



Staff photo by Craig Andresen

Conceptual Anarky Party candidate for second vice president Tom Mockler, left, first vice presidential candidate Beth Berigan and presidential candidate Joni Jacobs.

Anarky Party steps into the ASUN race

By Bill Allen

The Conceptual Anarky Party announced its candidacy for ASUN offices, before a small audience Sunday.

Dressed in gaudy clothes and dark sunglasses and standing in the snow-filled Broyhill Fountain, Joni Jacobs, presidential candidate, revealed, or rather, refused to reveal the party's "Master Plan."

Jacobs, a senior English major, said in a prepared speech that the plan could not be revealed yet for "obvious security reasons." Those reasons being, she said, that "our enemies would secretly ally to subvert it."

A party platform given by Jacobs said plans will be released "in due course of events, once the existing order is overthrown."

Jacobs did, however, release three "previews" of the "Master Plan." The party platform states:

— Nebraska State Student Association: A nice idea, but tactics are a bit lame. Blackmail of state legislators is recommended. If that fails, we may be forced to resort to strong arm tactics.

— Trains: No problem. Just remove the rails

— Tuition Surcharge? Reach's printing of play money is cute, but it would be far more effective for ASUN to print up real United States currency and hand it out to students."

Jacobs introduced Beth Berigan, the first vice presidential candidate.

Berigan, a junior pre-medicine major, was a 1982 Homecoming Queen finalist, and is a student assistant at the Selleck Quadrangle residence hall.

When asked if there would be any reaction from the UNL Housing Office for her association with the Anarky party, Berigan said, "I can't answer that."

Tom Mockler, described as the "token male on the ticket," is the second vice presidential candidate.

Mockler, a junior economics and political science major, said, "You can't believe everything you read in the papers," and denied he was ever president of the Residence Hall Association.

However, RHA President Melba Petrie, said Mockler once was president of the association, but resigned in October of last year, making her the new president.

When asked what the ultimate goals of the Anarky party are, since the name implies absence of government, Jacobs said, "We can't answer that."

CHINESE NEW YEAR

A time for celebration

By Marcia Warkentin

Saturday night may have seemed like any other night to most Lincoln residents, but, to the more than 250 Chinese living in Lincoln, it was the most important night of the year.

Saturday night was the eve of the Chinese New Year, which is as important to the Chinese as Christmas is to Americans.

More than 300 people celebrated the holiday at the Malone Community Center, 2040 U St., at a banquet sponsored by the Free China Association and the Chinese Student Association.

The aroma of sweet-and-sour pork, fried rice and six other dishes filled the room. Celine Robertson, a teacher at Everett Junior High who helped organize food preparation, said 20 students and 35 families helped to cook for the banquet.

She said they tried to pick "safe" dishes that both Americans and Chinese would enjoy. Many of the people started preparing the food last week, she said, and spent most of Saturday cooking.

Children from Lincoln Chinese class, a group of second-generation Chinese who meet informally with adults to preserve the Chinese language, sang Chinese versions of such songs as "Are You Sleeping?" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." But when they started to sing "Hong Tsai Mae Mae," a popular Chinese folk song, the audience clapped and sang along.

Four of the children played violin solos. Entertainment also included martial arts

demonstrations and Chinese folk songs.

More than half of the people attending were ethnic Chinese, from countries such as Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Indonesia. Americans, many of whom are "host families" to Chinese students, and students from other countries also attended.

Although he is not Chinese, Syed Mohamed, a UNL sophomore from Malaysia, said he enjoyed celebrating New Year's Eve at the banquet.

"I think Chinese are the greatest cooks in the world," he said.

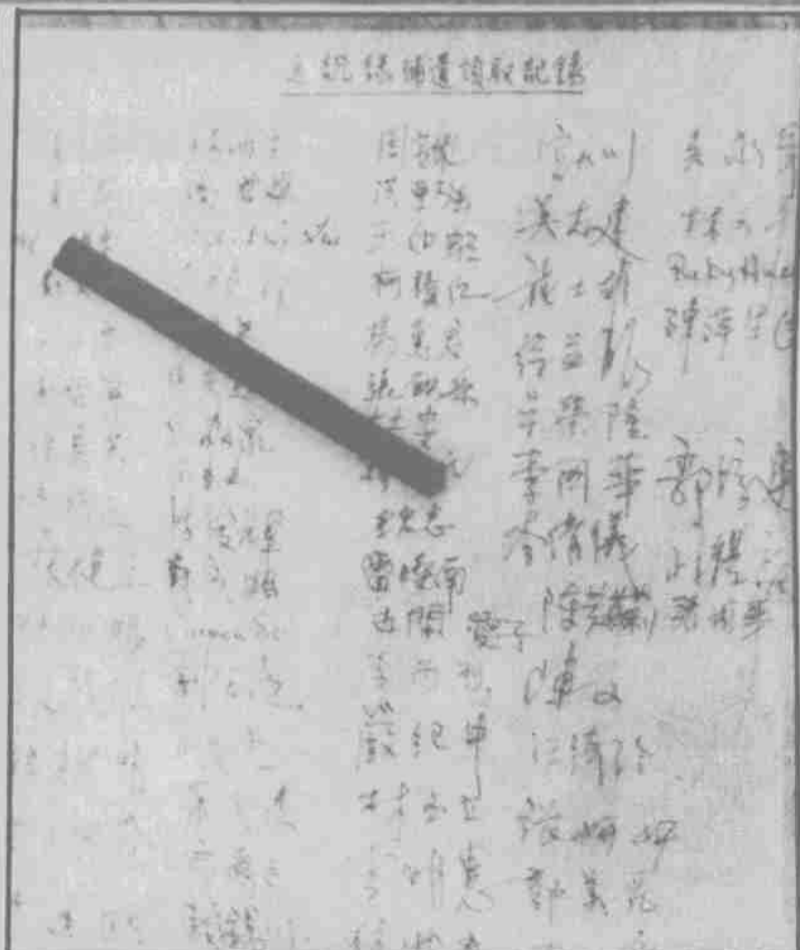
Syed said the Chinese New Year is a national holiday in Malaysia because of the many Chinese living in that country.

Gunawan Lucas, a Chinese Indonesian who is a UNL freshman, said this is the first time he has been away from home during the Chinese New Year.

He said the holiday is a special time for the family and he missed his family this year. Most Chinese students call home on New Year's Eve, he said.

Nai Chen from Taiwan said that when she called home at 5 a.m., she had to dial about 20 times because all the telephone lines were busy. She and her husband, Dean Hwang, a UNL student, spent almost \$40 on phone calls to their families.

Nai said the Chinese traditionally stay up all night on New Year's Eve. The next day they celebrate by shooting off fireworks, eating special foods and visiting friends, and children look forward to the hung pao, or little packets of money, they receive from relatives.



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From top left: Shih Hong-Yee, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, awaits his chance to perform at the Chinese New Year celebration; guests at the party signed a list as they arrived; Chu Hengyue, 6, performs a violin solo at the banquet. He was one of four children that performed during a short recital.