

Weather: Chance of showers this morning. Steady temperatures throughout the day with a high of 58. Skies clearing some in the afternoon. Low tonight near 42. Clearing and warmer for the weekend with highs in the 70s.

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NU flag corps will perform in 'Amerika'

By Todd von Kampen
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Performing before large crowds certainly isn't new for the Cornhusker Marching Band Flag Corps.

But Saturday, 23 present and former corps members and their instructor, Carol Domina, will perform in a show that millions will see eventually. They'll be in Tecumseh to appear in a fictional "Lincoln Day" parade that will be part of the ABC-TV miniseries "Amerika."

But the corps members won't appear in their usual cowboy hats, red-and-

Schweitzer said she contacted Beavers about appearing in the show after her father learned that a parade would be shot. Beavers then asked if any other corps members were interested, Schweitzer said.

"It was really wonderful we could find a group," Beavers said, "because we otherwise would have to draw from high schools." Schweitzer found enough people to meet the scene's needs within an hour, she said.

The corps won't perform any of its regular routines, but simply will twirl flags during the march, Schweitzer

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gold outfits and white shoes that they wear in Memorial Stadium, said Jackie Beavers, who is handling local casting for the miniseries. The producers will provide the corps with uniforms that people would expect a small-town flag corps to wear, she said.

"We don't want it to look like the University of Nebraska; we wanted it to look like small-town Tecumseh," said Beavers, who operates Jackie Beavers and Gerdi, a Lincoln talent agency and fashion consulting firm.

The flag corps got involved in the show through Katie Schweitzer, a sophomore elementary education major from Lincoln who is a corps member.

said. Long hours in the makeup chair won't be required either, she said.

"We're not supposed to wear heavy-duty makeup or anything, because we're supposed to be poor," she said. The miniseries depicts life in the fictional town of Milford 10 years after a Soviet takeover.

Beavers said each corps member will be paid about \$10 for appearing in the show. More than 600 people will be part of the parade scene, she said.

Most of the Nebraska footage for the miniseries is being shot in Tecumseh, which is about 60 miles southeast of Lincoln. ABC-TV plans to air the miniseries sometime in 1987.

Campus gets credit for Merit Scholars

From Staff and Wire Reports

UNL is among the top 15 percent of schools in the number of freshman Merit Scholarship winners enrolled, says the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

With 31 freshman Merit Scholars, UNL ranked 44th for 1985 among 396 U.S. schools.

Among Big Eight schools, only Iowa State attracted more merit scholars than UNL. Iowa State ranked 31st, with 48 freshman Merit Scholars. Harvard, Radcliffe, the University of Texas at Austin, Rice, Texas A&M and Yale led the list.

UNL has about 140 Merit Scholars this year in freshman through senior classes, said John Yost, aide to Chancellor Martin Massengale.

That is a decline from the 1983-84 peak of 162 Merit Scholars, Yost said, but still reflects a major thrust Massengale began about five years ago to bring some of the brightest students to the campus.

Twenty-six of the freshman scho-

larship grants are provided by the university, through the NU Foundation. Students receive \$3,000 over four years. The rest of Merit Scholars grants come from business and industry.

A new freshman honors program will help UNL draw more top students, Yost said. A recently announced freshman Foundation Program also will be a lure, he said.

In a recent debate among candidates for governor, sponsored by the Nebraska State Student's Association, all five candidates present addressed Nebraska's "brain drain."

A recent NSSA survey showed 75 percent of university and state college students are not committed to staying in Nebraska after graduation. Keeping the Merit Scholars after graduation is a top priority, they said.

Present at the debate were Republicans Roger Yant, Everett Sillven and Kermit Brashear, and Democrats Chris Beutler and David Domina.



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Aguilar takes a break after running at the Ed Weir track Thursday.

Work runs smoothly after run Faculty members promote exercise

By Kent Endacott
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After a noon hour run of six miles, UNL internal auditors Sandy Garrat and Tami Muthersbaugh emerge from the UNL Coliseum wearing business suits and running shoes.

The two walk toward the Nebraska Union to "grab a quick bite," then head back to their office in the Administration Building for an afternoon of work.

Today's session was just another run for Garrat, but it marked Muthersbaugh's first "six miler."

"I'm more productive since I've been running," said Garrat who has been running for the past 15 years.

Everyday, many UNL faculty and staff members, ranging from NU President Ronald Roskens to Athletic Director Bob Devaney, take a break from the rigors of higher education to run, play tennis, racquetball or exercise in some other form.

"I have enough of an obligation to find time to run everyday," says Roskens, who runs at least three miles a day, four days a week. "I believe some form of physical exercise is essential to physical health and mental health. I regard it as part of my daily regimen."

As a member of the Wellness Council of the Midlands, NU promotes physical health through exercise, Roskens said.

Donald McCurdy, professor of curriculum and instruction, says his noon-hour tennis relaxes him and helps him feel better in the long run.

"I love to play tennis, and when I can't play tennis, I play racquetball," McCurdy said. "I think everybody should get exercise, and the best time for me is over the lunch hour."

Even though exercise fills most of his lunch hour, McCurdy doesn't forget lunch. "I grab a quick sandwich and a Coke before afternoon

classes," he said.

Muthersbaugh said the university's flexible hours policy gives employees time to run and eat, too, during their lunch hour.

"We come in early and stay late," she said. "The university's policy allows us to do that. We're there for the core hours."

Joe Aguilar, professor of curriculum and instruction, said he runs about one mile a day, two or three times a week for relaxation. He said he runs in the Coliseum in bad weather and on the Ed Weir track in nice weather.

"There are a lot of people who do it and enjoy it," Aguilar said. "If you and a colleague want to run together, you can do that. Some like to run long distances, but I'm not into that."

"I just want to make sure I get a little bit of exercise to come back to the office to meet with students or go to committee meetings feeling good," he said.

Excel, Impact, Party are united as new ASUN senators take office

By Eric Paulak
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The 1985-87 ASUN senate met for the last time Wednesday night, while the 1986-87 senate had its first meeting.

ASUN former executive officers swore in Chris Scudder, president; Dan Hofmeister, first vice president; and Tim Geisert, second vice president.

After being sworn in, Hofmeister said, "I guess it's my show now." He then swore in the rest of the senate.

UNL President Ronald Roskens gave the regent's oath to Scudder and pres-

ented her with a framed copy of the oath.

In addressing the new senators, Roskens said that people who think the student regents and student senate are ineffective are "full of baloney."

Roskens also said he is sorry for the problems that the regents and administration have caused the senate, but he said he is confident that the new senate will live up to the standard the previous senate met.

In his final address, former ASUN President Gerard Keating told the new senate he wished he was in their seats.

"Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you," he said.

In his farewell address, former first vice president Rod Penner told the new senate to remember who elected them.

"ASUN is one of the most powerful student organizations, and there is no place it can't go," he said.

The three new executive officers presented their predecessors with certificates making them admirals in the Nebraska Navy.

Geisert told the new senate: "It's no longer Excel, Impact or PARTY Party; it's ASUN."