

Shorts

The Programs Activities Committee has developed a program to inform students about UNL organizations. PAC has broken activities into 12 categories: college departmental or professional clubs, ethnic minority organizations, governing bodies, honor societies and honoraries, international student groups, military organizations, religious organizations, service organizations, political groups, sports, cultural groups

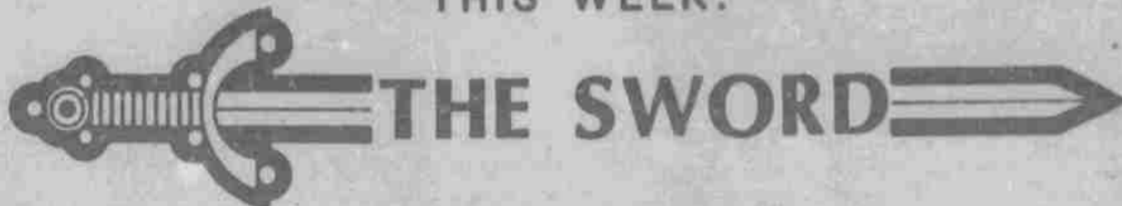
and publication groups. To get more information on UNL activities and how to get involved, attend the PAC meetings, which are in the residence halls:
Burr Hall Main Lounge on East Campus: today at 7 p.m.
Love Memorial Recreation Room on East Campus: Monday at 7 p.m.
Selleck Quadrangle Mushroom Room: Feb. 27 at 9 p.m.

Career workshops for Arts and Sciences majors on "Skills Identification," "Resume Writing," "Interview Techniques" and "Job Search Skills" will be offered in Andrews Hall 146 at 3:30 p.m. today, Feb. 27, March 6 and March 13, respectively.

The workshops will be presented by Anne Kopera, coordinator of advising for the college.

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Reagan proposes Congress cut farm spending in half

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration, under fire for refusing more help to troubled farmers, will soon send Congress a 1985 farm bill proposal that would slash government spending on agriculture in half within three years.

Farm spending in the 1985 fiscal year which ends Sept. 30 is expected to total \$16 billion. Under the new bill, spending would shrink to \$7.7 billion in the 1988 fiscal year.

Many details of the bill, expected to be officially introduced in Congress this week or next, have already leaked out. Reaction has not been favorable.

"The cuts are much too severe," Gene Moos, a wheat farmer and veteran adviser to the House Agriculture Committee, said.

"Farmers are being told that the solution to our problems lies in more market-oriented farm programs, a term that has now become a code word for lower farm prices," added Henry Neshem, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

Budget Director David Stockman estimates that if the Reagan proposals are adopted by Congress, the U.S. average wheat price would decline about 25 percent in one year and would recover only marginally by the end of the decade. Stockman predicts prices would also decline for corn, soybeans, milk, cotton and sugar.

But Agriculture Secretary John Block defended the administration plan in a television interview last week. "A portion of American Agriculture has become hooked on government. Farmers need to get their income out of the marketplace, not from the government," he said.

The Reagan "market oriented" proposal seeks to phase out government programs that have supported farm income and prices for 50 years. The Reagan administration admits its proposals would cut farm prices sharply, but says the bitter medicine is necessary to make the United States competitive with Argentina, Canada, Australia and the European community in export markets.

Judge releases jurors in libel case

NEW YORK — Gen. William Westmoreland's \$120 million libel suit against CBS formally ended Tuesday, with a judge telling jurors that it may have been for the best that the case never reached them.

Westmoreland sued CBS for libel over a documentary that said the former U.S. Vietnam war commander deliberately underestimated the size of U.S. District Court Judge Pierre Leval dismissed the jury of six men and six women saying, "it may be for the best that the verdict be left for history."

His comment was seconded by CBS attorney David Boles who said, "Both sides agree that whatever the verdict would be should be left to the historians."

Westmoreland sued CBS for libel over a documentary that the former U.S. Vietnam war commander deliberately underestimated the size of enemy forces fighting the United States and its allies in the late 1960s.

Senator requests cut in military pay

WASHINGTON — Sen. Warren Rudman Tuesday proposed a three-year, \$21 billion cut in military pay and personnel as a way to slice the "fat in the bureaucracy." The New Hampshire Republican, a member of the Senate appropriations subcommittee on defense, said that his proposal could be accomplished without affecting military strength, force posture or readiness.

His plan calls for eliminating the proposed five percent military pay increase due July 1, eliminating the Pentagon's proposed personnel increase of 36,000 people and cutting 10 percent of the military and civilian support personnel — about 76,200 military and 104,600 civilian personnel.

He said it would save \$500 million in fiscal 1985, the government year ending Sept. 30, \$4.5 billion in 1986, \$7.6 billion in 1987 and \$8.4 billion in 1988.

Libya offers Sudan compensation

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Libya, a strong critic of the Sudanese government, has offered to compensate Sudan for any financial aid withheld by the United States, the official Libyan news agency JANA said Tuesday.

The agency, monitored in Beirut, quoted a Libyan Foreign Ministry source as saying Libya was displeased with what it called U.S. suspension of aid to Sudan and would make up the shortfall.

But Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri said he had not been officially informed of any U.S. decision to suspend aid payments to Sudan.

The U.S. State Department said Monday that some aid for Sudan had been delayed while Washington considered Khartoum's economic reform program, but hinted that "encouraging" reforms could lead to a resumption.

U.S. may expand role in Mideast

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz said Tuesday the United States might soon move into a "helpful and direct" role in the Middle East peace process while continuing to call for Arab-Israeli negotiations.

Shultz made his comment to the House Foreign Affairs Committee one week after President Reagan heard Saudi Arabia's King Fahd appeal for a more "vigorous" American role in seeking regional peace. The Reagan administration has countered such appeals by saying an Arab country, notably Jordan, must first agree to negotiate with Israel.

The administration has not taken a high-profile role in the Middle East since it pulled U.S. troops out of Lebanon a year ago. However, there has recently been a flurry of Middle East diplomacy. Fahd's state visit to Washington last week is to be followed next month by a visit by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.