

UNL trips range from skiing slopes to touring bro

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Sunny beaches, snow-covered slopes, cocktails and conferences await students participating in spring break vacation trips sponsored by campus organizations.

For those tired of cold, blustery weather, the University Program Council is taking a group of 24 students to Daytona Beach, Fla.

The trip, provided through Consolidated Tours of Minneapolis, includes round trip air fare, multiple-occupancy motel lodgings, entertainment discount coupons plus optional tours, such as Disney World, for an additional charge.

Martin Wood, program consultant for UPC-East said this is the first time UPC has sponsored a vacation trip. The group had hoped to fill the chartered plane themselves, but due to limited interest, the travelers will share the flight with vacationers from Minneapolis and Omaha.

Wood attributed the lack of interest to late notice, competing ski trips and uncertainty about a trip not sponsored before.

UPC will try and sponsor another trip

next spring, he said.

For those willing to venture into the cold one last time, the UNL Ski Club is taking 40 members to Telluride, Colo.

Bus transportation, four days of lift tickets, condominium lodgings, munchies on the bus and a wine and cheese party are provided for the \$180 fee, according to trip chairman Larry Summerer.

"We could have accommodated more people," he said, "but a lot of people wanted to go where it is warm."

Wesley House also is sponsoring a three-day ski trip to Winter Park, Colo. About six or seven students plan to travel by van or car, according to Wesley House secretary Burnetta Wilkins.

Room still is available for the March 24-28 trip, she said. Cost is \$135, including travel, meals and lodging.

Business trips

Business and pleasure go hand in hand for other UNL organizations during the spring holiday.

The UNL Ad Club is taking a group of students to Chicago to visit advertising agencies and to meet with former UNL graduates.

Ad Club Treasurer Rich Paulsen said the

\$140 fee covers commercial plane fair, double occupancy motel rooms and four meals during the four-day trip.

The club's first spring trip includes tours of Playboy Towers and Leo Burnett Advertising Agency, he said.

Also taking an education-related trip are six members of Alpha Epsilon Rho, the broadcasting society.

The society is paying gas, registration fees and meals for members to attend AERho's national convention in Dallas.

After the three-day convention, the group will stay in Dallas for a National Association of Broadcasters convention.

Ag trip

AERHo sends members to the convention's seminars, which includes talks by renowned television and radio people each year, according to President Rich Thiesfeld.

UNL Block and Bridle leaves Saturday for Missouri on its annual spring tour, according to Tara Carver, trip co-chairwoman.

Each spring, Block and Bridle takes a tour to visit agriculture-related areas in surrounding states.

The Missouri trip includes stops at the American Agriculture Association and American Hereford Association Headquarters. They will also visit a mule farm, a quarter horse ranch, a Clydesdale breed-

ing farm. They will tour the Anheuser Busch Brewery and large hog, sheep and cattle operation.

The bus will carry 46 students who pay \$70 each for transportation and lodgings, she said.

Break in Lincoln

For those of you who feel unfortunate about spending Spring break in Lincoln, don't lose heart. There are several activities and things to do in Lincoln.

Highway Call will perform at Lohmeirs' Drumstick March 22-24, and High FaLootin will play March 29-31.

Howard Street Tavern will present Jonesin, March 21-24, Earl Bates March 26-28,

Look into wildlife outside the bars

By Martha Murdock

When you're at home during spring vacation with nothing to do and a friend suggests that you look into wildlife, don't necessarily assume that he is talking about visiting the bars. He may mean watching the birds and the beasts.

The last week in March is a good time for birdwatching. Many varieties are migrating north through Nebraska. The most spectacular birds to look for now are the sandhill cranes congregating near the Platte River.

These flocks are the largest concentration of cranes in North America, according to Paul Johnsgard, a professor in the School of Life Sciences and a professional ornithologist.

The cranes are present from Grand Island west to about Lexington, Johnsgard said. During the day they feed in the fields and at night they return to islands in the river.

"The most spectacular time to see them is toward sunset as they go back to the river," Johnsgard advised.

Small relatives

The birds, also known as the lesser sandhill cranes, are smaller relatives of the endangered whooping cranes that migrate through Nebraska in early April.

About 250,000 sandhill cranes will be

present, according to Johnsgard. The grey birds are three to four feet tall and have a wing span of about five feet.

Johnsgard also suggested looking for geese. Approximately 100,000 to 200,000 snow geese are migrating north through Nebraska City along the Missouri River flats. In addition, in the lagoon areas south of the Platte there will be about 250,000 Canadian geese and white-fronted geese.

"Binoculars and telescopes are of course helpful, but you don't really need them because these birds are so large and numerous," Johnsgard said.

Ross Lock, a non-game specialist at the State Games and Parks commission, suggested watching for bald eagles.

"There are near 100 bald eagles north of the Kearney area, but they are scattered. You won't see a flock of eagles." The eagles winter in Nebraska.

One day trip

Washiska Audubon Society, a Lincoln chapter of the national society, is planning a one day field trip March 25 to De Soto National Wildlife Refuge north of Omaha. Anyone interested in watching birds can participate.

