Sailing enthusiast seeks crew for world-wide cruise

By Anne Carothers

Twenty young people from across the United States have the chance to make a 49-year-old man's dream come true.

Phil Beach says he has been dreaming of sailing around the world since he started sailing ten years ago. He now has arranged to get a boat for the cruise, has sold his \$250,000 home in Florida and is waiting for applications for crew members.

Applicants do not necessarily have to be experienced sailors to apply, Beach, a real estate investor in Orlando, Fla., said. He said he was looking for people with good character traits, such as being level-headed, reasonably intelligent and able to take instructions well.

Beach said he is looking for people with "a real drive to take a trip of this kind." He said crew members really have to want to sail around the world because "there is hardship on the water. It gets cold and you begin wonder if you really want to be out there or not."

The crew will said a \$400,000 155-foot schooner. Beach said he is not able to release the name of the boat since it is being provided by a corporation and won't sign the contract until he gets his crew.

Sleeps 24 people

The boat sleeps 24 people comfortably and some of the cabins are air conditioned, he said.

Beach said it is unusual to sail a boat of this size around the world but that there are 50 to 60 groups per year which sail much smaller boats around the world.

Beach said he picked a larger boat because he wanted conveniences, such as radar. He also wanted other people with him so he would be obligated to finish the trip.

"There are a lot of places we will be stopping at that you would like to stop and stay forever," Beach said. If he has other people on board, he will feel obligated to go on, he said.

Beach plans to leave Florida in November and from there sail to the West Indies; through the Panama Canal, to several Polynesian Islands, Australia, Micronesia, several Indian Ocean ports, Seychelles Islands, Cape Town, South America; Rio di Janeiro, the upper South American coast and the Windward and Leeward Islands.

The total trip, called World Span I, will include 60 ports and will take about two years, Beach said.

Some will drop

Although Beach plans to spend two years sailing around the world, he said he does not expect all the crew to stay on two years. Some people will drop out at various ports and he will gain others from other parts of the world.

Beach said he has made contact through letters with people from around the world that are interested in the

He and his wife were world travelers before they took up sailing. Beach's wife, Irene, will be taking the trip with him. A registered nurse, she will serve as the crew's medical officer, he said.

Although he said he is not setting any age limit for crew members, Beach expects most of the crew to be between 20 and 30. He added that he also is not setting any male-female quotas, although he expects the ratio will be about half and half.

Beach said he anticipates receiving nearly 300 applications. Of those 300, he will approve 40 crew members.

"A couple of months before the cruise people will drop out for one reason or another and we will be lucky if we have 20 people left," he said.

The crew will pay room and board only, which will be approximately \$150 to \$200.

Beach said the cruise's purpose will be to show the boat at various ports in the world since the trip is being partially sponsored by the Ocean Sailing Society. The Ocean Sailing Society is dedicated to the preservation and use of large sail boats, Beach said.

Arts center, improved storm sewers get Chamber of Commerce's approval

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted Wednesday to support bond issues for both the proposed Civic Center and improved storm sewers.

Lincoln voters will cast their ballots on the two issues

Nov. 8. The \$7 million Civic Center Bond will pay for a performing arts center to be built connecting the old City Hall and old Federal building at 10th and O Streets.

The bond issue for new storm sewers is \$6.8 million. The board's president-elect, Dick White, said some board members wanted to support one of the issues but not both. The majority of the board voted for both because "both are in the interest of the entire community," he said.

The board also voted to support a reorganization of

City buses now ru

City buses now run Monday and Thursday evening only. The proposed consolidation of routes would not change the service to the main city campus stop at 12th and Q Streets.

Routes serving East Campus would be consolidated.

Buses would leave from University Place, returning through Bethany Place. The two areas now are served by separate routes.

The route consolidations are being recommended by

the city transportation department to save money on the evening routes.

White said although the bus service is one where an operating loss is acceptable, the "consolidation will give reasonable quality service but will cut down the deficit in coming years."

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The Distributive Education Club of America will sell red and white pompoms before the Nebraska-Colorado football game to support "Buff the Buffaloes" Day. The pompoms are 50 cents and will be sold at various locations on campus.

Undergraduate applications for the Life Sciences tee are still available. The committee is composed of three graduate students and two undergraduate Life Sciences majors. Applications should be submitted by Nov. 1.

Student Advisory Commit-

The UNL French Club will meet today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Brannigan's, 1228 P St., basement level.

The Older Students Mixer, designed to bring the older, non-traditional students together, will meet at 7:30 p.m. at UMHE Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St.

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However, his main reason for taking the trip, Beach said, is the sense of accomplishment it will give him and the chance to say he has sailed around the world.



