

**BLOOM COUNTY**



by Berke Breathed

Auditions for the spring season of UNL's Oratorio Chorus will be from 5:30 to 7:30 tonight in Westbrook Music Building 220.

Ginger Covert Colla, director of UNL

choral activities, said the major work to be performed by the chorus this spring will be George Frederic Handel's "Solomon." The work will be presented in Kimball Hall on May 5 in celebration of the tricentennial of the composer's

birth.

Colla said openings are available for all positions in the Oratorio Chorus, but said the group especially needs tenors and basses.

**Shorts**

**Sheldon gala raised money to acquire art**

The Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery gained as much as \$50,000 for its acquisition fund thanks to the Snowflake Gala fund-raising dinner Saturday night.

George Neubert, gallery director, said acquisition fund money is used to buy art and sculptures for the gallery to be appreciated by UNL students and the public.

Neubert said more than 160 people attended the \$150-a-plate affair that included dinner, an auction and a fashion show.

The event was sponsored by the Nebraska Art Association. Neubert said final figures won't be available until next week, but low estimates of money earned reach \$25,000, and the figure could reach \$50,000.

Most of the expenses for the event were underwritten by corporate sponsors, said Neubert, who says he acts as a liaison between Sheldon and the Nebraska Art Association.

Ten ice sculptures, made by Jerry and Kathy Holmes, were set up on the Gallery steps as part of the event. Each of the ice sculptures contain a snowflake to go along with the title of the event and should remain on the steps until they melt or are vandalized.

**Rattlers...**

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"We don't have enough good equipment," one group member said.

Lionberger said The Rattlers will probably keep rattling as long as they make enough money for beer and enough gas to get them out to Hickman, where they practice.

Larry Boehmer of the Zoo Bar described The Rattlers as a new, young band with a lot of energy.

"They're not seasoned. I've seen tighter bands," he said, "but they seem to have a lot of energy."

Despite the Journal-Star music poll The Rattlers are not the best local group in Lincoln. Their technical shortcomings alone would make that evident. Apart from that they don't have much variety in music. Most of their songs seem to have the same steady driving beat behind them and thus seem repetitious.

The Rattlers need a certain type of crowd to be effective. So far, they haven't got the versatility to shape their moods to the audience.

DeBord said the best audience for The Rattlers would be a rowdy, drinking crowd.

The Rattlers do, however, have plenty of energy, and more importantly, they seem to be having fun. If they meet an audience with the same ingredients, it could be a fun night for all.

"If you've had a hard day at work and want to go out, get drunk and throw your body around, we're the band to see," DeBord said. "We may not be famous, but we're always fun."

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