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What a dish...

Wahab Hussin feeds his daughter Sera some of the Arab food served Saturday night at the Organization of Arab Students 10th annual banquet in the Nebraska Union Ballroom. The menu included six Arab dishes, with enough food for second helpings. The night featured Arabic music, dancing and fashions, along with a group of break dancers and a slide-show tour of the Arab world.

Week honors POWs, MLAs

By Kelli Kellogg

Although the U.S. involvement in the Vietnamese conflict officially ended more than 10 years ago, soldiers still held prisoner and those missing in action have not been forgotten.

Thursday, Gov. Bob Kerrey signed a proclamation declaring this week POW-MIA Public Awareness Week in Nebraska. Angel Flight, a nationwide, non-military service organization, in conjunction with its associate, UNL's Arnold Air Society (the Air Force ROTC honorary), have scheduled public awareness activities at the Nebraska Union, said Karen Schliefert, a sophomore industrial engineering major and commander of the Arnold Air Society.

Speakers, including former POWs, will be at the union at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Schliefert said. A panel discussion is scheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m., and the film *Operation Homecoming* will be shown at different times throughout the week in the union, she said. In addition, Schliefert said, a cage containing a dummy

to represent POWs will be placed outside the union.

An information booth will also be set up in the union, she said. It will be open all week 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Schliefert said.

Events will culminate Sunday with a candle-lighting service for POWs, she said.

The decision to honor POWs and MLAs was made at the society's national conclave one year ago, Schliefert said.

"One of the squadrons decided it would be a worthwhile project to do," she said.

Some colleges already have held POW-MIA Week, said Bonnie Hanson, a freshman business major and a member of Angel Flight.

"We just designated this week as our POW-MIA Week," Hanson said. "Public awareness is our national joint project."

The events, open to the public, are free, Schliefert said. Events and the information booth will be run entirely by students.

"At last count, there were around 2,000 MIAs," Schliefert said. "But the numbers and the lists keep changing."

Honors given at wildlife banquet

From the first fish fry 23 years ago, the annual University of Nebraska Wildlife Banquet has become a gala gathering of civic leaders, faculty and students.

UNL's Gary Hergenrader, chairman of the Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife Department, was a student member of the Wildlife Club when the banquet started in 1961. At Saturday night's banquet at the East Union, Hergenrader said he remembered the first banquet's smoked carp menu in the old East Union now the East Campus Activities Center.

"The banquet has come quite a ways since then," he said.

Since 1966, the club has honored its outstanding members at the banquet. Club president Pam Powers of Cairo and Education Chairman Andy Glidden of Taylor shared this year's Outstanding Student Award.

Powers, a UNL agricultural economics major, said she hopes to combine her agribusiness background with her wildlife interest in a career. Glidden has coordinated wildlife displays and presentations for Lincoln elementary school students, reaching about

3,500 children during National Wildlife Week.

The Howard Wieggers Nebraska Outstanding Wildlife Conservation Award name in honor of Wieggers, a UNL professor of forestry, fishery and wildlife was given to Mabel and John Ott of Lincoln. The award recognized their efforts of bird banding and conservation education.

Mabel Ott is one of 2,000 federally licensed bird banders. Since 1970, she has banded and released over 11,000 birds, helping to provide information on migration habits and population fluctuations.

The crowd of 250 people including Mayor Roland Luedtke, College of Agriculture Dean Ted Hartung and Vice Chancellor Roy Arnold, were entertained by speaker Dr. Herman Glaess, a human relations lecturer on sabbatical from Concordia Teachers College in Seward.

Past award banquet speakers include Raymond Johnson, research chief for the Fish and Wildlife Service; Dick Turpin, noted humorist and outdoor educator with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; and Roger Welsch, folklorist and UNL English professor.

Lobbyist regrets bank bill's death

By John Meissner

Robert Crosby, a former Nebraska governor and now a successful lawyer and lobbyist, sounded tired and a little discouraged.

LB1027, which would allow out-of-state financial institutions to buy failed industrial loan and investment companies, was dead. United Banks of Colorado had fallen victim to the second-round legislative crunch.

Crosby's terse recounting of the bill's demise resembled a lament over a lost court case or close friend.

"At 5:45 p.m., they killed the bill," Crosby said. "The vote was 22-25, with two senators absent. This means the Legislature will adjourn without doing anything for Commonwealth depositors."

Crosby, who represented United Banks of Colorado, found that despite his effort, the proposal fell a few years short.

Crosby's tone showed that he is not accustomed to losing and also pointed out what it means to be a lobbyist.

Crosby was born in North Platte in 1911. He attended the University of Minnesota and Harvard. After serving as governor from 1953-1955, Crosby returned to law practice. Presently, he heads a Lincoln law firm and represents several special interest groups.

Today, Crosby said a legal client who approaches his firm often wants some lobbying done. This in contrast to his time as governor.

"The number of lobbyists, especially the number of women registered as lobbyists, has increased significantly since that time.

"I can remember there were one or two lobbyists, maybe none, representing religious groups," Crosby said. "Now, every religious group, charity or foundation with a legislative interest must hire somebody or volunteer to spend time lobbying."

Crosby attributes this to the large number of bills which affect special interest groups.

"There's really no way to avoid having lobbyists," Crosby said. "With 1,000 bills introduced each session, the senators have to look for somebody for information."

The notion that lobbyists exert too much influence on senators is a misconception, Crosby said.

"A lobbyist does the same thing as a lawyer, he argues his case," Crosby said. "There's really no need for worry, because there's always another lobbyist on the other side of the issue."

And sometimes the other side wins, as Crosby found out in the case of LB1027. Pressure from Nebraska state bankers kept the bill from advancing to the final round.

Crosby said he was disappointed, but he acknowledged that it comes with the territory.

"The successes I've had through the years outweigh the disappointments," Crosby said. But Crosby is not about to slow down.

"I still enjoy getting into legislative battles and trying lawsuits," he said. "I keep doing it because it's really a lot of fun."

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