prefix re-. A bunch of Scrabble players in Texas are bothered when the prefix re- may be hitched to a word. Dorothy Tedder of Burkeville, Texas, writes to ask whether there are rules about which verbs may be preceded by re-. Apparently the question came up when someone coined the word regaze.

There seem to be no rules governing the use of the prefix and the nearest approach to a rule is the observation that the prefix is of Latin origin and therefore is most commonly attached to words of Latin derivation or to words from the Romance languages, which derive from Latin. But just to complicate matters, the prefix sometimes is hooked on to loan words that are not of Latin origin. However, gaze is believed to be of Nordic origin and does not seem to be in that class. Perhaps the best rule that can be laid down is to look up the word in the nearest unabridged dictionary.

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## Oral surgeon to speak

A nationally-known dental educator and oral surgeon who toured with the medical missionary ship S.S. Hope will speak today at the first annual Roger Zwetzig memorial lecture at the NU Dental College.

Roger Swetzig, who would have been a senior dental student at NU this year, died of leukemia in 1974.

Dr. Daniel Waite will lecture 10:30 a.m. at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets, to students and faculty members on the "Sanctity of Life."

Advanced dental students and faculty members will hear a lecture at 1:30 p.m.

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## Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan that \$2.3 million of the \$2.5 million in student fees is distributed by the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) to organizations such as the YWCA and Teachers College Advisory Board.

FAB Chairman Don Wesely said that \$2.3 million goes to student affairs agencies such as the University Health Center, the Nebraska Union and the Recreation Dept. The YWCA receives part of the \$200,000 which FAB allocates to other student organizations such as the Union Program Council and the Cultural Affairs Committee, he said. The Teachers College Advisory Board will receive no student fees this year, he said.

Wesely also said that 44, not 48, organizations requested student fees last year.

FAB members do disagree on how student fees should be allocated, he said. However, he said, he does not recommend giving student organizations the amount they ask, as the story reported.

Instead, he said, he recommends that students, through FAB, have a prominent voice in deciding fees allocations based on an organization's need. Some FAB members, he said, think it is the administration's responsibility to decide how student fees are distributed.

Wesely also said he is disappointed that FAB does not get more student input and participation.

"The people from Land & Sky came in the evening to set up our waterbed, which is convenient for us. You get so used to sleeping on it, you don't want to sleep anywhere else."  
Loretta Kelly, Lincoln  
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