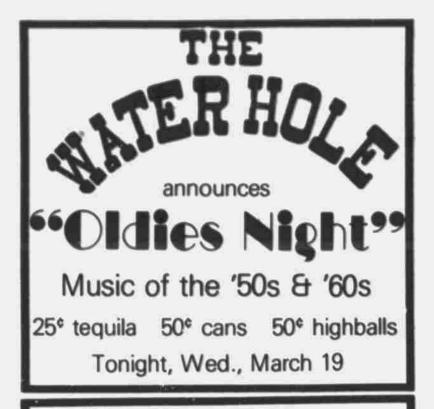
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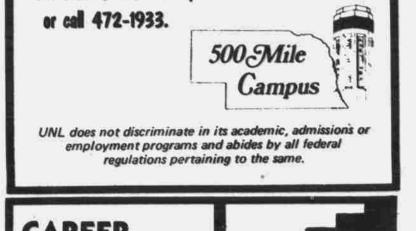




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Graduate teaching assistant Nasser Maleki helps Kathy Skoug, 10, a sixth grader from Maude Rousseau elementary school. Skoug was one of 48 students participating in the UNL "Saturday Science" program.

'Saturday Science' explores physics

By Skip Volkmann

Science was fun Saturday morning for the 48 fifth and sixth grade students participating in the UNL Department of Physics "Saturday Science" program.

The six-week program is designed to "expose fifth and sixth-grade students to interesting and meaningful physics concepts of their world," according to the applications sent to Lincoln elementary schools. The programs demonstrate electricity and magnetism, forces, light, time, sound and astronomy.

Saturday in Brace Hall the students learned from demonstrations of electricity and magnetism conducted by David Sellmyer, chairman of the Department of Physics. He baked a chocolate cake with electricity, placed a wig on a static electricity generator so the hair stood on end and made a metal plate "almost float" in the magnetic field of an electromagnet.

metal bar in one hand and a fluorescent light in the other. When he placed the metal bar in a 1 million volt arc of static electricity, the fluerescent tube in his other hand glowed.

After the demonstration, the classes were divided into five groups, and teaching assistants helped each student make a simple project that worked by the properties of electricity and magnetism.

Kathy Skoug, 10, of Maude Rousseau elementary school, said, "I came here because my sister took the class three times before and she brought home some really neat things. It's much funner than science at school. Here you get to do things instead of the teacher doing them. I

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think you do learn as much."

Walter Ambrosius, 11, who attends Merle Beattie elementary school, said, "It is interesting to see the experiments, but I've seen some of them in a science museum in Oregon, I understood his (Sellmyer's) explanations pretty well."

Sellmyer said usually four or five students have a parent who is a professor at UNL.

Dale Rathe, Lincoln Public Schools science consultant, said 73 students signed up for the program this year, but 25 were turned away because of limited facilites. Each student accepted was charged \$21 to cover the cost of materials used in projects.

Innocent plea entered in bomb threat case

A UNL student was charged and booked to appear in county court in connection with a bomb threat received at Selleck Quadrangle Monday night.

Rodney Elwell, 7230 Selleck, appeared in county court Tuesday at 2 p.m. and entered a plea of innocent, according to County Attorney Gary Lacey.

Elwell was charged with a Class I misdemeaner for threatening to use explosives and was recommended for pre-trial diversion, Lacey said.

The call apparently was made at about 9:30 p.m. Monday to the Selleck desk and then to the university operator. The caller said a bomb had been placed in a women's restroom in Selleck and would detonate at 9:42 p.m. No bomb was found.

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