

Party seminars teach politicking

By Joe Kreizinger

Both the Republican and Democratic Parties of Nebraska will sponsor seminars later this year to better educate party followers on politics and campaigning.

The Nebraska College Republican Federation will host the Student Fieldman School, a three-day seminar intended to train college Republicans advanced skills of politics.

The Democratic State Committee will sponsor a series of county workshops in October and will sponsor a candidate workshop in December.

According to J.T. Powell, NCRF chairman, the Student Fieldman School will be an "intensive, hard-core program intended to stress campaign techniques and current issues."

The Fieldman School is a first for the Nebraska College Republicans, said Powell. He said he hopes the school will "lay the foundation" for future activities.

Participants in the school, which begins Oct. 23 at the State Republican Headquarters in Lincoln, will be required to take part in a se-

Waterfowl is game despite endrin threat

By Leslie Kendrick

The waterfowl season in Nebraska will not close this year even though endrin contamination is possible in some birds, the State Game and Parks commission announced Wednesday morning. Endrin is a pesticide.

William Baxter, assistant chief of the wildlife division, said the commission had a meeting to inform the public about the findings and recommendations of the commission.

Baxter said the waterfowl season will not be closed, but the commission recommends that hunters follow the guidelines of the State Health Department.

The health department has recommended that hunters skin the birds and remove any excess fat, Baxter said. The fowl should be cooked on a rack and the juices discarded, he said. In addition, the health department recommends that all internal organs be discarded.

The only people who should not eat the waterfowl are women who are pregnant or breast feeding, Baxter said.

Baxter said there was a very minimal risk involved in consuming waterfowl killed in Nebraska. There will be a few waterfowl in Nebraska from Montana, where endrin contamination from spraying is the most severe, he said. However, the waterfowl population also contains many birds from the Dakota's and Canada that are not contaminated with endrin, Baxter said.

The commission would like to remind the public that the maximum penalty for shooting waterfowl and letting them lay is up to \$500 and 30 days in jail, Baxter said.

Baxter said if hunters don't want to consume the fowl because of a concern of endrin contamination, they should not hunt.

ries of tests, quizzes and workshops.

After graduating from the Fieldman School, students can be placed on the College Republican National Committee Talent Bank. Through the talent bank, graduates may be placed in positions such as youth coordinator, scheduler, advancement, researcher or media coordinator for future Republican campaigns.

Tim Chandler, NCRF representative at UNL, said the school will be directed by four National Republican Committee field staff workers.

Chandler said a portion of the funding for the Fieldman School is provided by the Republican National

Committee and the Republican State Committee.

The Democratic State Committee will host a candidate workshop Dec. 5 at the Lincoln Airport Inn, according to DiAnna Schimek, State Democratic Chairperson.

Schimek said the candidate workshop will cover a wide variety of topics, including fund raising, budget planning and media/publicity.

"We will cover the whole gamut of campaign activities," Schimek said.

Schimek said the Democratic Committee is working on expanding its Young Democrat program. She added that all Democrats, college-age included, are invit-

ed to attend this workshop.

Through October the committee will sponsor a series of out-state workshops Schimek said about 20 workshops are scheduled.

The purpose of the workshops is to encourage county Democratic organizations to build their precinct committees. The workshops also include topics such as fund raising and campaign strategy.

"These workshops are staggered throughout the month," Schimek said. "If someone has to miss the meeting in their own county, they can attend one later somewhere else. These workshops are very worthwhile."

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Even locations should be based on real things. If you're writing about a bar, know that bar. Hang out there. Watch the bartender. The customers. Whatever they drink, you drink. When they drink Lite Beer, you drink Lite Beer. Remember—research is most fun when you soak up as much subject matter as you can. It can only help you paint a better picture.

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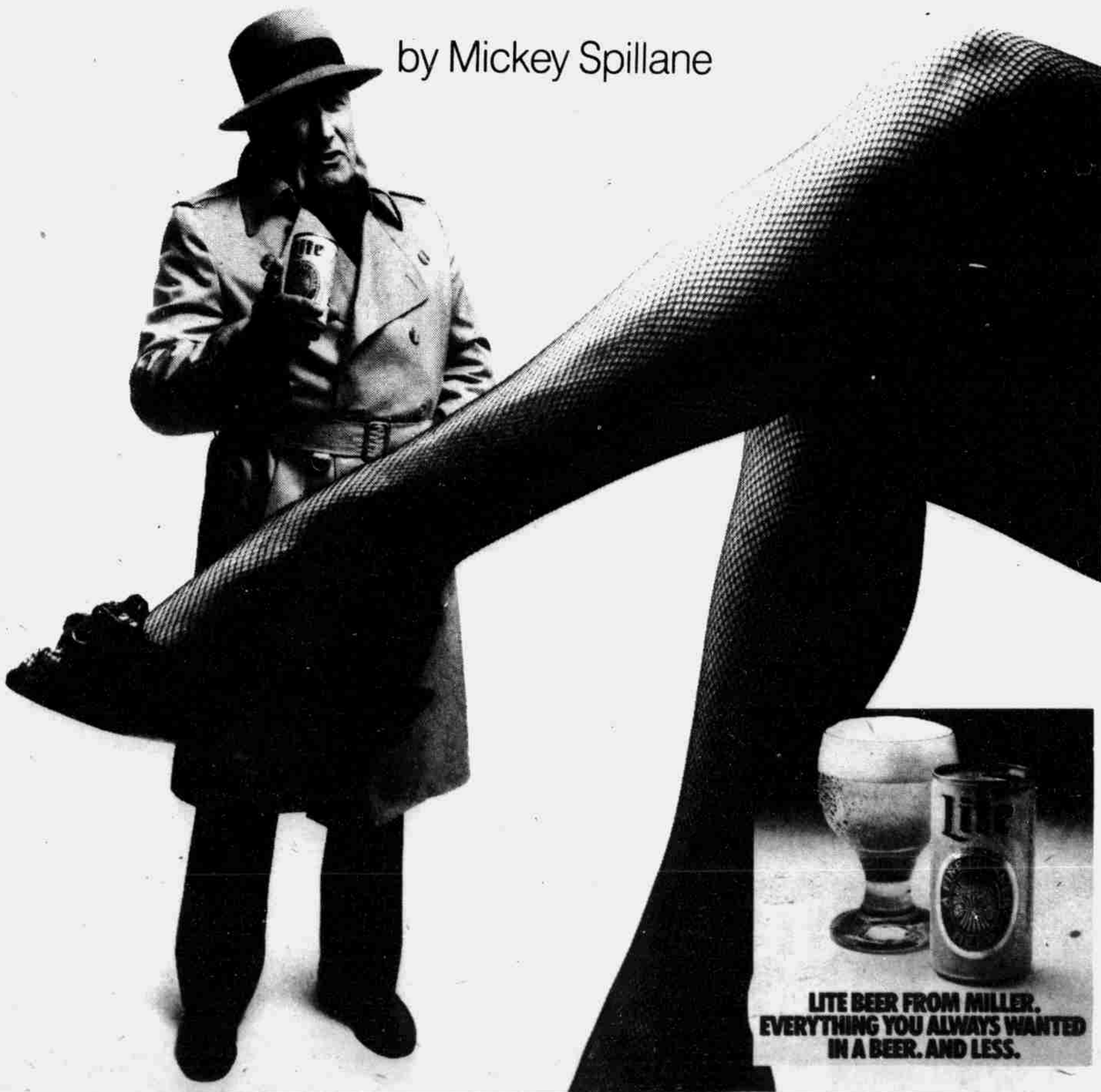
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