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'Enchanted Evening' helps when touchy situations arise

By Mona Koppelman

Scrabble, it ain't.

More like a sensuous Monopoly. Instead of "Pass Go— collect \$200," players obey commands like these:

"Place your lips on your partner's belly button and softly blow a few notes."

"Softly stroke a part of your body that gives you pleasure."

And, my personal favorite. "Dab champagne somewhere on your body and ask your partner to savor it."

An Enchanted Evening is a board game for couples invented in 1980 by marketing consultant Barbara Jonas of San Francisco, Calif. After an argument with her husband, Jonas devised a game of "compliments, secret wishes, and soft, sensuous touching," Jonas said.

What began as a reconciliation became a board game. Since January 1983 the game has been available for purchase by phone.

Jonas said the game is "just the thing to put pizzazz back in a relationship."

Laurie Reinschreiber, public relations person for the game said An Enchanted Evening promises the "ultimate romantic experience" for every college couple. For students on tight budgets, Reinschreiber suggested replacing champagne with beer and cheese with popcorn.

Of course, low-budget couples may have a problem coming up with the game price of \$19.95. Research results may help you decide if An Enchanted Evening can put a little spice in your Valentine's Day celebration.

First, establish atmosphere. Got roommates? Get rid of them. Give them your car with just enough gas to get to Council Bluffs. Tell them The Joker is a great place to pick up dates. Unplug the phone. Put some classic Steely Dan on the stereo.

Supply candlelight if possible; firelight's even better. But if you have to

go with a couple of cigarette lighters, do it. And have plenty of munchies on hand. This game does a lot of fun stuff with food.

To begin play: Both players fill out wish cards. The loser has to fulfill the winner's wish at the end of the game.

High roller goes first. Warning: The dice are loaded, with only ones and twos showing.

Play Begins: Every time a player moves, he lands on a space that tells which of four stacks of cards he must choose from. The first half of the board contains "flower" cards—either daisies or orchids.

Daisies command players to share fairly innocuous fantasies. "You've won a free trip—where would you like to travel with your partner?"

Or something to start intimate conversation: "In what way has your relationship grown more satisfying?"

Orchids are more provocative: "Your partner sighs and whispers, 'again.'"

During the second half of the game, players land on avocados and grapes. Conversation may have been titillating, but here's where the caressing starts. But this caressing requires imagination: "As if he/she were a marble statue of a god or goddess, slowly stroke a part of your partner's body that is smooth and sculptured."

A word of caution: Any time lines of communication are opened, the truth can be painful. Lincoln psychologist Daniel Leggiadro said that before couples decide to play a game like An Enchanted Evening, they should be emotionally prepared.

"You may stir up things you wish you hadn't," Leggiadro said. "Sharing fantasies may put mystery and romance back in a relationship. But if players find out they're not satisfying each other, it could have the opposite effect. Both players have to be willing to deal with any problems that are revealed by playing this game."



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Evangelist Mike Wooten preaches Monday afternoon to about 150 people near Broyhill Fountain.

University budget heard

By Patty Pryor

NU President Ronald Roskens requested a \$168,704,762 university budget from the Legislature's Appropriations Committee Monday afternoon. The request represents a 13.4 percent increase over last year's allocation of \$148,816,955.

Gov. Bob Kerrey's preliminary university budget recommendation was \$159,484,133; the committee's preliminary recommendation was \$162,796,143.

Roskens presented figures which showed that Nebraska's state support for the university has increased 7 percent since fiscal 1982, while state support nationally has increased 12 percent.

"We've lost momentum the last two years," Roskens said, "with this downward trend in state support."

Among areas of urgent funding, Roskens said, are faculty salaries and equipment replacement.

Faculty salaries are probably the single most important consideration in the university budget, he said.

His proposal includes an 11.1 percent increase in UNL faculty salaries, a 9.8 percent increase in University of Nebraska Medical Center faculty salaries and an 8.1 percent increase in UNO faculty salaries.

