

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy today with a high of 64 and strong southerly winds. Chance of showers tonight with a low of 40. Continued chance of showers on Friday, high in the mid 60s.

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Lilijati Godjail, a member of the International Student Organization, admires some Indonesian puppets at the International Art Fair held in the Nebraska Union.

## Country, cultures and customs International students share artifacts, trivia of homeland

By Lise Olsen  
Senior Reporter

A Walkman hooked up to small speakers fills a corner of the Nebraska Union main lounge with native dance music from Bali Island.

The Ganida, a statue of a half-reptile bird that is the national symbol of Indonesia, leers at passers-by as students from nine countries explained art and artifacts displayed in the International Student Art show, Tuesday and Wednesday in the union.

Wan Azizi, one of 278 Malaysian students who attend UNL, shared some trivia about his culture with the curious. He told them he misses the green countryside, warm weather and eating habits of his country.

Malaysians eat four meals a day, so he can eat more at home, he said.

In the Malaysian display were two kites that had earned honors in KLIN's kite contest

last week. A third kite, larger and more ornate than the others in their display, was a dud, the students said. It is too heavy to fly.

A visitor to the booth picked up a wicker woven ball, Malaysia's version of the HACKY SACK, and kicked it skillfully. "All right," he said, as the students manning the booth looked on, smiling.

Another student showed a "Minangkabau," a traditional rural house built on stilts to avert flood damage and thatched with coconut leaves. The model was built by the Malaysian Architectural Club.

Students from Malaysia, Taiwan, China, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, the Dominican Republic, Bhutan and Micronesia displayed articles at the fair.

This is the third year for the event, which is designed to increase cultural awareness.

The fair culminated with a display competition between the student groups.

Malaysia won the contest, narrowly de-

feating Indonesia.

This year's cold and snowy weather helped increase attendance, said Rod Merta, International Educational Services office program coordinator.

Exhibited items ranged from the decorated towels at the Dominican Republic display to macrame at the Taiwan display.

Some cultural exhibits of the Asian countries seemed to overlap. Traditional ceremonial masks and batiques were featured in several displays.

But each piece has a unique significance, students explained.

For example, one black-lacquered mask with a long row of buck teeth represents evil, Mathilda Notohamiprodo said.

The red masks indicate heroes in operas, said Ruoh Jiun Jih, who manned Taiwan's booth.

Many statues and other pieces in individual displays also had special significance.

## Student fees could pass \$100

By Linda Hartmann  
Staff Reporter

Student fees will pass the \$100 mark next year if the NU Board of Regents approves an allocation recommendation at Saturday's meeting.

If the recommendations, sent to the regents by Chancellor Martin Massengale, stick and the Regents approve a 3 percent salary increase for NU employees, students with seven or more hours will pay \$106.16 a semester in student fees. That's \$10.88 more than last year, or an increase of about 11 percent.

Fund B items, money that goes to UNL student services and institutions, will await Regents' final approval. Fund A items, \$7.04 of the total that go to student organizations, have been approved by Massengale and need no Regent approval. Students can receive a refund of Fund A fees on request.

Fees for students taking less than seven credit hours will be decided in May, said Regina Rogers, graduate assistant and the vice chancellor's designee to the Committee for Fees Allocation.

Fee recommendations are approaching their last hurdle. CFA makes initial recommendations according to budgets submitted by affected agencies. The ASUN senate and vice chancellor for student affairs amend the recommendations before they are sent to Massengale.

Two agencies, the unions and the recreation department, appealed the fees allocation sent by ASUN to the vice chancellor for student affairs.

The unions requested \$10,500 for the biannual printing of a student handbook. CFA turned down the request, saying in its recommendation that the handbook should be funded by the administration. Vice Chancellor Rudy Lewis reinserted the request in the recommendations.

Other Fund B recommendations are:

- \$46.54 per student for the Health Center, a \$3.71 increase over last year's fees
- \$18 for debt service mandated by the university
- 2 cents for a contingency fund.

Fund A allocations for student organizations went up \$1.32 overall.

They include:

- \$2.47 for ASUN, a 75 cent increase.
- The student senate included in its budget a one-time allocation of \$10,500 to set up a student information center.

- 50 cents for the Nebraska State Students Association with no increase over last year
- 96 cents for the Daily Nebraskan, a 4 cent increase

CFA included a recommendation that a one-time allocation to buy a computer editing system for the newspaper be studied.

- \$3.11 for the University Program Council, a 53 cent increase

Included in UPC's final budget was a line item increase of \$2,685 for the Talks and Topics speakers committee.

Jon Stick, UPC subcommittee member for CFA, said he recommended the increase so that Talks and Topics could bring more educational programs and better-known speakers to the campus.

Stick said one famous speaker can cost \$18,000-\$20,000; nearly all of the Talks and Topics budget. The speakers bureau is only able to invite one such speaker a year, he said. But with more funding and admission charges, he said, Talks and Topics could eventually become self-supporting and bring two or three well-known speakers to campus each year.

## Reagan plan could raise utility costs

By Kent Endacott  
Senior Reporter

The Reagan administration's proposal to sell the nation's five hydroelectrical power marketing agencies to private corporations would raise utility costs at UNL \$2.8 million, according to a Nebraska Municipal Power Pool report.

The four-month report predicts the higher rates that private corporations must charge to make a profit would increase utility costs for Nebraska consumers by at least \$57 million a year. In 1984, UNL spent about \$600,000 on wholesale electricity.

"We're definitely against it (privatization)," said Harley Schrader, director of the UNL physical plant. "It would have a very strong impact on the university."

Federal power, generated by dams throughout the nation, is distributed by five government-owned agencies. The Western Area Power

Administration of Golden, Colo. provides power to Nebraska and 14 other states.

Under Reagan's privatization plan, WAPA would be sold by 1991.

Privatization is intended to reduce the federal deficit through the sale of the dams.

But Gary Lay, director of development at the Nebraska Power Pool, said that the administration introduced the plan for ideological not economic reasons.

"The power program pays its way. So now they're going to sell the only things making money, and keep the things they have to spend money on, like dams for recreational purposes," he said. "Sure it's ideological."

The report cites two reasons for increased utility costs under privatization:

- Private companies would have to pay higher interest rates. Federally owned power agencies were financed through low-interest

bonds issued in the 1950s, with interest rates as low as 3 percent. Private corporations today would have to pay 10 percent interest rates, Lay said. Nebraskans could pay up to \$16 million more a year in interest rates alone, according to the report.

- Private corporations must make a profit that can be passed along to shareholders. The five power marketing industries do not use tax dollars, and they support themselves on revenues generated through the sale of electrical power, Lay said.

Schrader said the university is lobbying legislators not to pass privatization. He said the plan would have devastating effects on the nation's economy.

"Not only would it hurt the university, but all industries," he said. "If they increase the rates the industries have to pay, it's going to make them non-competitive with foreign competition."