

# Citizens commend reporting Journalism class takes over Syracuse paper

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After nine years, Francis and Maxine Moul of Syracuse finally got a vacation — thanks to eight UNL School of Journalism students and their two instructors.

The Moul's, who own Maverick Media, a publication house in Syracuse that publishes the Johnson County Courier and the Syracuse Journal-Democrat, turned over the responsibilities of the two newspapers to eight students who were part of an advanced news reporting class at UNL.

So while the Moul's vacationed in Maine for two weeks in July, the students were responsible for the reporting, photography and layout of the newspapers.

The advanced reporting class usually publishes the Summer Nebraskan, but according to Al Pagel, an instructor of the class, the responsibilities had to be relinquished because of high publication costs.

**The matchup of the journalism students and the Moul's newspapers happened because of a "chance conversation,"** Maxine Moul said.

While attending a journalism alumni

reunion, Moul came up with the idea of bringing the students to Syracuse.

"It occurred to me that it would be a good way to give the students some experience," Moul said. "I have an awful lot of confidence in the professors at the journalism school. They know the ropes."

Pagel, who was assisted in teaching the class by news-editorial department chairman Jack Botts, said he was apprehensive at first.

"I thought it was a great idea," he said, "but I thought it was going to be a disaster."

The class spent two weeks preparing for the two-week assignment and another week writing backup stories before going to Syracuse, Pagel said.

The results of two week assignment, in which each newspaper was published twice, were favorable except for a few minor problems.

**"The students said it was the best hands-on experience they had in college,"** Pagel said. "They did everything."

Journalism students Jack Denker and Carol Winchell said they enjoyed the challenging experience.

"I liked it because it was a real newspaper that affected real people in a

real community," Winchell, a senior journalism major, said.

Denker, a senior journalism and English major, said he enjoyed working in Syracuse, but the class had some problems meeting the demands of the newspapers' readers.

"It's difficult walking into a different environment and putting out a newspaper for people we didn't know," he said. "It was also difficult to come up with story ideas."

**Moul said some difficulty arose because the students weren't fully explained the functions of the two newspapers,** she said.

The two newspapers serve two separate communities and have two separate identities, she said. According to Moul, the students included "too much" Syracuse news in the Johnson County Courier, which serves the Adams and Sterling areas.

**While Moul said she noticed a few errors, two Syracuse residents said they thought the students did a good job.**

Mrs. William Effken, an English and speech instructor at Nemaha Valley High School in Cook, said the students' work was accurate and good.

"If there had been errors — a real boo boo — then everybody would have been talking about it," she said.

Ron Anderson, administrator at the Community Memorial Hospital in Syracuse and a former editor and production manager for the Syracuse newspaper, said that although the students took a different approach it was basically good writing.

Moul said she was pleased with the number of pictures and local stories in the papers.

"They came up with some pretty darn good feature stories," she said.

As next summer approaches, Pagel said, the advanced reporting class could find itself taking over a different newspaper for two weeks. Pagel said the David City and West Point newspapers have shown interest in surrendering their newspapers to the class.

"We can do it better next time," he said.

## Shorts

Career workshops for arts and science majors on resume writing, interview techniques and job search skills will be offered in Andrews Hall 146 at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. The workshops will be presented by Anne Kopera, coordinator of advising. For more information call the College of Arts and Science office at 472-2891.

day in the Nebraska Union.

A non-alcoholic bar will be opened at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. Dr. Tom Goodale will present "A New Look at the Old Sauce," a slide show and discussion of the effects and use of alcohol and other drugs on campuses around the country. Comedian Rollin' Ray Dietzel will follow with a comedy routine.

Plattsmouth off U.S. Highways 73-75, is a 240-acre farm bequeathed to UNL in 1950 for forestry purposes. The Forestry Field Days program will include 90-minute hayrack tours, beginning at 11 a.m. both days.

The public is invited. For more information call Dennis Adams, UNL associate forester, at 472-3674.

Those wishing to volunteer can call the council office at 476-7539 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center is offering a support group for victims of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault.

The group will meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and will continue for seven weeks. There is no charge.

For location and more information, call the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center at 476-3327.

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The annual dinner for the Indian Center, 1100 Military Road, will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

The potluck dinner will be served by the center staff and individuals will be recognized who have assisted with the center.

Members of the Indian community, board members, advisory board members, program volunteers and media representatives are invited.

The Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will be the hosts of "Do It Sober II," an evening of entertainment and education Monday in the Nebraska Union.

The NU Horning State Farm will celebrate 25 years of forestry research at its annual Forestry Field Days Sept. 28 and 29.

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The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 12:24 a.m. and 7:36 p.m. Monday.

12:24 a.m. — Disturbance reported on 19th Street from T to U streets. A fight was settled by officers.

1:18 a.m. — Speakers reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 2 east of Sandoz Hall.

8:52 a.m. — License plate reported stolen from a car at 18th and S streets.

3:56 p.m. — Football tickets reported lost or stolen from Memorial Stadium.

5:41 p.m. — Tires reported slashed on a bicycle at Westbrook Hall.

5:55 p.m. — People reported tampering with emergency phone near Architectural Hall.

7:36 p.m. — Belated report of a man trespassing in the women's restroom at Neihardt Residence Complex.

7:36 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen at Lyman Hall.

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