

# Neither rain, nor wind, nor dark deters card sharks

Charity work is keeping a bunch of college students up all night in the rain playing pitch, spades and even lesser-known card games.

Members of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity are "playing for money" in a green tent east of Andrews Hall at the second annual Alpha Delta Pi Card-a-thon. The proceeds will go to the All University Fund.

"Sometimes it gets kind of windy, but that's why we have a tent," said Greg Bailey, a Lambda Chi Alpha freshman, who got caught in the rain Tuesday night. "It's fun".

The marathon card game began at noon on Tuesday and will continue until noon Friday. According to Kim Weiland, Alpha Delta Pi philanthropic chairman, the rules are simple.

"You can play anything you want to as long as all four people know how to play." And if they don't? "You teach them real fast," she replied.

She said members of both houses collected pledges from local businesses as well as students and the general public.

Alpha Delta Pi netted more than \$2,200 during last year's Card-a-thon, and won the Madelaine Gerald Philanthropy Award given to the Greek organization donating the most money to charity.

"We hope to get at least as much as last year," she said.



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Players in the second annual Alpha Delta Pi Card-a-thon are from left to right; Greg Bailey, Jim Friedman, Deb Sougey and Peg Phillips. Sue Vrana is standing.

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## Bin-buster harvest on way

By Jeff Unger

The 1978 grain harvest has begun in parts of Nebraska, haloed by predictions of a record crop yield. But some say all is not well.

A large, quick harvest could drop prices, overflow grain bins and cause storage problems, they say.

Dr. Mike Turner, UNL agricultural economist, said some farmers have already started to harvest and that as soon as the fields dry up, harvesting would begin on a larger scale.

He said he is anticipating some storage and transportation problems that have been faced in the past. He said the price level of grain depends on the speed of the harvest.

"Price depends on how the harvest proceeds," he said. "If the weather is good, prices may slip to the \$1.60 range for corn or lower. If the harvest is delayed by the weather, many are hopeful prices won't be below \$1.90 per bushel."

Turner said there will be two prices paid for grain this year: the government price and the market price.

The government price is paid to those farmers who complied with the 1978 farm program, he said. Those in compliance were required to plant 20 percent less than last year, and by doing so they would be eligible for government loans and for a guaranteed government support price of nearly \$2.10 per bushel for corn.

He said, however, that it is not the government price that is used to form the sales and market prices. Those prices are the ones being paid to farmers who didn't comply.

He said non-compliance farmers are not eligible for government loans and that many will be forced to sell their grain at the lower market price in order to meet expenses.

The Nebraska Crop and Livestock Reporting Service is predicting that Nebraska's corn farmers will harvest nearly 107 bushels per acre, according to Bill Dobbs of the service.

He said this is not a record for all irrigated and non-irrigated corn, but that it is average.

The all-time record was set for irrigated corn in 1972 when, with 48 percent of the fields irrigated, farmers harvested 124.1 bushels per acre. That same year, non-irrigated corn yielded 85.4 bushels, making an average yield of 104 bushels.

This year, irrigated corn is predicted to yield 120 bushels and non-irrigated 85.4. Dobbs said the number of irrigated fields has risen to 71 percent this year and that accounts for the predicted record yield.

He also predicted a record per acre sorghum yield, but said that less sorghum was planted this year than last.

Storing the predicted 674 million bushels of corn seems to be a minor problem this year, according to Dr. Don Hanway, a UNL agronomist.

"The general Nebraska picture appears that we will have as much storage as we need," he said. "But as is often the case, it might not be where it's needed."

He said some farmers may temporarily be forced to store grain on the ground this year but that the situation should be no worse than in past years.

Transportation will be the big problem. Hanway said the problem will be "serious for us in Nebraska."

He said railroads will be slow in moving the grain.

"The Burlington is not even up to schedule now with sales made in the past," he said.

Hanway said that Nebraskans want a good use and export year, but that price will be affected if the grain has to be piled up because of transportation problems.

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