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400 Germanize and have a ball

By Mary C. Reilly

Ronald Reagan, looking comfortable in western wear, hotly pursued Richard Nixon, clad in a dark conservative suit. The two met, shook hands and loud smattering of applause filled the ballroom.

Simply smashing describes Friday's Mardi Gras Costume Ball at the Lincoln Hilton Hotel, 141 N. 9th St.

About 400 masqueraders attended the German festival in its fifth year in Lincoln, said Keith Pretzer, coordinator of the affair and president of Delta Phi Alpha, the German honor society.

Pretzer, dressed as a debonair Matthew King Ludwig II, said Fasching is held to have fun and to bring some European culture to Lincoln.

"In the middle of winter, people need a break," Pretzer said.

Sparkling winged angels wafted across the floor, punk rockers bopped, pink ballerinas pirouetted and overcoated old men boogied into the night. Two mimes in black and white communicated only in gestures.

"The costumes are kind of secret," Pretzer said. "People have spent a lot of time and money on them."

The variety of disguises was a dazzling sight. Flappers in feathers, fringes and beads, boys dressed in drag, southern belles, cowboys, gypsies, Trojans and one lone conehead filled the colorful ballroom.

Alex Dlamini, a freshman architecture major from Swaziland, dressed as a rather convincing Darth Vader.

"I came to see how creative other people are," Dlamini said.

"I carry the symbol of Great Britain," said Shankan Shanmugam, a freshman computer science major from Malaysia. "I always wanted to be a cavalier."

Patrick Poehling, a junior accounting major, came in a "normal" sweater and jeans, "to have a good time and to meet some interesting people," he said.

"I came on inspiration and decided to go with my friend in no costume," Poehling said. "I came as myself — pretty strange."

The Larson Brothers played a wide range of music throughout the evening, including big band, ballroom, jazz, rock'n'roll, polka and contemporary tunes.

All of the profits made on the costume ball will go to next year's Fasching fund, Pretzer said.



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Jim Rogers, left, and Dar Andrews sit in at the Model United Nations General Assembly meeting for the United States.

Model U.N. talks condemn U.S.

By Jonathan Taylor

The Model United Nations General Assembly passed resolutions Friday and Saturday condemning the United States' actions in Grenada and South Africa's racist occupation of Namibia and southern Angola. The USSR also was condemned for acts of aggression against Afghanistan.

Overall, the conference was outstanding, said Randy Murphy, secretary general who began working on the conference last March. Murphy said the conference should be considered successful because of the number of delegates participating from across the nation and the organization and professionalism displayed in the MUN.

Steve Arkfeld, head U.S. delegate, said he was pleased with the conference, even though Western Bloc nations were not united. Arkfeld won an honorable mention in the most outstanding college delegate category. Russian representative Patrick Respeliers won the award.

Arkfeld said his delegation did a good job on the Security Council and International Court of Justice. U.S. delegate Jim Rogers was recognized for outstanding case presentation to the court. The case concerned whether or not the United States had

met treaty obligations with the Ogalala Sioux.

The Security Council, which met all three days of the conference, passed resolutions calling for an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon and continued negotiations of national unification talks to withdraw troops from the country.

Other resolutions called for the USSR to leave Afghanistan and also recognized the problems of South Africa and of Cuban troops in Angola.

Arkfeld said the council also dealt with a hypothetical situation in which South Africa may have exploded a nuclear device off the coast of Libya in the Gulf of Sidra.

Parliamentary delay by the United States and the USSR limited the number of resolutions passed, Arkfeld said.

The General Assembly passed the final resolution Saturday night to end the conference amidst plastic machine guns, shoe-pounding delegates and the skeletal remains of cattle, traditionally used by the Burmese delegates to cast votes.

Although the incidents were not considered part of the conference, Arkfeld said, each year delegates use the final moments of the conference to release tension. Someone usually introduces a joke resolution or conducts a humorous attack against the secretary general, he said.

Towing debate now in high gear

By Sallie Jo Simmons

UNL police endanger students, primarily women, when they tow cars at night, said the president of the UNL Student Watch Group.

Troy Lair discussed the towing problems Friday in an open session with the Parking Advisory Committee at the UNL Police Department.

"People who walk on campus at night are taking responsibility in their own hands," Lair said. "But, someone whose car is towed has no choice in the matter. They're unwilling victims."

Lair said the unpaid tickets do not outweigh the risk of assaults that threatens students whose cars get towed at night.

Kevin Goldstein, United Students ASUN presidential candidate, and Troy Hilyard, US second vice presidential candidate, presented the committee with 2,000 student signatures opposed to night towing.

Goldstein and Hilyard said students may be irresponsible because they do not pay their tickets, but night towing is a negative incentive because it decreases students' safety.

The Student Watch Group and US offered a solution: Consolidate computers between the UNL administration and the UNL police systems. They said joint communication would help enforce parking regulations by blocking registration and/or grades for parking violations.

"I was brought up that if you broke the law you had to pay for it," said committee member Andy Carothers. "And you put yourself in that situation if you do not pay the fine."

He said he recognizes the problem of safety, but students have a responsibility to avoid impoundment by paying tickets.

Goldstein rebutted an accusation that he gave a sentimental argument.

"It may be sentimental, but we're balancing student safety against money," Goldstein said.

In contrast, committee member David Gaba said the US proposal balances one student inconvenience against another: the night towing against another means of collecting the money.

"The path that should be followed is the one that most students would want, that causes the least inconvenience for most students," Gaba said.

Lt. John Burke of the UNL Police Department said many people's cars get towed during the day but the owners do not discover this until after hours.

"We're not insensitive," he said.

Most people have their friends to help them, Burke said. However, he said, the department realizes that some people need help, and the police give it.

"We've taken people to grocery stores to write checks or to bank boxes, or take them to Lincolnland," he said.

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Rules Running Rampant

Rapid growth of the NCAA rule book has caused athletics experts to question the effectiveness of the NCAA rules system.

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