

Shorts

Harold Edgerton, a UNL alumnus and world-renowned inventor and innovator in photographic techniques and applications, will have a public seminar Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Nebraska Hall 347 West. Before the seminar, Edgerton will be

honored as one of four outstanding Nebraskans by the Nebraskaland Foundation and will receive a Trailblazer Award in a ceremony in the Capitol rotunda.

The Plaque Busters and the Tooth Fairy will be featured at the NU Medical Center Children's Dental Health Clinic on Saturday at UNL's College of Dentistry, 40th and Holdrege streets. The clinic, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is free.

The fall 1984 Dean's List for the College of Arts and Sciences is posted on the first floor of Oldfather Hall and outside Oldfather 1223. The criteria for the Dean's List is a 3.7 or higher semester Grade Point Average based on at least 12 graded hours.

For more information, call the dean's office, 472-2891.

College students can travel anywhere Greyhound goes in the continental United States for a round-trip fare of \$89. Tickets may be bought at any Greyhound terminal or commission agency through April 15. Students must present a valid UNL identification card at the time of purchase. Tickets are valid for a maximum of 15 days of travel through April 30.

For further information, students can call the local Greyhound agent.

Setting it Straight

The hotline number for the Clerk of the Legislature's Office was incorrectly printed in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan. The correct number, where people can get information on bills or ask questions, is 471-2709 in Lincoln, (800) 742-7456 in other Nebraska areas.

Police Report

Four incidents were reported to UNL police between 11:44 a.m. and 8:17 p.m. Tuesday.
 11:44 a.m. — Vandalism reported at Burr Hall on East Campus.
 2:03 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from 1115 N. 16th St.
 4:55 p.m. — Automobile accessories reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 1 near 17th and R streets.
 8:17 p.m. — Security alarm reported sounding at the Administration Building.

Reuter Report

Experts say Reagan plan endangers family farms

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is seeking the most sweeping reform of U.S. farm policy in 50 years in a shakeup that would shrink price supports and ease tens of thousands of small farmers out of business, according to agriculture experts.

Experts say the policy shift, if approved by Congress, would spell the end of the traditional small family farm that has helped feed the world for generations and once symbolized the rugged individualism of American frontier life.

Such sentimental testimony has not changed the views of Reagan aides who say that, at a time when federal deficit reduction is the first priority, farmers who cannot compete without heavy government aid will have to be allowed to go under.

"What's the family farm?" asked U.S. Budget Director David Stockman recently. "That's a sociological concept and I think it's in the national interest to have a strong and productive agricultural sector."

Reagan couches similar views. In a radio address defending his new proposal to slash farm subsidies by half in three years, he stated: "Taxpayers must not be asked to bail out every farmer hopelessly in debt, some by hundreds of thousands of dollars... Over the long haul there is only one sure solution: We're going to begin working our way back to a free market economy."

The Reagan bill would start dismantling programs that, over the past half century, have provided direct government payments, loans and other subsidies to farmers.

U.S.: New Zealand rift reversible

WASHINGTON — The White House said Wednesday that Washington's growing rift with New Zealand over U.S. nuclear ship visits is not irreversible and expressed hope that Wellington would change its policy against such visits.

Asked about the row with a long-time Pacific ally, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "The situation is not irreversible. We are hopeful they will make some drastic and 'damaging' steps, including reducing cooperation with his country in defense and intelligence gathering. Lange said Tuesday during a Los Angeles visit en route to Britain that New Zealand would not reverse its recent refusal to allow calls by nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed U.S. Navy vessels.

Speakes advocates Nicaragua trip

WASHINGTON — The White House Wednesday urged members of Congress to accept an invitation to visit Nicaragua, a country the administration has accused of Marxist subversion in Central America. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega extended the invitation Tuesday and said a bipartisan congressional delegation would find that his government's military establishment was purely defensive. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said congressmen should accept the invitation and that any such visit should be a "no-holds-barred" mission designed to get at the truth of the Sandinist government's military buildup. President Reagan, who is waging a campaign in Congress for more funds to finance the activities of anti-government rebels in Nicaragua, has accused the Sandinist regime of creating a military establishment far in excess of its needs for defense.

EPA defeats conservationists in court

WASHINGTON — In a victory for industry over conservationists, the Supreme Court Wednesday expanded the Environmental Protection Agency's power to grant exemptions from national clean water laws. The 5-4 decision represented a setback for environmentalists who had sought to limit government variances under standards limiting discharge of toxic water pollutants. The ruling underscored last year's Supreme Court decision granting the EPA greater flexibility in administering environmental laws. In 1978 the EPA established an exemption to clean water laws, based on whether an individual plant could cite "a fundamentally different factor" than those used by the agency in setting national standards. An environmental group, the Natural Resources Defense Council, had challenged the EPA's authority to issue variances for toxic pollutants, filing suit against the agency and the Chemical Manufacturers Association, an industry group.

Analysis: Deficit projections wrong

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will miss his deficit-reduction targets by a wide mark, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday. In an analysis, the CBO said Reagan's proposed spending cuts, if adopted in full by Congress, would yield deficits of about \$186 annually for the rest of the decade. Reagan projects the deficit, expected to reach \$222 billion this year, falling to \$180 billion in 1986 and to \$144 billion in 1988 through large cuts in domestic spending programs. The CBO, in its analysis, projected higher interest rates in the future than did the Reagan administration.

Fetus X-rays raise chance of cancer

BOSTON — Exposing a human fetus to X-rays more than doubles the chance that the child will contract cancer before reaching adulthood, medical researchers said in a report published Wednesday.

According to the report, in the New England Journal of Medicine, an unborn child "may be especially sensitive to the carcinogenic effects of ionizing radiation."

The National Cancer Institute research team compared sets of twins who did and did not receive X-rays while in the womb. Twins were used because, until several years ago, doctors often used X-rays to confirm that a pregnant woman was carrying more than one child. Using data from the Connecticut twin registry and the Connecticut tumor registry, the team identified 31 children, all born with a twin brother or sister, who developed cancer. Other twin children who did not develop cancer were used for comparison. The researchers calculated that a fetus exposed to X-rays is nearly 2 1/4 times more likely to develop cancer during childhood.

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