Tuesday, October 1, 1985 **Daily Nebraskan** Education organization president to focus on international teaching

By Kyle Brunkow Staff Reporter

As president-elect of an international. teachers organization, Ron Joekel, associate dean of the UNL Teachers College, is breaking new ground.

He is the first Midwesterner to become president of Phi Delta Kappa, an organization of 150,000 teachers, professors and school administrators from the United States and 19 foreign countries.

Joekel said the organization works to improve all segments through workshops and seminars.

During his two-year term, Joekel said, he will work to improve classroom instruction. He said group members sponsor workshops on teaching effectively and improving school discipline.

He said the organization also is working with business and industrial leaders to use their expertise in the classroom. Joekel said these people puter-assisted instruction. can help schools teach children how to

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and schools. Joekel said Phi Delta Kappa plans workshops to show parents how they can help their children do better in school.

"Everyone is working together for the same cause - education," Joekel said. "We all participate and we all contribute."

Joekel said he will concentrate on international education. During Christmas vacation, he will travel to London, Moscow and Peking to study the educational systems of those countries.

He and about 40 others will study the elementary, secondary and postsecondary education and post-secondary education systems to better understand how these countries teach.

"People have a lot of stereotypes (about foreign countries) ... but until you visit them first-hand you really don't know," Joekel said.

He said teachers must rid themselves of their misconceptions about other countries. To do that, they must understand how other countries teach

Shorts

The University Health Center is offering a 10-week weight control class for staff and faculty members beginning today through Dec. 10. The class is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the health center. It will include information on changing eating habits, behavior modification, exercise, medical aspects of weight control and showing ways to set up a nutritious diet to meet specific needs.

The course costs \$30.

For more information, contact the Community Health Department at 472-7440 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Miss Black UNL and Mr. Black Collegiate pageant are available from Multi-Cultural Affairs in Seaton Hall and the CAP office, Nebraska Union 200 by Oct. 11.

"Finding The Right Job For You," a workshop by Mary Kramer will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the YWCA. The workshop is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Labor, The Private Industry Council of Lincoln and The Lincoln-Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women.

The Educational Psychology Clinic - near 14th and New Hampshire streets. is offering a pre-statistics workshop Applications for the sixth annual beginning Oct. 21. Topics include:

review of math skills, calculator uses, introduction to basic topics and dealing with aspects of fear of statistics. For more information call the Educational Psychology Clinic at 472-1152.

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 12:43 a.m. and 12:44 p.m. Sunday.

12:43 a.m. - Damage reported to an emergency phone in Parking Area 3

2:12 a.m. - Stereo equipment reported stolen from 645 N. 16th St. A suspect was cited for the offense. Arraignment will be Oct. 9 in Lancaster County Court.

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fits and perhaps less contact with cise routine. Be wary of any high-pressure sales effort, Wilson said. Resist high-pressure

12:44 p.m. — Miscellaneous items reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 6 on East Campus.



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offer and deliver continued good service to their members, this points up the importance of choosing your health spa wisely, according to a UNL extension consumer education specialist.

Even though most fitness centers

friends.

Janet Wilson said she advises visiting as many health clubs as possible. If there is only one where you live, ask for a tour. Once at the spa, be alert. Look for overcrowded conditions and check

sales of long-term memberships until there is some indication of long-term reliability. Most centers will offer longterm contracts, but remember the difference between an "offer" and "highpressure."

Read the fine print in the contract. If there is something you don't understand, ask to have it explained fully.

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