

# Houston has more than football

By Larry Lutz

Nebraska migrants, who annually, follow the Cornhusker football team to warmer climates, will be breaking into new territory this year when they go to Houston for the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl. The city, sixth largest in the United States, will host Nebraska fans for the first time, focusing around the game with Texas Tech University Dec. 31.

Although the game will be the biggest attraction for many fans, it is not all Houston has to offer. Located 861 miles almost straight south of Lincoln, the former capital of Texas covers nearly 510 square miles.

Within the boundaries of the city are a variety of cultural and historic sights that should appeal to Nebraska Plains dwellers.

The Astrodome, sight of the bowl game, is termed one of the eight architectural wonders of the world. It has a seating capacity of 60,000 and is the world's first fully enclosed athletic stadium for baseball or football.

## Schedules listed for UNL libraries

The schedules for Love and C. Y. Thompson Libraries for the rest of the month are:

- Dec. 5 to 16—7:30 a.m. to midnight.
- Dec. 17—7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 18—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 19—1:30 p.m. to midnight.
- Dec. 20 to 22—7:30 a.m. to midnight.
- Dec. 23—7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 24 to 27—Closed.
- Dec. 28 to 30—7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 31 to Jan. 3—Closed.

# Nebraskan positions announced

Rex Selene will be news editor and Pete Mason will be managing editor for the *Daily Nebraskan* next semester, newly-appointed Editor-in-Chief Sandy Mohr announced.

Ron Ruggless and Larry Lutz complete the senior editorial team as associate news editors, Mohr said.

Selene, a junior journalism major from Omaha, has been a *Daily Nebraskan* associate news editor for two semesters and served this fall as managing editor of *First Down*, the football program. He was a *Daily Nebraskan* reporter for three semesters before becoming an associate news editor.

Mason is a senior journalism major from Yarmouth, Maine. He has been a copy editor at the *Daily Nebraskan* for two semesters and is a fiction and layout editor for *Alicorn*, the UNL undergraduate literary magazine.

Ruggless, a junior journalism major from Atkinson, has been associate news editor for a semester. He has also been a reporter and copy editor. He won a William Randolph Hearst spot news reporting award last spring.

# Foreign students aided by course

By Mary Jo Pitzl

A UNL course is helping foreign students ease the transition to living in the United States, said Ed Nemeth, associate professor of history and philosophy of education.

The course, a special section of Introduction to Modern Education 131, is one of the few of its kind in the country, according to Peter Levitov, coordinator of International Educational Services.

Cultural shock is natural and affects all foreign students as they try to adjust to the American way of life, Nemeth explained. The class gives foreign students at UNL a chance "to get a grasp" on America, he said.

Nemeth stressed that 131 is not an indoctrination course, although "85 per cent of the students have been in the U.S. about two weeks before taking this course."

### Pilot course

The course has been offered as a pilot this semester through the Extension Division. It will be incorporated into the regular curriculum of the History and Philosophy of Education Dept. next fall, Nemeth said.

Response to the course has been favorable, he said. About 25 students from a variety of foreign backgrounds are enrolled.

Lectures, field trips, and "learn by doing" projects are used in course instruction, he said.

A lecture series on cultural life in the United States has brought guest speakers from various UNL departments and Lincoln to Nemeth's class. Topics include religion, art, music, education and social structure in America, Nemeth said.

He said he plans to add a formal lecture on politics, but "I didn't feel equipped to handle it" for this semester.

### Cultural adjustment

"We've talked a lot about cultural adjustment," Nemeth said. "Cultural shock is a major concern. We hit on this right in the beginning."

He said he is able to give the students in his class a time span when the shock effect will hit them.

Field trips, such as one to the state fair, were conducted to help students adjust.

The course uses assignments and quizzes and many of the lectures and technical instructions presented in class have been videotaped for student review, Nemeth said.

No texts are used in the course. Nemeth explained that

It is located on a 60-acre complex called Astroworld, which also contains an amusement park, which is closed until April.

The average Houston daytime temperature during this time of year is 50 degrees. Daily sunshine is almost guaranteed by the National Weather Service.

Houston is 41 feet above sea level and 50 miles from beaches on the Gulf of Mexico. The city is connected to the Gulf by the inland Ship Channel and is served by the Port of Houston, third largest in the United States.

Tour boats are available for excursions on the channel. The boats accommodate about 100 passengers. Some commercial companies offer deep sea excursions.

Two of Houston's popular tourist attractions, however, are easy on the budget. The Astrodome conducts public tours daily for \$2. Hours begin at 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m.

Another attraction, free of charge, is the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, 25 miles southeast of Houston. The center is home for NASA's manned space craft operations and is open seven days a week to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other historical interests include the San Jacinto Battleground, a 460-acre park on Houston's channel, the Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation 70 miles outside of Houston, and a regional history museum and the battleship Texas.

Cultural attractions include the Houston Symphony Orchestra, 25 major art institutes, fine and contemporary arts museums, botanical gardens, an arboretum and a zoo.

Other attractions include an 18-year-old drinking age, bars with nude dancers, Las Vegas-type entertainment reviews and numerous theaters and restaurants.

The Busch Bird Gardens, featuring a free tour of the brewery and tropical birds in a natural environment, and the Sea Arama Marine World offer other diversions for the tourists.

for breaking the story of the selection of Roy Young as UNL chancellor.

Lutz has been a *Daily Nebraskan* reporter for two semesters. He is a senior journalism major from Lincoln.

Mohr also announced that Terri Willson, a senior journalism major from Lincoln, will be editor of *Third Dimension*. Willson also was a *Daily Nebraskan* reporter for two semesters.

Sharon Armstrong, a senior journalism major from Omaha, will be night news editor, Mohr said. Armstrong has been a *Daily Nebraskan* reporter for one semester.

Applications for sports, entertainment and layout editors for next semester are due today. Reporters, copy editors, columnists, photographers, artists and book reviewers must apply by Thursday.

Applications are available and must be turned in at the *Daily Nebraskan* office, Nebraska Union 34.

Mohr said applicants should sign up for an interview time when they apply and bring samples of their work to the interview.

the reading material has been handouts rewritten in simplified English.

The special section of 131 is financed from the budget of the History and Philosophy of Education Dept., Nemeth said.

Computers have also been used several ways for the class, he said.

### Diet check

One computer program available to the foreign students runs a diet check. Students enter information about their diet on a terminal and receive a printout with the nutritional value of their meals, he said.

Another computer program develops the students' colloquial vocabulary by teaching slang. The program gives the students "a feel for this stuff," Nemeth said, so they won't have a fear of slang when it appears.

Foreign students attending UNL must meet a minimum English requirement, "which usually is very minimal," Nemeth said. Formal English courses are included within their class schedules.

Students in 131 are graded for their work, Nemeth said.

"I try to give them a little bit of every teaching method I know," he said, so students can adapt to the various teaching techniques they will encounter in their classes.



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