

Byrns is new advertising manager

The UNL Publications Board announced Tuesday that Tom Byrns will be the Daily Nebraskan advertising manager for the 1984-85 summer and fall semesters.

Byrns, a senior advertising major, has been a Daily Nebraskan advertising representative for the past three years. The Daily Nebraskan staff nominated Byrns for the 1984 national sales representative of the year.

A native of Kansas City, Kan., Byrns said he hopes to establish a policy on sexism in advertisements

that is acceptable to UNL students.

Because the past three years have been the largest advertising growth period in the paper's history, Byrns said, he will keep the staff structure established by current advertising manager Tracy Beavers.

Byrns said he will strive for better working relationships between the Daily Nebraskan staff and Lincoln businesses. Advertising representatives are professionals competing with other newspapers, not just students, Byrns said.

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Iraq calls for meeting of Arab foreign ministers

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iraq officials Wednesday called on Arab foreign ministers to meet next week to discuss the Persian Gulf war and the Soviet news agency Tass accused the United States of dramatically escalating tensions in the region. An apparent lull settled on the battlefields after two weeks of some of the heaviest fighting of the 41-month-old conflict. The official Iraqi news agency said the meeting would discuss what was termed as the threat to the Arab world from "Iranian aggression." The call for the session was made by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tarek Aziz in a note to visiting Arab League Secretary General Cheldi Klibi. Aziz proposed the meeting be convened in Baghdad next Tuesday. Tass said the United States heightened tensions in the gulf area by trying to establish control over sea and airspace in the region. It said Washington was "grossly violating the commonly recognized norms of law" on civil aviation and shipping and that dozens of U.S. warships were in the gulf with the U.S. Air Force constantly flying patrol missions.

Acid rain measure approved

WASHINGTON — The Senate Environment Committee voted Wednesday to reduce acid rain by lowering the amount of allowable sulphur pollution from electric power plants in eastern and midwestern states. The committee voted 14-2 for an amendment to the Clean Air Act which would require sulphur pollution to be reduced by 10 million tons over 10 years. The electric power plants would make the reductions by installing pollution control devices, called scrubbers, or by switching to low sulphur coal. The Clean Air Act will go to the full Senate when the committee completes additional provisions.

Seal hunt to go ahead

OTTAWA — Canada's seal hunt, the target of a new letter campaign by environmentalists, will go ahead this year and Ottawa refuses to give in to "despicable criminals," Fisheries Minister Pierre de Bane said Wednesday. External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen said Tuesday the government was considering an end to the annual cull amid concern about a campaign by environmentalists in Britain and the United States to boycott Canadian fish. De Bane told reporters: "Those who resort to lies and blackmail are the most despicable criminals I can think of and seeing them trying to destroy the livelihood of our fishermen is another crime they will have to bear."

Sailor costs bank \$370,000

NEW YORK — A penniless merchant seaman cost Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. an additional \$370,000 Wednesday when a federal judge ruled the bank must pay its last bid in a bankruptcy auction for a merchant ship. Last Friday 49-year-old Robert O'Brien walked into a U.S. Marshal's office during an auction being held to dispose of the merchant ship the Hellenic Star after Morgan bid \$1.25 million, knocking out its only competitor for the ship. O'Brien, unshaven and carrying his belongings in plastic bags, offered \$1.45 million. The bidding continued with Morgan pitted against O'Brien and finally the ship was declared sold to O'Brien for \$1.63 million. When told to produce a certified check for 10 percent of the \$1.63 million, O'Brien said he did not have the funds with him and asked if they would take Swiss Francs. The auctioneer refused and Morgan Guaranty was declared the winner of the ship for \$1.62 million, their last bid. O'Brien hasn't been heard from. Morgan Guaranty has to pay the full price.

Ambassador to Vatican approved

WASHINGTON — The United States Wednesday established full diplomatic ties to the Vatican for the first time in 117 years when the Senate approved appointment of a U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. By an 81-13 vote, the Senate confirmed the nomination of California rancher and landholder William Wilson to become the first ambassador to the Vatican since 1867. Wilson, a friend of President Reagan who has been his personal Vatican representative, was not an issue in the dispute, which centered on whether the United States should break modern tradition by having ties with a church.

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