

Cornstock, Daredevils weather stormy negotiations

By Deb Emery

Although forecast rain moved Cornstock 8 inside to the Sports Complex, the concert went off as scheduled despite its stormy beginnings, according to Tom Warner, staff member for the East Union Program Council (EUCP).

The first snag came when the Ozark Mountain Daredevils, the lead band for the event, received their contract late due to "unforeseen delays" and then would not sign the contract as it was, Warner said.

The contract, Warner said, stipulated that the Daredevils would not be paid if an act of god, (a rainstorm) caused the concert's cancellation.

Warner said this meant the Daredevils would lose money on any traveling expenses if the concert was canceled.

However, Warner said, state law forbids paying state money, which student fees are included in for any services not rendered. Therefore, he said, "Wednesday afternoon we had to decide whether to have the concert or not."

Jim Wolf, EUCP Dances and Concerts committee chairman, said EUCP contacted Jim Ross, Sports Complex manager, about having the concert inside in case of rain and Wolf said Ross agreed to the concert.

After Ross agreed, Wolf said the concert was still on with the Daredevils since they would now be guaranteed money in event of rain.

The decision to hold the concert indoors was made on Thursday by Warner and himself, Wolf said, since, "the weather bureau was predicting a full 60 percent chance of rain both Thursday night and all day Friday."

Wolf said the rain Thursday prevented the building of the platform which takes four to six hours because the fiberboard used in the platform comes unglued in rain.

The Daredevils were contacted by EUCP Thursday afternoon, Wolf said, and informed of the change to the Sports Complex.

Warner said Jim Ross indicated there would be no problem in using the Sports Complex.

Warner said the Sports Complex was given rent-free to EUCP since it is a non-profit student organization. But, EUCP still has to pay about \$1,300 for building expenses and lighting.

However, Warner said, the donations received Friday at the concert doors should nearly cover the expense.

The attendance record, Warner said, was estimated at about 9,000 people. Little or no vandalism occurred, he said.



Two members of Cornstock Eight's opening act, Morningstar, performed Friday at the Sports Complex.

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BEOG validation program 'means a lot of time'

By Kris Hansen

The new computer screening program for federal grant applicants may be more trouble than it's worth, according to Financial Aides Director Jack Ritchie.

"I think that it's maybe not such a good thing — there's a little tendency to go overboard. It's a federal program, though, so we don't have a choice," he said.

The Basic Educational Opportunities Grant initiated a program of comparing income tax returns with information on students' application forms. Ten percent of the applicants will be "validated" in this method, and 25% of those will be rejected by the computer.

"The initial requirement was if there was more than a \$500 difference (between the income tax form and the application), the student would have to resubmit. Now there's a good chance they'll drop the

amount to \$50. That's cutting it too close," Ritchie explained.

Students being validated also will have to provide other income tax information such as the number of dependents in their family. If the information on the application is incorrect, the student will not be penalized, but must resubmit a corrected application to be considered for any money.

Ritchie said the differences in earnings were not intentional in most cases. "People fill out their applications in early January, but don't fill out their income tax until much later. Then, the tax form may show a different amount. It's not an attempt to defraud the government, but just an honest mistake."

Ritchie said a student cannot receive grant money until his application is validated.

"If we didn't have the capability to handle it, it would delay the student getting his money. However, we don't foresee that happening," Ritchie said.

"This is all in an effort to make sure that the money is going where it should," Ritchie said. "However, it just means a lot of time, effort and paperwork. I'm not sure it's really going to change the distribution either."

The financial aids office receives over 3,000 applications for federal money every year, which involves over 2 million dollars.

Between 300 and 400 of these will have to be validated.

"Now we're trying to find some way to get the staff and the time to do it," Ritchie said. "with our budget, it's not a good time to try and add any more people. If we're lucky, the federal department may give us some administrative money to work with."

WWII German naval officer now is a math professor

By Cindy Coglianesi

The horrors of World War II still are keen in the minds of many, but the majority of Americans probably can say they were on the winning side. But one UNL associate professor of mathematics fought on the other side — with the German Navy.

Hubert Schneider, born in the village of Coesfeld, Germany, was in the German Navy from 1943 until the end of the war. He enlisted at age 17.

Although Schneider speaks English well, his German accent is evident.

"In the German Navy, it seemed like there was no war going on," Schneider said. "We were trained like in peacetime."

Schneider said that there was a confused attitude about the war in the German Navy.

"We were not quite sure why there was a war between Germany and America," he said. "I think even Hitler was surprised when the British joined the Allies."

Schneider said youngsters were influenced by Hitler's regime while he was growing up. "I joined Hitler's Jugend, which is like the Boy Scouts," he said.

Eventually the boys were forced to attend regular meetings to "play soldier," he



Hubert Schneider, UNL associate professor of mathematics, was a member of the German Navy in WWII.

Photo by Ted Kirk

said. "Some of us lost interest. I didn't get all caught up in it because I joined the Navy," he said.

Other pre-military activities also were forced upon German youths, Schneider said.

The Reidis Arbeitsdienst was an activity that "practically everyone had to join including girls," he said.

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