



Photo by Gordon Johnson

UNL ROTC cadet during spring break field training exercise at Ft. Riley, Kan.

# ROTC . . .

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If one gets lost and has to backtrack before he finds the markers he will have walked considerably more than six miles.

The cadets received an unexpected class in search techniques after the orienteering course was finished when Theresa VanFleet did not make it back from the course.

Patrols were sent out in a jeep and on foot, each patrol had a radio. The cadets raced to find VanFleet before darkness set in.

At 6:40 p.m. it was reported that she had been found lying along the side of a road in a semi-conscious state.

After returning from the hospital, VanFleet said she had been along the side of the road about two and a half hours before she was found. She said she was tired and so sat down along the road and eventually fell asleep on the semi-frozen mud.

The search parties trickled back into the base camp with sore muscles and tired feet, but happy that she was found. The night patrols went on as scheduled.

### Other activities

The night patrol training continued until 10:15 p.m. with weapons cleaning and other activities to be finished by 12:30.

The next day begins at 5 a.m. and continues on into the night.

Unlike basic training, ROTC cadets learn tactics and learn how to lead men. The cadets learn what to do if they are attacked.

The last and possibly the hardest part of the cadets' training was a barracks and wall locker inspection performed by Captain Al Harris.

The cadets found that military inspections can be difficult since each person's equipment must be laid out exactly like the others in the barracks. If one cadet folds his towel into a rectangle six inches by eight inches, all of the cadets must do the same.

### Good for us

While most of the cadets were not elated about the training, most said they felt it was good for them.

"I think all of us realized that we'll use the same things at camp this summer, and so we are grateful for this chance," said junior Debbie Kempton. "Sure I am going to complain about the severity, but I know it's good for me."

No matter what they thought of the training, a count of the sleeping bodies on the way back testified how hard the cadets worked and how rigorous the training was.

However, Laura Melvin, a UNL junior, best summed up the feelings of the cadets after the training was finished.

"The best part is going home and telling the stories," Melvin said.

## Temple improvements tentatively approved

The Legislature's Appropriations Committee last week gave tentative approval to financing of improvements of UNL's Temple Theatre building, but the proposal apparently will meet opposition.

The committee voted tentative approval for the project 6-3 last Sunday, after maneuvering by Lincoln Sen. Steve Fowler. Faced with two capital construction

projects on East Campus given high priority by the NU Board of Regents, Fowler moved to provide funds to NU for use on either of the projects, rather than financing both.

After gaining approval of a plan to provide NU with funds for either renovation of the agriculture engineering building or installation of an air conditioning unit,

Fowler moved approval of a slightly scaled-down Temple renovation and addition.

But Fowler pointed out that the recommendation is still tentative, and has not been sent to the full Legislature yet.

Even if the project were sent to the full Legislature, it could be killed or amended, in preference of another project, or to save money. The project carries a \$6 million price tag.

At his news conference Friday, Gov. Charles Thone said the multi-million dollar, long-range construction plan approved by the committee was "too ambitious," and virtually promised vetoes of some of the projects if they reach his desk, news reports said.

Thone recommended that the state finance no construction projects not already approved, but the budget committee has recommended several multi-million dollar projects not included in Thone's proposal.

Included are the Temple Building project, \$2.25 million renovation of the Epley building at UNO, \$2.5 million renovation of the old nursing center at the NU Medical Center, \$4 million addition to the Kearney State College library and \$6 million construction of the Historical Society's Heritage Center in Lincoln.

Thone did not say which projects he would veto.

Committee Chairman Jerome Warner, who voted against financing for the Temple project, has explained that multi-year projects build an increase into the next year's budget and limit any spending increase to what is left over after such previous commitments are paid for.

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