

Chinese students mark independence, democracy

By Janet H. Chu

The Republic of China celebrates Oct. 10 with formal parades, dragon dances and fireworks. Lincoln celebrates the date on a simpler, more domestic level.

Oct. 10, known as "Double 10," marks the 71st year of independence and democracy for the Republic of China.

More than 100 members of the UNL Free China Association will commemorate the founding of the first democratic government in Asia, Tony Chen, vice president of the Free China Association, said.

"Last year, we had a goodwill mission group from Taiwan come to Lincoln to perform Chinese folk dance, but this year, we're going to celebrate by ourselves. It will be more domestic," Pam Shao, the association's adviser, said. The group will be showing Chinese movies Sunday.

Chen, a political science graduate

student, explained the history of this national holiday and some of the controversies it has generated over the years.

In 1911, the revolutionary Sun Yat-Sen succeeded, on the eleventh attempt, in overthrowing the Manchu Dynasty, which was an authoritarian government, Chen said. Sun is considered the founding father of the Republic of China.

Peoples' principles

"This new democratic government was founded on the three peoples' principles, based on the idea of government of the people, by the people and for the people. It is similar to the idea of Abraham Lincoln," Chen said.

At the end of World War II, opposing rebels forced the new government off mainland China into what is now known as Taiwan. Taiwan remains a democratic nation today, Chen said.

Thus, more than 17 million Chinese

celebrate Double 10 every year. Chen said it is unanimously accepted among all Chinese, both Communist and non-Communist, that Sun Yat-Sen is the founding father of modern China.

"But they (Communist Chinese) try to seek into recognition that Dr. Sun also upheld communism, which is not true at all," Chen said.

He said there is confusion in the United States about the relationship between China and Taiwan because people have been led to believe that Communist China represents the typical Chinese race.

Nebraska formed relationship

Shao agreed.

"You can see the difference in mainland China and Taiwan. Mainland China is much more backward. We can see that communism doesn't work — it doesn't fit the Chinese," she said.

Taiwan was no longer recognized as

China when Henry Kissinger started a relationship with the People's Republic of China for "strategic reasons against Russia," Chen said. One of the demands of the People's Republic of China was that Taiwan should not be recognized as a part of China, he added.

Today, Taiwan has no formal diplomatic relations with the United States, Chen said. But the state of Nebraska formed a sister relationship with the provincial government of Taiwan in January 1981.

In May 1981, approximately 30 Taiwanese government and business leaders traveled to Nebraska on a special procurement mission, Joe Chu, director of International Marketing with the state Agriculture Department, said. This year, Chu and Bernie Rowley, director of marketing for the department, went to Taiwan in July and invited them to come to Nebraska again, which they did, Chu said.



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Correction

Sponsors for the Miss Black UNL pageant scheduled for Nov. 14 are the UNL Afrikan Peoples Union and the University Program Council Culture Center.

A story in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan listed the sponsors as UPC and the Black Student Government, which are connected with the two sponsors.

Police Report

The following calls and complaints were received by UNL police from 7 a.m. Wednesday to 7 a.m. Thursday.

9:02 a.m. — Alarm reportedly set off at the Nebraska ETV Network; mechanical problem.

8:47 a.m. — Car parts reported stolen near the Selleck Quadrangle parking meters.

10:17 a.m. — Keys reported stolen; location withheld for security reasons.

1:33 p.m. — Backpack reported stolen from the food service area of Cather-Pound halls.

2 p.m. — Some tables were reported stolen from the College of Business Administration Auditorium.

3:08 p.m. — Belated accident report made. The accident occurred in Area 27.

4:39 p.m. — Compressor reported burned out at Chase Hall on East Campus.

5:38 p.m. — A male suspect was reported to have threatened a female with violence in the basement of Love Library-North. He reportedly took her cash and fled.

6:48 p.m. — Report made of two juveniles "casing" the bicycle racks near Oldfather Hall. They were gone when officers arrived.

10:55 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from racks near Oldfather Hall.

12:20 a.m. — Loud music reported at 17th and S streets; stereo was turned down when officers arrived.

1:09 a.m. — Report of suspicious person breaking into car parked in Area 10 by the 501 Building. Intruder turned out to be car's owner.