Internships provide UNL students with experience

Internships provide the link between academic knowledge and practical experience, according to Betty Carpenter, coordinator of internships at the Centennial Educational Program.

"I believe that the academic kinds of things that one learns are only good if you can make some kind of connection with the real world," Carpenter said. "Basically, that's what an internship provides."

Students involved in the program are expected to meet weekly with a Centennial Fellow sponsor, she said.

Carpenter said that meeting with the sponsor helps students to relate academics to the practical situations, adding that if one did only the field work, one could get lost in minute details.

The sponsor helps to make an intellectual connection and points the student to other sources to see how the parts of a job fit together, Carpenter said.

For instance, a political science student could structure an internship project around a political campaign. Carpenter said the campaigning process makes more sense to a student in the center of the process. This, she added, lets the student see the practical purpose behind the work, such as getting a candidate elected.

Carpenter said the program, which began three years ago, caters to no particular field.

She said the Centennial internship program is more flexible than programs in other departments because Centennial internships are structured more creatively.

There are several agencies which make internships available, including the City Parks and Recreation Dept., Planned Parenthood and the Lincoln Action Program.

Carpenter said about eight students participate in the program each semester, each earning three to six hours of credit.

One student who worked as an intern last semester was Kyla Monson, a senior Natural Resources major.

Monson, who worked with a woman who was licensed to work with injured wildlife, said her duties as an intern included rehabilitating injured and orphaned animals and a lot of paperwork.

She said the internship taught her practical things, such as the feeding and care of baby squirrels.

Internship requirements include nine to 18 hours of work each week in the field, weekly meetings with the Centennial Fellow sponsor and keeping a journal, Carpenter said.

She said practical on-the-job evaluation, provided by the agency which hired the student, is coordinated with academic evaluation, provided by the sponsor..

Husker gymnasts edge Oklahoma

By Joni Kramer

The UNL men's gymnastics team outscored the University of Oklahoma 278.90 to 276.95 and captured first place in every event but one in a dual meet Sunday in Norman.

Husker Steve Elliott won the floor exercise, Jim Hartung won the still rings and Phil Cahoy placed first in the pommel horse, the parallel bars and the high bar.

Hartung won the all-around competition with a score of 57.25. Cahoy took second in the all-around with a 56.80.

The only Sooner to win in individual competition was Les Moore, who edged Elliott 9.85 to 9.80 in the vault.

As well as finishing one-two in the Oklahoma dual, Hartung and Cahoy took first and second respectively in the all-around competition at the Mardi Gras Invitational in Baton Rouge Friday night.

Head Gymnastics Coach Francis Allen attributes the team's perfect season record to its superior individual members.

"I feel our personnel is better than that of Oklahoma's. We have Hartung and Cahoy, as well as some other good athletes," Allen said. "We perform well, and we're going to have to give 100 percent to win a National championship. At Oklahoma we performed at about 85-90 percent."

Allen also said he feels the push of competition from teams such as Oklahoma and Iowa State, has helped UNL maintain an undefeated season, and will prove beneficial at the Big Eight meet.

According to Allen, Oklahoma is a very good team, and they may have won if Nebraska hadn't been on top of things. However, he said there may have been more pressure from the judges, rather than from the Oklahoma gymnasts.

"The judges were tight in their scoring, resulting in pressure on the gymnasts for a good performance," Allen said.

sports shorts

The UNL women's basketball team will host the University of South Dakota Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Huskers' last regular season home contest.

The Huskers fared well against the Coyotes earlier this season in Vermillion, clipping South Dakota 88-59. Nebraska is 10-2 at home this year, after a 76-74 loss to Central Missouri State Friday night.

Students attending Tuesday's game will be offered a special 2-for-1 entry price. Two college or high school students will be admitted for the price of $1. The N Street Drive-In will sponsor a halftime shoot-out. Five members of the audience will have an opportunity to shoot a half-court bucket. The first person to make the basket will win $300.

Nebraska will play at home again Feb. 28 to March 1 when the Huskers host the Region VI basketball sub-regionals.

Senior Diane DelVigna continues to lead Nebraska in scoring with an average of 20.3 points a game. She recently set a school record for the most points in a career when she surpassed Jan Crouch's mark of 1,183.

Omaha's Janet Smith, a 6-2 sophomore center, leads the team rebounders, averaging 9.9 rebounds a game, while scoring 9.5 points a game.

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The UNL men's Rugby team will begin spring practice today at 5:30 p.m. at the Indoor Track. Practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with the first scheduled meet March 15. Everyone is invited to try out.

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