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Speaker decries nuclear weapon stockpiles

By Jonathan Taylor

Bhaichard Patel, chief officer of the United Nations Center for Disarmament, said he is convinced as long as stockpiles of nuclear weapons continue to rise, "we will blow ourselves to bits."

"No weapon has been produced which has not been used," he said in a press conference Thursday. "Every time there has been a massive buildup of weapons, it has inevitably led to war." Patel said although nuclear weapons have not been used since 1945, there is no guarantee the weapons will not be used in 1985.

Patel, a native of the Fiji Islands, is in Nebraska until Saturday for the Model United Nations conference to assist delegates with questions they may have. He said he and 30 fellow senior political affairs officers are presently involved in an annual 40-country conference on disarmament at United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. He

said negotiations include aspects of the arms race such as reduction of weapons stockpiles, prohibition of underground nuclear testing, and a ban on all chemical weapons. "This is the only forum in which multi-lateral negotiations go on on disarmament," he said.

Patel said another aspect of his work deals with informing citizens in every part of the world about the dangers of the arms race and the "enormous waste of resources involved in the arms race." He also is the secretary of a committee presenting a study to the General Assembly on the creation of nuclear weapon-free zones.

Patel, who has worked in the Department for Disarmament Affairs for 12 years, said disarmament has always been a major preoccupation for the U.N.

because of the relationship between disarmament and development. "We cannot have a viable economic and social development as long as the arms race continues," he said.

He said the \$650 billion spent every year on the arms race represents a waste of resources and should be spent on the betterment of human life "to provide homes, schools, health and other care for the people of the world."

He said there are as many as 50,000 nuclear weapons in the world with the stockpiles increasing by 7,000 to 8,000 weapons a year. He said the arms race is a problem that concerns the whole world. "I think it is intolerable that the survival of mankind should be in the hands of the two super powers," he said.

German culture at Hilton tonight

By Lisa Davis

According to tradition, Germans annually celebrate during this time of the year to chase away the "bad spirits of winter."

This celebration begins in Lincoln tonight as the German honorary Delta Phi Alpha and the Modern Language floor in Neihardt will sponsor Fasching, the winter German festival.

Keith Pretzer, coordinator of the celebration, said Fasching equals the Mardi Gras celebration originated by the French. In Germany, the festival is a month-long "winter break" that occurs before Ash Wednesday.

"It's like a last 'hoorah' before Lent," Pretzer said.

The fifth annual Lincoln celebration will include a costume party and dance at the Hilton Hotel Lincoln, 141 N. 9th St. The Larson Brothers will play music ranging from jazz to rock to "big band." During the band breaks, party-goers will get a taste of German new wave music, which is becoming popular in many parts of the United States, Pretzer said.

Pretzer said Fasching has been successful during the last two years. However, making money does not determine success for the German honorary, he said, but introducing a foreign custom does. All profits from the festival will go to next year's budget for Fasching.

The dance will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students.



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Don Ho party announces candidates

By Ward W. Triplett III

The construction of a dome to cover the city so Lincoln could host a post-season football game is the goal of the ASUN Don Ho party.

President Jeff Jackson, first vice president Ed Bennett and second vice president John Manchester announced their candidacy for the ASUN executive positions Thursday at a dump site on campus.

Jackson, a junior from Omaha, said the revenue from the game would pay for each student's tuition. "Thus making this a free university," he said.

The party is named after the "guy from Hawaii," Bennett said. Ho was chosen because of his Hawaiian image, an attitude the three Phi Gamma Delta members said they would like to spread to the entire campus.

"I feel we should move into the 1980s," Manchester, a sophomore from Omaha, said. "Harry Husker is old and worn out. In his place we should put the Hawaiian punch guy, Punchy. To match this new image, we will call ourselves the Nebraska Starfish, and wear Hawaiian-styled jerseys."

Manchester also proposed the destruction of the Wick Alumni Center and the construction of a new wave machine to practice surfing for the May Bonzai Pipeline competition in Hawaii.

Jackson suggested an agricultural exchange with Hawaii, and shortening the parking meters just in case Tatu decides to park on R Street.

Bennett, a junior from Hastings, suggested that the campus and Lincoln's streets be carpeted.

"The (purple and orange) plaid will go on the north and south streets, and red shag will go on the east and west streets."

Bennett also suggested converting the Women's Resource Center into a Jet-Ski sales and service shop, and replacing classroom desks with fold-out couches.

"Plus," Manchester said, "we promise to have an answer for everything."

The Don Ho party came about to let people look at the ASUN race in a humorous way, Jackson said.

"We're not in it for resume filler," Bennett said. "We're in it to get our names and pictures in the paper."

