

UNL chess team to compete in December Pan-Am tournament

By Merry Hayes
Staff Reporter

The UNL chess team will make its first appearance since 1976 in the Pan-American Chess Tournament when it travels to New Brunswick, N.J., in December, according to the president of the UNL Chess Club.

Tom Lombard said, "The Pan-American tournament is usually won by an Ivy League school — some have actual legitimate grandmasters. We don't have anyone in that class, but we have a good chance of coming back with a trophy."

A master is a rating based on a player's win/loss record. The next rating is expert, followed by A-, B-, C- and

D-rated players. Kevin Flemming and Matt Mahowald of UNL are experts. Lombard said they are very close to becoming masters.

Team members going to the Pan-Am tournament are Bill Benner, a junior philosophy major; Lombard, a junior engineering major; Matt Mahowald, a computer science graduate student, and Trini Rivera, a sophomore electrical engineering major.

Because the chess team doesn't receive financial assistance from UNL, team members will pay their own way to New Jersey.

To save money while attending chess tournaments, Lombard said, he has slept in cornfields, on creek banks and under hotel banquet tables.

Team member Bill Benner said to him, chess is an "outlet for aggression." "The best part of the game is when I see my opponent's ego crushed," he said.

Lombard agrees. "It's the most violent sport there is, with the exception of bullfighting, because it is literally fought to the death," Lombard said.

The chess club, which meets on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Nebraska Union recroom, will sponsor a non-rated tournament Sunday open to all UNL students. Entry fee is \$1 and trophies will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners.

The club also will sponsor a Pearl Harbor open on Dec. 7. Entry fee is \$7.



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Interested observers, including Mayor Roland Luedtke (second from left), study a model of the proposed Lied Center of Performing Arts after it was unveiled at a banquet Monday at the Wick Alumni Center. Guests talked with the architects of the building to learn more about the center. Ed Hirsch, executive vice-president of the NU Foundation, said demolition of buildings to prepare for the center begins Jan. 6. Construction could begin sometime in May 1986, he said. About \$22 million has been raised for the building, and the remaining \$2.7 million should be raised within a "few months," Hirsch said.

Police Report

UNL police received a report of an attempt to steal warning boxes and one pizza from a delivery car Sunday in the drive near Pound Hall. Other thefts reported Sunday included stereo equipment from the Nebraska Union Ballroom and bicycle accessories from a

bicycle on the west side of Mabel Lee Hall.

Police arrested a person for allegedly driving while intoxicated near 14th and Vine streets. The person also was charged with resisting arrest and fleeing to avoid arrest.

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