

China diplomat, Taiwan troupe arrive

By Chris Hodges

Visitors from the People's Republic of China and Taiwan will be visiting the UNL campus this weekend. An ambassador from China and a dance troupe from Taiwan will visit the university today and Saturday.

Chai Zemin, ambassador to the United States from China, will arrive in Lincoln Friday, a spokesperson for NU President Ronald Roskens said.

Zemin, his wife, and an interpreter will tour the Mead agricultural field laboratory.

The ambassador will meet with UNL faculty members and students at 4 p.m. today in Hamilton Hall, and will be Roskens' dinner guest Friday night, with Gov. Charles Thone.

Also today, university students sent by the government of Taiwan will give a free concert at 8 p.m. in Kimball Hall. The Youth Goodwill Mission from Taiwan will perform traditional Chinese songs and dances.

The Taiwanese government chose about 20 students to

tour the United States and perform concerts, said Judy Wendorff, program assistant for International Educational Services at UNL.

There is no connection between the visits by the two groups. The spokesperson from Roskens' office said the ambassador doesn't plan to attend the Taiwan students' concert.

Officials from China don't appear where any Taiwanese symbols, such as flags, are displayed, Susan Rigdon, a UNL associate professor of political science, said.

China claims that it is only true China, as does the province of Taiwan. The two have been separated since 1949, when Communists took over mainland China and the Nationalist government of Chiang Kai-shek moved to Taiwan.

The United States has no diplomatic relations with Taiwan, which withdrew from the United Nations and was replaced by China.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced that the U.S. defense pact with Taiwan would not be renewed. He established diplomatic relations with China instead.

Police issue more tickets

Because of the high number of bicycle traffic violations, campus police will increase issuance of citations to bicyclists for going through red lights and breaking other rules of the road.

"We've observed a lot of violations occurring," said UNL police Sgt. Dick Gammel. "Bicyclists are going through stop signs and lights and riding with excessive speed on the sidewalks."

Bicycle traffic violations are worse this year than in previous years, and police have gotten several complaints, he said.

"Two weeks from now we will start citing bicyclists for these violations," he said.

He said the citations will protect bicyclists as well as appease motorists.

"You come out second best on a bicycle when a car hits you," he said.

Thursday morning, a bicyclist was hospitalized after he collided with a motorcycle while turning off the loop on East Campus.

Kevin J. Franzlubbers, 18, of 422 Harper was taken to Bryan Memorial Hospital and later transferred to the University Health Center for observation. He had a slight head injury, police said.

The motorcyclist, Gary Braun, 21, of 4640 Orchard St., was westbound on the loop when he collided with Franzlubbers, riding eastbound about 7:50 a.m.

Officer Barb McGill said Franzlubbers had been riding down the middle of the road and turned without seeing Braun. She said Franzlubber had the sun in his eyes and evidently didn't see the motorcycle.

short stuff

The Nontraditional Student Association will have its weekly luncheon today in the Nebraska Union. Room will be posted.

The Chinese Youth Goodwill Performance will be tonight at 8 p.m. in the Kimball Recital Hall. University students from Taiwan were selected through musical talent competition to participate in this 60-day tour of the United States.



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