

Campus Recreation to offer variety of exotic excursions

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Staff Reporter

Whitewater rafting in Costa Rica, taking a pilgrimage across Spain or hiking in the Grand Canyon are trips available to UNL students through Campus Recreation.

The trips are organized by Mark Ebel, assistant director of campus recreation. He also will conduct tours of Costa Rica and Spain.

Ebel said he became interested in Latin America during his first trip to Mexico. He said he is trying to promote interest in Latin America's "wild wilderness" and its inexpensive food, lodging and transportation.

Such excursions are inexpensive because the tours are organized without using travel agents, except for airline bookings, he said.

Using public transportation and staying with families also lowers costs.

"The Costa Rica tour is not a "Holiday Inn type of trip," Ebel said.

"We're going to be roughing it most of the time," he said.

UNL Campus Recreation makes no money from these trips.

"We strive to break even," Ebel said. "Sometimes we lose money, sometimes we gain."

The recreation department doesn't have a problem getting people interested in the trips. He said the Alpine ski trip this winter already is filled. If there is a high demand for a trip, the department interviews and screens prospective participants, he said.

"We will pick those who we feel are best suited for the trip," Ebel said. "That is, those who are physically fit and have an appreciation for foreign culture."

Trips are open to students, faculty members, alumni and their immediate family members, he said.

The Costa Rican tour is scheduled from Dec. 27 to Jan. 11, 1986. It costs \$900, which includes round-trip airfare, lodging, transportation and some

food. Eight to 12 people will be accepted, Ebel said.

The trip to Spain from July 12 to Aug. 2 costs about \$1,200. A walk along a historic pilgrimage route from the southwest corner of France across Spain is planned.

"It's an opportunity to observe the real Spanish life and to communicate with the Spanish people," Ebel said.

The five-day hike through the Grand Canyon always has a long waiting list, he said. Twenty people can participate. Three people already have signed up, he said. The trip, scheduled from March 21 to 30, costs \$225. Camping fees, backpacking equipment, transportation and food are included.

Weekend canoe trips on the Platte and Elkhorn rivers, whitewater rafting in Arkansas and bicycling trips in Iowa and Texas also are offered, Ebel said. A backpacking trip in Colorado during Thanksgiving vacation and a cross country skiing seminar in late January also are planned.

Bill's second-round debate today

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because it appropriates state money. Some of the 37 senators who voted for LB713 have told him the economy in their districts is much worse now than when they voted for the bill, Haberman said.

Lincoln Sen. Don Wesely, whose district includes many depositors, said supporters of the payoff are "a lot more vulnerable" because of the 33-vote requirement. But he said several sena-

tors who voted against LB713 will support the correction bill because "we screwed up" the first time.

Although some senators are still arguing whether the state is liable for Commonwealth deposits, Wesely said the Legislature has at least a moral obligation to pay off depositors.

"We're running short of money," he said, "but I feel it's one of those things we have to take care of."

Senators are racing to pass a bill

before the Lancaster County District Court rules whether depositors can be paid the \$8.5 million under existing state law. If the correction bill is defeated or delayed, depositors likely will get no money," Haberman said.

The Legislature plans to have both first- and second-round debate on the correction bill today. A final vote is expected by Friday.

Shorts

Women's Inter Club Council will have a luncheon Tuesday at noon in the Nebraska Union. Eleanor Crosier will present slides of Japan.

UNL faculty and staff members are invited to the first in a series of luncheon programs titled "Food for Thought."

The programs will focus on world

hunger and peace.

The first program in the series will be Thursday at noon in the East Union. Other programs will be Oct. 25 and Nov. 22.

The programs are open to the public and are co-sponsored by United Ministries in Higher Education, St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Student Center and the UNL Lutheran Center.

Setting it Straight

The article "Correspondence Course Interest Drops at UNL" (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 20) referred to field courses in the Division of Continuing Studies, not correspondence courses. The enrollment drop is in field courses, for which UNL professors travel the state to teach. Enrollment in correspondence courses, which are a separate specific

course of study by mail, is not declining.

An article titled "Stand-up Man, Sileven: God's law should govern" (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 20) said Sileven is the minister of the Faith Christian Church in Louisville. It should have said he is minister of the Faith Baptist Church.

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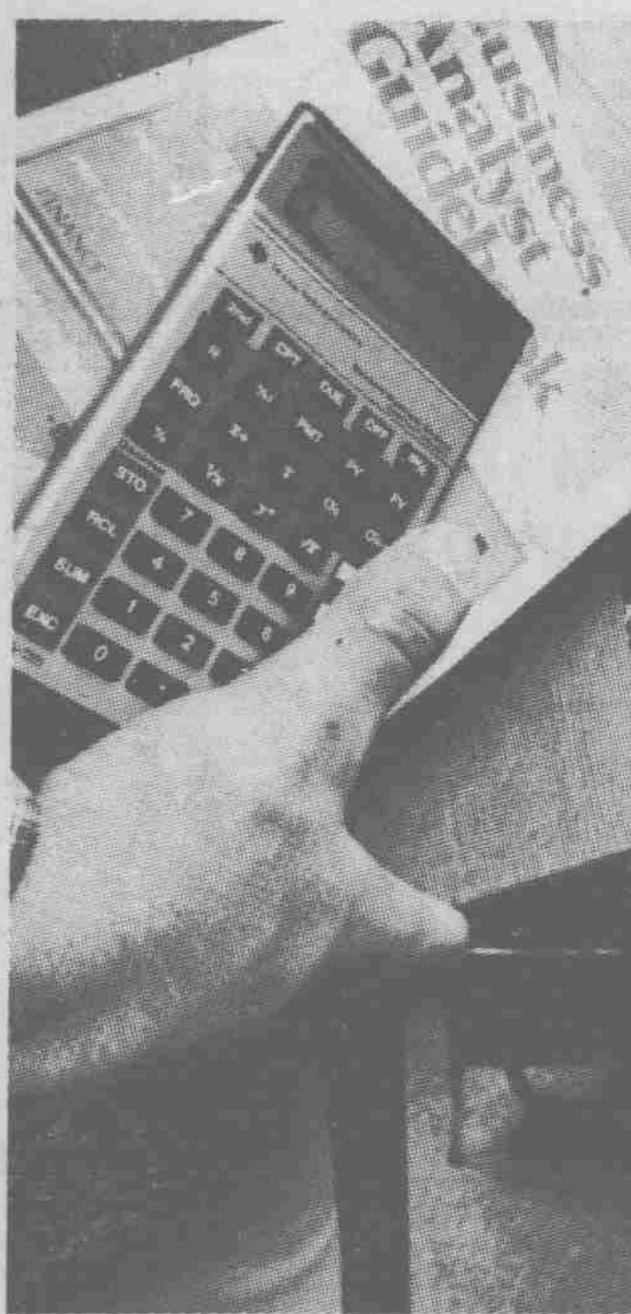
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