

Who's News

Gerhard G. Meisels, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL since 1983, has been chosen president-elect of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry (ASMS).

Meisels, an authority in radiation chemistry and mass spectrometry, will serve a six-year term on the ASMS national board of directors.

He will become the president of the society in 1986, following his current term as vice president for programs. A two-year

term on the board will follow his presidency.

Meisels came to UNL in 1975 as chemistry department chairman.

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Gail DiSabatino has been appointed chairwoman of leadership development for educational services of the National Association for Campus Activities.

DiSabatino, who is working on her doctorate in educational administration, is program coordinator at UNL.

Headquartered in Columbia,

S.C., NACA is composed of more than 900 college and university members and nearly 550 associated firms that are involved with contemporary entertainment, the performing and fine arts and travel and leisure services.

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Scholarships have been awarded to 65 UNL agriculture students by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. The \$575 awards are for the 1984-85 academic year.

Wire Report

National and international news from the Reuter News Report

Mondale slams Reagan, unveils economic plan

PHILADELPHIA — Walter Mondale Monday vowed that as president he would raise taxes on individuals and corporations by \$85 billion to bring under control giant federal deficits he says threaten the country's future.

Mondale, in presenting his major economic program of the general election campaign, coupled his call for major tax increases with plans for reduced federal spending and a demand that President Reagan now present his plan to bring the deficits under control. Under the Mondale plan, the new taxes would be paid by Americans earning more than \$25,000 a year and corporations. The bulk of the individual tax increases would be paid by those earning over \$60,000 a year, a group Mondale aides said constituted 14 percent of the country.

Mondale added that the goal of his presidency would be to create sustainable economic growth of 3 1/2 percent per year over the next four years and reduce interest rates, now close to 15 percent, to 7.5 percent in 1989. He said he would cut projected defense spending by \$25 billion in 1989 by dumping such programs as the B-1 bomber and the MX missile.

Mondale has made a major issue of containing the budget deficit and has accused Reagan, who campaigned in 1980 on a pledge to balance the budget, of being "neither a moderate nor a conservative but a radical" on the subject.

House approves new warnings

WASHINGTON — The House Monday voted to toughen health warnings on cigarette packs and in advertisements. The bill, passed by voice vote, would change the present single warning that "Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health," with four warning labels to be changed every three months.

The four labels, each preceded by the words "Surgeon general's warning," would be:

"Smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and may complicate pregnancy;"

"Quitting smoking now greatly reduces serious risks to your health;"

"Smoking by pregnant women may result in fetal injury, premature birth and low birth weight" and

"Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide."

The new labels will be 50 percent bigger than the present warning and will be on cigarette packs and advertisements in newspapers, magazines and on highway billboards.

Northern Ireland official replaced

LONDON — British prime Minister Margaret Thatcher named a former junior foreign office minister Monday as minister for troubled Northern Ireland, one of the toughest jobs in British politics. Douglas Hurd, 54, becomes secretary of state for Northern Ireland, replacing James Prior, 56, who made it clear earlier this year he wanted to quit. It was Thatcher's second cabinet shuffle in her second term.

Prior, never one of Thatcher's favorite ministers, failed in three years in the job to foster some form of power-sharing between the Protestant majority and Catholic minority in the British-ruled province.

AIDS research makes progress

SAN FRANCISCO — A genetic engineering company said Monday it had reached a "milestone" in efforts to combat AIDS, the often fatal infection known as the gay disease because it primarily afflicts homosexuals. Chiron Corp. of Emeryville, near San Francisco, said it had successfully produced in a laboratory the genetic substances that form the virus that is believed to be a cause of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Chiron Vice President Lacy Overby, warned against the raising of false hopes that the disease was beaten, and played down reports that a vaccine might be available imminently. He said the potential of the products created in the Chiron laboratories for use in a vaccine possibly could be evaluated in six to eight months.

About 6,000 people in the United States are known to have contracted AIDS since it was identified in 1981, and about 45 percent of them have died. AIDS, which is usually caught through sexual contact between male homosexuals, drastically reduces the body's ability to fight other infections. Many victims die of obscure cancers. The number of AIDS victims in San Francisco, where an estimated 20 percent of the adult population is homosexual, has been rising. Last month the death rate here among AIDS victims was almost one per day.

Anti-nuclear jellyfish mob retreats

MIAMI — Florida Power and Light customers will be facing slightly higher bills next spring thanks to hordes of jellyfish, company officials said Monday. Thousands of the free-floating creatures from a flotilla 20 miles long drifted in from the Atlantic more than a week ago, jamming the water intake scoops of two of the utility's coastal nuclear power units at Fort Pierce, Florida.

The company was forced to switch to more expensive coal-generated electricity for 12 days while marine experts and divers tried unsuccessfully to clear the creatures from the intake screens. The units were brought back on line over the weekend thanks to a shift in winds caused by Hurricane Diana. Company officials said it cost an additional \$1.2 million a day to produce power during the shutdown.

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