

# Panel discussion organized to protest CIA recruiting at UNL

By Martha Miller  
Staff Reporter

Recruitment of prospective employees by the CIA should not be allowed on the UNL campus, a UNL English professor said Thursday in the Nebraska Union.

Bruce Erlich, associate professor of English and modern languages and literatures spoke during the "Realities of the CIA Today," a panel discussion of three UNL professors sponsored by the Latin American Solidarity Committee.

The panel was organized to protest the presence of CIA recruiters on campus this week. Erlich argued that the CIA should not be allowed to recruit students on campus like a business or corporation. He said he is opposed to the fact that the CIA went through UNL's Career Planning and Placement office.

"We don't want them snarfing up our students," he said.

Erlich said he questioned the methods and objectives of the CIA. He said the CIA took part in the assassinations of foreign leaders and in attempts to overthrow foreign governments. He also suggested that the CIA was involved in international drug trafficking. Erlich based his remarks on documented testimonies of former CIA employees who worked under the leadership of former CIA directors Richard Helms and William Colby.

David Forsythe, a UNL professor of political science and panelist, said he thinks the CIA should not be con-

demned as an institution. Instead, the criticism should be directed toward the leadership of the agency, he said.

"The evidence is not convincing enough to make the CIA a rogue elephant," he said.

Forsythe said the United States needs an intelligence agency for security purposes. However, he criticized the CIA's recent involvement in Nicaragua. Attempts to overthrow the Sandinista government will fail because the CIA cannot identify who the Contras are or exactly who it is they're attacking, he said.

"I'm opposed to the use of the CIA to overthrow the Sandinista government because the people will never rally behind them," he said.

Forsythe said U.S. presidents also are responsible for the covert actions of the CIA because they are included in every CIA decision. He agreed with Erlich's proposal that the relationship between the CIA and the president is an example of "plausible denial." He said this allowed for a flexible relationship that makes it nearly impossible to pin down who is responsible for reprehensible action.

The third panelist, Gregory Pedlow, UNL associate professor of history, recently was hired by the CIA and will leave the university at the end of the year. Although Pedlow would not discuss his reasons for leaving, he said he was hired as a historian and will assist in the analysis of foreign intelligence material. Pedlow said covert operations are only a small fraction of things done by the CIA.

# ASUN Resolution 13 opposes budget cuts

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ASUN Senate passed two resolutions Wednesday supporting the Nebraska State Student Association's resolutions on budget cuts and student input on construction of bond funded facilities.

Resolution 13 recognizes and supports an NSSA resolution that opposes the proposed state budget cuts as a solution to the current economic crisis. The NSSA resolution asks Nebraskans to join NSSA "in choosing success, not merely survival."

An investment in higher education "will provide the state with the foundation for future excellence, and not continued turmoil," the resolution states.

"We've seen some movement up at the capitol," said Deb Chapelle, executive director of NSSA. "At this point last week we were looking at a 5.65 (percent) cut. Today, we're looking at a 3 percent cut, and some movement to pull that down even lower."

# Coach: Sports increase revenue

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"I've already seen problems with academic cuts when we don't have the programs the recruits want," Dirksen said.

The cross country budget has been cut the last two years because the university failed to raise the budget enough to keep up with the rising costs of scholarships, he said.

UNL women's sports are national

leaders, Dirksen said, and it would be unfortunate to hurt the program with budget cuts. He said athletics generate name recognition for the university and bring in donations.

Dirksen said the president of Pennsylvania State University claimed that the number of grants the university received were proportional to how well the football team played.

Cutting the athletic budget could cut a source of revenue for UNL, he said.

# Shorts

Hyde Memorial Observatory, located on the south road of Holmes Park, will be open each Saturday night during

November from 7 to 10 p.m. The observatory is open to the public free of charge.

# Setting it Straight

Because of a typographical error, a story in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly stated that Suzanne Brown, UNL assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, resigned to accept a position as Assistant Vice Chancellor

for Student Affairs with Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. Brown accepted a position as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs there.

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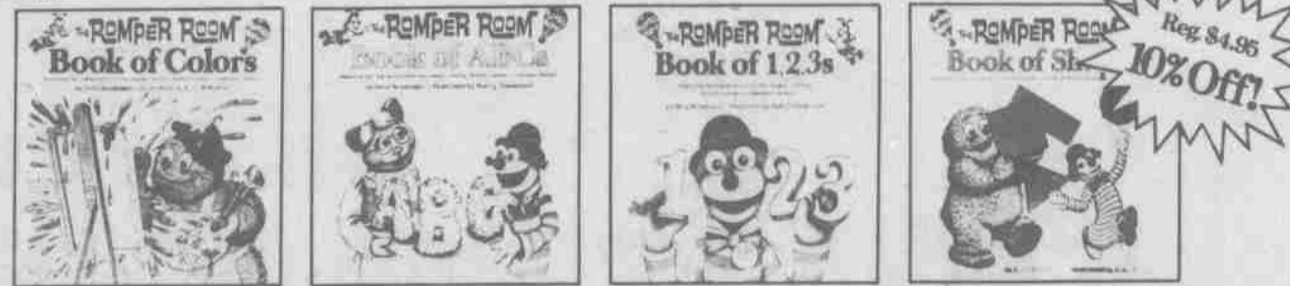
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