Member Betsy Hancock suggested bringing field glasses and a sack lunch. Anyone wanting information on the trip and transportation can call field trip chairman Tim Knott at 432-1598, she said.

Hancock suggests looking for nests. The

great horned owl is nesting at this time of year in old and dead trees. The adult bird is 18 to 20 inches tall with a four-foot wing span. Hancock urged that explorers be careful to not disturb nests as the birds will leave a nest that has been bothered.

Other wildlife

Beth Daberkow, a member of the UNL Wildlife Club, said that although it may be a bit early for canoeing, the Niobrara and Republican Rivers would be good sites. She said the Niobrara is especially scenic and that there may be a little white water on the river now.

"The Platte and the Elkhorn Rivers may be dangerous because of ice and high water," she warned.

Deer, beaver, muskrat and some waterfowl can be seen along the rivers, she said.

Daberkow said some students might enjoy the trails in Pioneers and Wilderness Parks. Horses can be rented at Pioneer Stables at the park's east entrance. There are buffalo and elk herds in Fort Robinson State Park, Daberkow added.

Hunting seasons are ending in Nebraska and it still is early for fishing, according to Lock.

If you can't find anything here that interests you, or you're too lazy or unadventurous to follow wildlife over the country side, Lincoln's Ager Memorial Zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily.

Need some change—be a guinea pig

By Connie Casari

Spring: That season of the year in which plants begin to grow after lying dormant all winter; in the North Temperate Zone, generally regarded as including the months of March, April and May.

Break: To bring to a sudden end; to scatter; disperse. An interruption of a regular or continuous arrangement, action. To leave suddenly, to get away, escape; spring break.

The great escape is about to occur. Since classes at this institution of higher learning, otherwise known as UNL began Jan. 15, there have been ten consecutive weeks of school. That is 50 days of classes with no break for students or professors.

A nine-day vacation begins March 23, and most will agree that the break, the interruption of a regular and continuous arrangement, is sorely needed.

For those who have the money or are

willing to beg, steal or borrow for it, somewhere else besides Lincoln seems to be the place to be for spring break.

The two most popular options seem to be heading for the South or for the slopes. South, (interpreted as anything below the Kansas-Oklahoma border) includes such places as Padre Island, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the Cayman Islands or even the Bahamas.

The mountains of Colorado and Utah probably are the most logical destinations for aspiring skiers. Ready and willing Nebraskans will undoubtedly grace the slopes of Breckenridge, Aspen, Vail and Copper Mountain in a few days.

For those with less funds and perhaps more ambition, there is the option of staying in Lincoln to work or study, or going home.

Or if one is bored or very desperate for cash, there is always Harris Laboratories, 624 Peach St.

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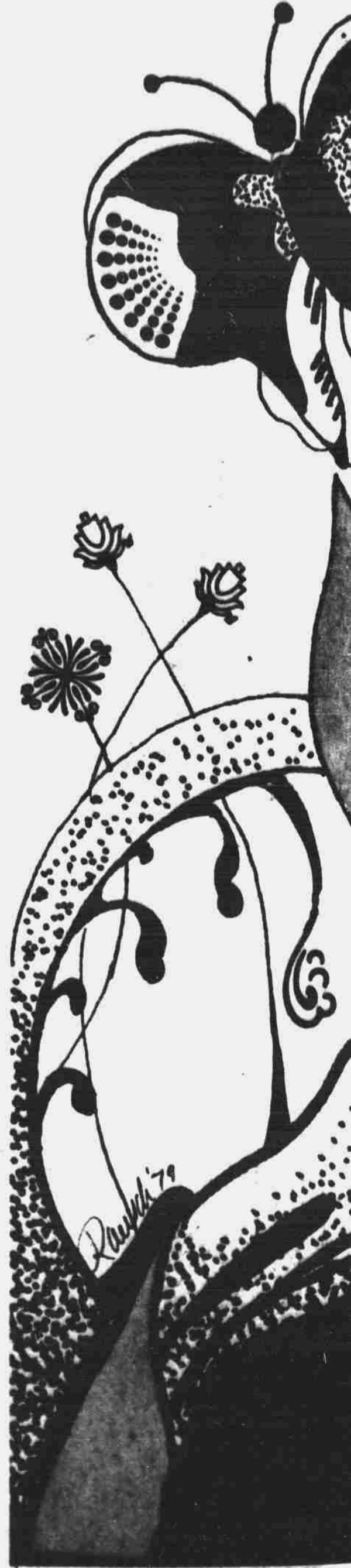
James McClurg, technical director at the lab, said about 20 college students, and possibly more, will be involved in testing over spring break.

"Some kids, if not all of them, have had their physicals," McClurg said. "Most of them will be here for just part of the week."

If the students stay overnight, McClurg said they often play foosball and cards. During the day, some even lay in the sun.

If there is any, that is.

For those who are in a state of severe depression because of the lack of options for spring break, remember there are only 25 days of school left after vacation. And then comes three months of summer.



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