

# International women's club bridges cultural gaps

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The International Women's Club of Lincoln might be labeled "a social club." But more precisely, it is an informative social organization that serves many functions.

This group of about 40 is made up of women from all over the world. It began in 1964 when some wives of foreign students at UNL saw the need for "some sort of social outlet," president Eleanor Sindlar, said.

The members stress, however, that the group is not limited to wives of foreign students, but is

open to women in the university and Lincoln communities as well.

The group meets every Wednesday morning. The first and third Wednesday are the general, or informational, meetings which usually include guest speakers.

In the past, topics have ranged from information on Lincoln's hospitals and public transportation system or shopping tips to travel experiences in foreign countries.

"Some women may not know that they can return an item to the store if they are not satisfied with it, simply because they couldn't do that in their own

country," Nancee Bates, a third-year said. "We want to help them to get to know Lincoln better."

The international club also offers a unique opportunity to share cross-cultural experiences, and the women reserve every second and fourth Wednesday of the month to do just that. The second Wednesday is a "Tea and Talk" where the women design and work on international crafts. Japanese origami, American quilts, blown Easter eggs and German straw Christmas tree ornaments are a few of the craft ideas that the women have shared together, according to Doris Hiza,

program chairman.

On the fourth Wednesday of the month, the club has cooking classes where members learn how to prepare various dishes from other cultures, and then, Bates said, "have fun eating the food that we make."

With such a vast array of cultural experiences available to Lincoln, Haiz, who is a 10-year member, puts a special emphasis on her hope that more American women join after learning the club is not for foreign women only — but for all women interested in sharing their culture and

learning about new ones.

Bates, whose husband is part Japanese, said that when a group like this meets every week, women are more open about things.

The club also organizes an annual banquet and luncheon along with several other special events.

The International Women's Club meets at the First Presbyterian Church, 17th and F streets, for the first three Wednesdays and at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A St., for the cooking classes. For transportation arrangements or other information, call Sindlar at 489-1484 or Bates at 421-1086.

## Who's News

UNL philosophy professor Robert Audi Friday night became the first philosopher to receive the Sower Award from the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities.

The Sower is awarded every two years for outstanding humanistic scholarship and teaching.

In giving the award, the NCH recognized Audi's efforts to extend "an understanding of philosophy and related disciplines beyond the academic boundaries and into the public arena."

Audi, 42, has made television appearances, delivered lectures and made panel presentations for the NCH.

He was honored at a reception at the Governor's Mansion and received his award at a dinner at the Capitol.

Lincoln Mayor Roland Luedtke has nominated UNL economics professor Jerry Petr as a member of the Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board. The nom-

ination still must be approved by the City Council.

Petr, who came to UNL in 1966, is a member of the Lincoln Energy Commission. He teaches courses at UNL on energy and economics.

Four UNL graduate students have received Fulbright Hays awards for 1984-85. The Chronicle of Higher Education has reported. The awards administered by the Institute of International Education allow the students to study abroad in a country of their choice for one year.

Three of the award winners will study in West Germany: Mark A. Meier, a biology student; Eugene D. Beye, a history student; and Laurie L. Goodenkauf, a languages and literature student.

Kathleen West, also in languages and literature, will study in Iceland.

The Nebraska Agricultural

Leadership Council elected its officers for the coming year at its annual meeting in Lincoln.

The council elected Robert Ginery of Lincoln chairman of the board, Julian Canaday of Bloomfield, vice chairman, and Helen Nichols of Brock, secretary.

The University of Nebraska's dental college honored Dr. L. Leroy Willis, a co-founder of the college's alumni association, at its annual fall reunion in Lincoln Friday.

Willis of Midwest City, Okla., helped organize the dental alumni group in 1938. He served as its first president. Another Oklahoma dentist, Dr. William C. Cole, co-founded the group and served as its first vice president.

The two men and 14 of their 19 classmates were honored at the reunion banquet as members of the university's 50-year dentistry class.

## Three-year law grant to focus on awareness

The UNL College of Law has received a three-year \$30,000 grant to be used to stimulate minority students' interest in attending law school.

According to Ruth Witherspoon, assistant dean of the college, Nebraska is one of 17 schools across the nation awarded the grant.

The \$30,000 grant is to be awarded to UNL during a three-year period — \$12,000 this year, \$10,000 in 1985, and \$8,000 in 1986.

Use of grant funds are aimed at three things, Witherspoon said,

education, recruitment and retention.

To inform minority students, UNL officials plan to visit 10 high schools and make presentations on what a law career can offer and things like how to prepare for law school.

The College of Law also will be the host of two, three-day summer camps for high school students as an introduction to the law college. A handbook on the college also is being distributed to high school students.



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