While admitting they are the "joke" party of the 1984 ASUN race, Don Ho's campaign manager Tom O'Keefe said the group has a chance.

"The way I see it, it only takes about a thousand votes for a win," he said. "We're going to go for the exposure."

Jackson said Don Ho is a lot more colorful than past joke parties, particularly last year's "abomination," the Anarky party.

"We're not out to hurt anybody," Jackson said. "We're not going to paint any flags or burn anything."

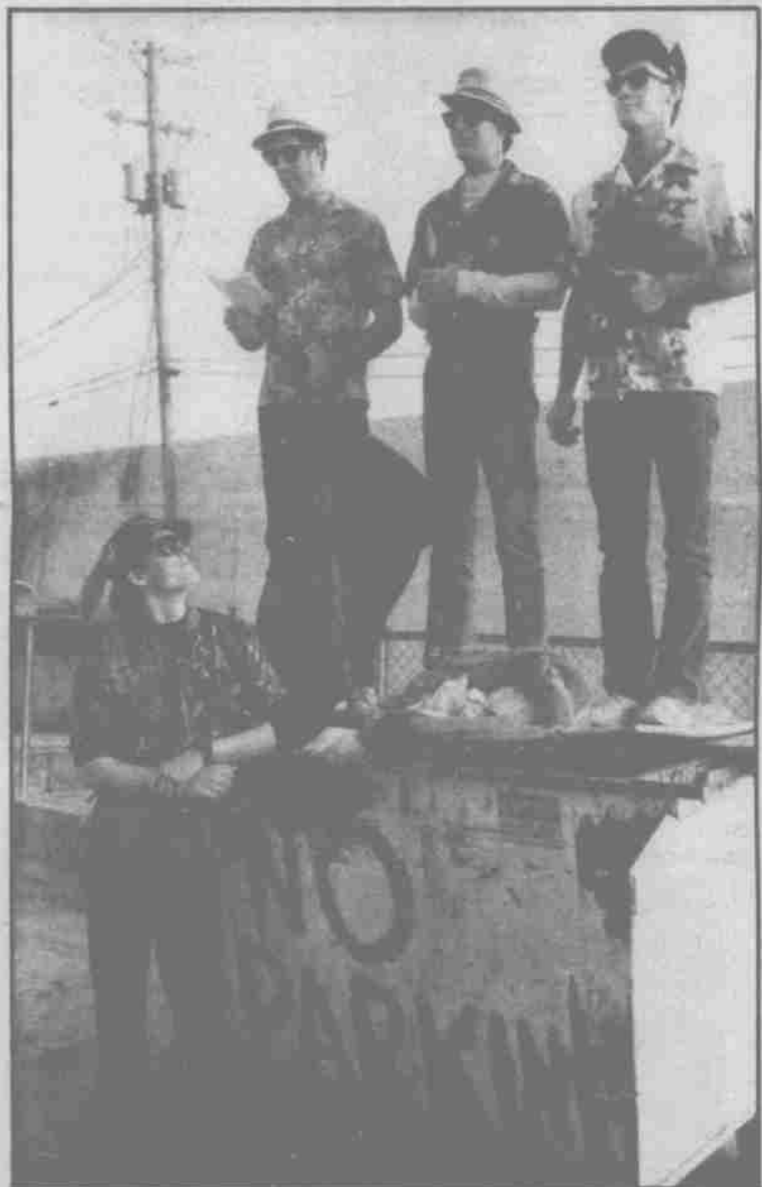
Jackson said the same trio had planned to run in last year's campaign, but the name BAT and the nicknames of Batman, Robin and the Penguin would have been copyright violations, Manchester said.

The party, which demonstrated its promise to stand on its platform by perching atop a garbage bin to make its announcement speech, said they may need the "Donald Duck-Mickey Mouse" votes to pull off a victory.

"And if we win," Jackson said, "we would represent the best we could."

Jackson listed his ASUN qualifications as equipment manager of his fourth grade little league team and leadership in the Young Hawaiians for a Free America group. Bennett is the self-proclaimed president of the UNL Krokus fan club, the Young Hawaiians for Nova Scotia and a member of the U.S. Olympic Power Lounge team. Manchester, who suggested placing carrot-filled nuclear silos around

campus to make Western Nebraska students feel more welcome, said he was captain of a sixth-grade Safety Patrol and honored as the fry king at All-American Burger in 1981.



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Standing on their platform (not behind the Figi house) are from left to right, Tom O'Keefe, Ed Bennett, Jeff Jackson, and John Manchester. The Don Ho party announced their candidacy Thursday afternoon.

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