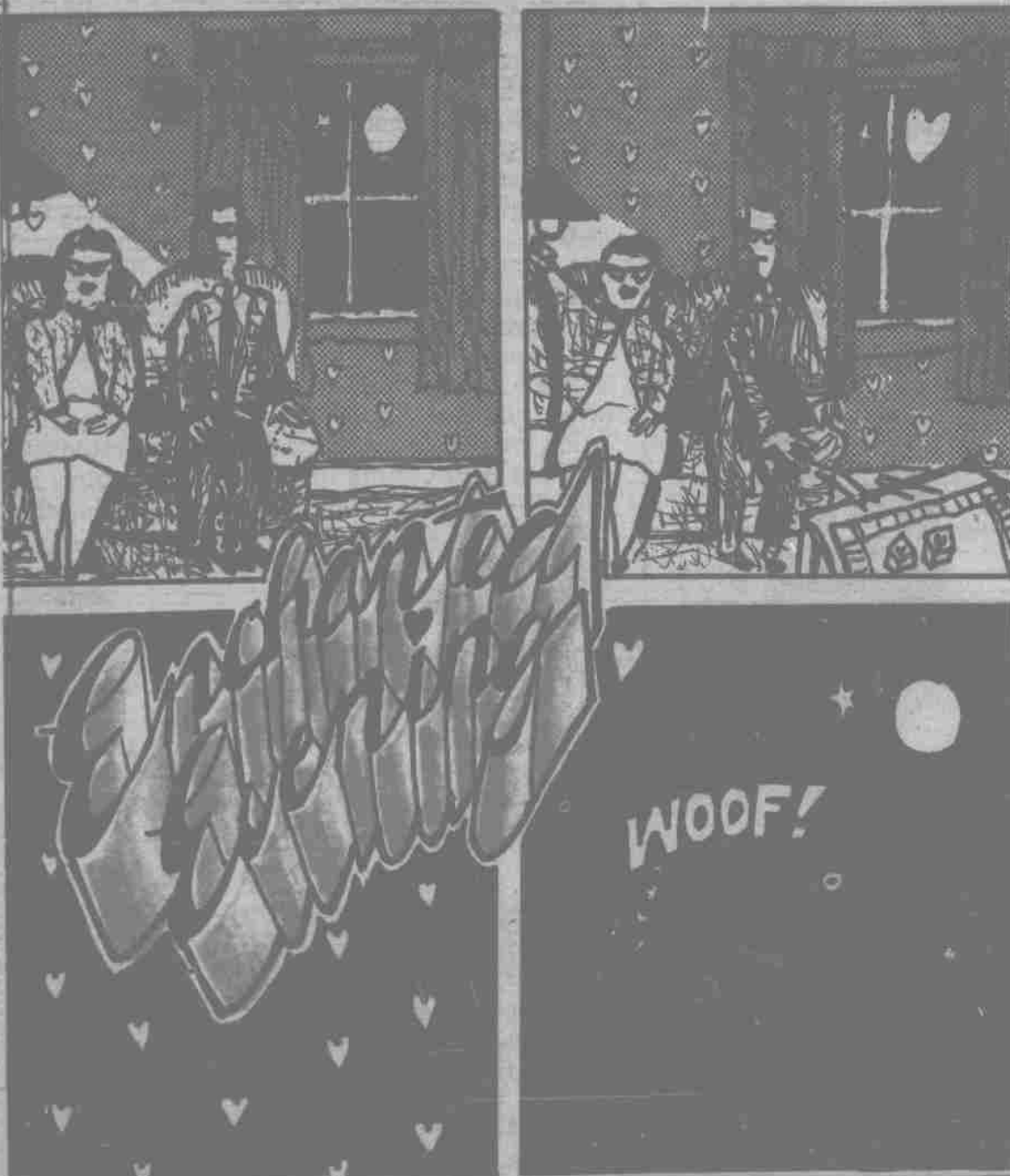
Professor Maurice E. Baker, president of the UNL Faculty Senate, and ASUN President Matt Wallace reiterated Roskens' emphasis on higher faculty salaries.

"Poor faculty salaries are making UNL a raiding ground for other universities," Wallace said.

Updating equipment is also a long-neglected priority, Roskens said, because obsolete equipment creates disadvantages for students competing in the job market with students from better-equipped schools.

"Some of our equipment is older than our faculty," he said.

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