



Python needs good home, but inquire very carefully

By Mike Patten

The name of her water dish is Dog, but don't let that fool you.

She is a seven-foot Burmese python snake that still is growing. She also is for sale.

Her owner, former UNL student Dan Masters, placed an ad in the *Daily Nebraskan* last week, but he said the response has not been great.

Persons who respond are curious, but don't want to own a 2-year-old snake, he said.

One of the reasons they might be turned off by the snake could be because the snake is hungry. She hasn't been fed for about a month.

Master's wife, Charlene, said they feed the snake five or six large rats a month. The snake also eats hamsters, gerbils and rabbits.

Another reason that might deter someone from buying her is her ill health. She caught pneumonia in the cold plane in which she flew to the U.S.

Because of this, her breathing sounds like hissing.

The Masters are selling the snake to make room for their baby. The snake's room will be turned into a nursery unless

the Masters can move into a three-bedroom house.

Mrs. Masters said she wouldn't allow the baby to stay in the same room with the snake.

Masters said the snake has a personality different from their friends' snakes.

Getting her to take a bath is no problem. Mrs. Masters said the snake enjoys bathing. The Masters use the bathtub to scrub the reptile.

The snake is nervous around strangers, but after she gets to know people, she is friendly. She slithers to the front of her cage when someone she knows enters her room.

Masters said there have been recorded instances of grown people found inside Burmese pythons. A full-grown leopard also was found inside one, he added.

The snake's cousins in India have been known to live outside cities and come into town after dark to kill a dog for supper.

The apartment complex where the Masters live doesn't allow pets, but who is going to tell her she has to go? Masters said they live next door to the building's assistant manager, who has two pet dogs, so he said he doesn't think he can tell her to go.

Organization stresses friendship between cultures

By Maxine Kubicek

Helping students learn from each other is the most important function of International Club, said president Barb Kim.

"International Club is the unifying body for all the international student organizations at UNL," the senior criminal justice major said. More than 600 foreign students are enrolled at UNL and represent 79 countries, she said.

The individual foreign student groups direct activities toward their particular group, Kim said. International Club tries to include all students, American and foreign.

"Without International Club there would be no interrelation between the various organizations and with the American students," said Lorentz Lam, Chinese Student Association president.

Lam said learning the American culture is as important as academic education. Foreign students may face problems in making friends, he said and International Club

tries to help ease this difficulty.

A different language

"It is hard for a foreign student to find a friend to talk with in his own language," he said. "Even though students usually learn English in their own countries, it's almost a different language here." Students without cars also may have trouble with transportation, he said.

Nebraska is a big change for students who come from crowded countries, Kim said. She said a foreign student once told her, "I get so tired here because you have to walk. At home you're just kind of pushed along." Lam, a Hong Kong, native, compared the density of the population there to a football Saturday at UNL.

Participation in International Club is open to any student, Kim said, and the club welcomes American students. The club has a good response of membership, but would like to see more American students involved.

Personal level

"Most foreign students would like to get to know

American students on a more personal level, not just in the classroom situation," Kim said. Students are more likely to express themselves in formal situations than in the classrooms, she said.

Activities to involve students in International Club are always going on, Kim said. The primary activities are the International Night, which was Nov. 6.

Individual foreign student organizations were asked to participate in the event, which included Arab singing and dancing, Chinese folk singing, Indian and Japanese dances and a Kung Fu demonstration by Vietnamese students. Both the banquet and International Night draw a good response from the community, Kim said.

The club is sponsoring an International Sports Olympics through Nov. 14 and Nov. 19 through 21 in the Women's Physical Education Bldg., Kim said. Although the deadline for entry has passed, spectators are welcome at the olympics, which will include competition in table tennis, volleyball, bowling and basketball.

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