

Club focuses on animal science

By Joyce Pacula

The Block and Bridle club, an East Campus animal science group, has the largest club membership on campus with about 300 members, a former member said.

The club does not concentrate on any one part of animal science, but instead deals with the industry as a whole, said Kevin Woltemath, East Campus livestock manager.

One of Block and Bridle's main projects is to have the present livestock-judging pavilion torn down and a new one built, Woltemath said. The new building would be added on to the animal science headquarters in Marvel Baker Hall and would house classrooms, labs, staff offices and a show arena.

The only thing stopping the project is the university budget, he said. Therefore, the members of the club are working with state legislators to get support to make the new building a reality.

The club sponsors many activities that are open to UNL students and the public.

The best activity is an academic quadrathlon, Woltemath said. This consists of a team of four people working together on four parts of the contest: written exam, quiz bowl, practical lab and an oral presentation. The subject is animal science and the overall team winner is sent to a national meet by the club to compete.

The club also sponsors open horse and beef shows. Individuals show livestock and are judged on how they perform. Contestants compete in either the expert or novice classes.

The club also co-sponsors a dance with the Little Ak-sarben. A live band performs and a Block and Bridle Queen is crowned. The queen is a junior selected by club members. The dance is open to the public for a small admission.

The club also sells hams to raise money. Part of the money is used to pay for a trophy given to the Future Farmers of America chapter that has the top livestock exhibit at the State Fair each year. Other expenses covered or defrayed by the club are spring tours, national conventions and contest expenses.

Center provides help for job seekers

Although current unemployment rates may be discouraging to college students looking for jobs, the director of the UNL Career Planning and Placement Center said his office is doing as much as possible to assist them.

"We want to give all the support we can," center director Frank Hallgren said. "We do not actually place anybody. We're a supportive service. We arrange for interviews, counseling and give information."

An information packet distributed at the center's orientation meeting Thursday said that the center "provides individual and group counseling, arranges for on-campus interviews with prospective employers in the fall and spring, and administers the bulk of graduate and professional school tests."

The center also has a library and a reading room with information on employers, graduate schools and career areas, as well as a listing of employers who have job openings.

Hallgren expects the number of new registrants at his office to be about the same as last year, with some 1,000 students applying, he said.

"The bulk of the people we see are seniors. I suspect that the people who are actively seeking employment may use us more this year," he said.

Most of the registrants with whom Hallgren deals with

are "career oriented, from the business and engineering schools, mostly."

The office does not work with teacher placement or similar careers that are handled through their respective colleges, he said.

"We anticipate this to be one of the most difficult years for employment of college graduates," Hallgren said at the orientation. "Those to be employed will have to put forth a great deal of effort."

Seniors should start looking for jobs at the start of the school year because "it is very important to explore all possibilities, and this often takes a great deal of time," he said.

Job seekers should obtain as much information as possible from all available sources, he said, including the placement center in Nebraska Union 230.

"There's no standard way of finding employment. Students should use many means - friends, family sources, etc.," he said.

The final burden of finding a job ultimately rests on the student, he said.

"They have the responsibility to know what they are and what they want," he said.

Time runs short for photo contest

Less than two weeks remain to submit entries for the Capitol's Golden Anniversary Photo Contest. The contest is being sponsored by the building's 50th Anniversary Committee.

State Administrative Services Director Don Stenberg said that the deadline for entering photos is Wednesday. The winners will be announced by Nov. 15.

Stenberg said a good number of photos have been received in the contest, but color slides and photos from past years and photos of events are still being sought.

Photos of the Capitol or events surrounding the Capitol can be entered in the amateurs-only contest, Joe Ayers of the Department of Administrative Services, said.

"This is a good chance for students to get some recognition for their work. The winning photos will be displayed on the fifth floor art display gallery. This gallery was opened this year and will have permanent art displays," Ayers said.

Entrants must put their name and address on the photo. If they want the photo returned, they should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, Ayers said.

For copies of the contest rules write: Nebraska's 50th Anniversary contest, DAS, State Building Division, P.O. Box 94924, Lincoln, NE 68509. For additional information contact Joe Ayers at 471-3191.



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