

Weather: Partly cloudy today with a high of 80. Southerly winds at 10 to 15 mph. Tonight a low of 50 with a chance of showers. Continuing in the mid-70s tomorrow.

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'Four long years' and miles from home

Malaysians prepare for graduation

By Adrian Wellington Hudler
Editorial Page Editor

Will Rogers rarely needs an introduction when quoted in a speech. Last Saturday, however, was an exception.

"He's an American humorist," said a speaker as she addressed about 100 UNL Malaysian students. "He (Rogers) said... 'I never met a man I didn't like.'"

The meeting of Malaysians, organized to toast this year's record number of Malaysian graduates, was a mixture of two cultures — one learned as children in an Asian country, another at a Midwestern university in America.

One is a culture of strong family ties and the Moslem religion, the other of folk heroes like Rogers and Johnny Rodgers of NU's Big Red football.

It's that mix that made four years at UNL enjoyable but somewhat difficult, say some Malaysian soon-to-be graduates.

About 10 Malaysians sat after Saturday's meeting to reflect on their four years in the United States and their feelings about graduating.

"It feels great," one student said. "Relief," another said.

"After four long years? It feels great. All my efforts were worth it," said Nita Jalaludin.

UNL has about 280 Malaysian students attending classes. Nearly 40 of those will graduate this year. Two of them were honored scholars at this month's honors convocation.

Malaysia is a small country south of China with about 13 million people including Malays, Indians and Chinese. It has a gross national product of about \$15.7 billion and a democratic government.

A few years back, few Malaysians could be found on any U.S. campus, said Peter Levitov, director of UNL's International Educational Services. Since Malaysia used to be an English colony, most students went to Great Britain or Australia to study.

But increases in tuition rates in those countries brought them to the United States. The government, which finances most Malaysian students on condition that they return to work at least for four to 10 years in their country, began contracting with some U.S. universities such as UNL. Because most Malaysians are religious and somewhat conservative, the government wanted to place its sponsored students in schools away from large metropolitan areas, Levitov said.

But even though it's not New York or Boston, Lincoln still gave some Malaysian students problems.

Ask Jalaludin how much her phone bill is and she'll smile ear to ear.

"Oh, boy, don't ask that," she joked. "It's very sad" living thousands of miles away from your family, she said. "You're all alone. It's different when you have family near."

"It's difficult," said Noor Azuan, another Malaysian graduate.

Learning a new language and culture probably is the toughest obstacle, several students said. Al-

though they start at UNL in the summer for two months of English orientation, some Malaysians say it's hard adapting to an English classroom. Most of them learn a little English when they are young.

Popular gripes among them are writing papers and learning from instructors who don't have patience.

"We need more support in lower levels," said Wan Azizi. By the time students get into higher level classes they've mastered the language and know the university well enough to get by, he said. Most Malaysian students study engineering, architecture or business.

While some students say they like Wendy's double cheeseburgers, several look forward to eating fresh fish again, Azuan said.

Most Malaysian students live off campus, mainly because they want to prepare their own meals. The Oriental grocery market at 27th and Vine streets is popular among Malaysians. Students get anywhere from \$400 to \$500 a month from the Malaysian government to pay for rent and food.

After the first year of school, however, Azuan and Jalaludin said things got easier. Their English improved and they found support through the Nebraska University Malay Student Association.

Within that group, Malaysians socialize. Few drink on weekends because it's against their religion.

Most Malaysians interviewed said they'll leave the United States with a good feeling.



Dave Bentz/Daily Nebraskan
UNL Malaysian graduates Azuan, Jalaludin and Shahul Adnan.

New officers named for Young Democrats, College Republicans

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Betsy Apking, a sophomore from Alexandria, and Michelle Walenz, a junior from Bellevue, have been elected leaders of the UNL chapters of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Apking was named to succeed Joe Pigg as president of the UNL College Republicans Thursday. Steve Bath, a junior from Auburn, was elected vice president, while Troy Butler, a freshman from Lincoln, was chosen as secretary-treasurer. Nate Geisert, a freshman from Ogalala, and Lynne Armfield, a freshman from Sioux Falls, S.D., were elected executive committeeman and committeewoman.

Walenz, who was elected president of the UNL Young Democrats April 17, succeeds Patricia Savage. Becky Boswell, a freshman from Lincoln, was elected vice president. Kim Bitner, a freshman from York, was chosen as secretary while Carol

Swigart, a freshman from North Platte, was named treasurer.

Several other members of the parties' UNL chapters won offices this month in their state organizations.

Paul McGinnis of Lincoln was elected chairman of Nebraska's College Republicans at the group's state convention in Hastings April 11 and 12. Pigg was elected vice chairman and Lisa Davis, a junior at Chadron State College who will be transferring to UNL in the fall, was elected secretary.

The Nebraska Young Democrats elected Kathleen Neary, a junior from Wiotia, Iowa as its president during its convention in Omaha the same weekend. Boswell was elected national committeewoman, while Laura Kinzie, a senior from Benedict, was named secretary.

Scott Caldwell, a freshman from Lincoln, was elected vice president for development. Pete Castellano, a sophomore from Bellevue, was named treasurer.

Native Americans protest

ASUN candidate reprimanded for 'totally political' prank

By Michael Hooper
Staff Reporter

UNL's student court charged Steve Henning, Party Party vice presidential candidate, of violating student "Rights and Responsibilities" because he actively solicited students to mark "Native American" on the ASUN ballot.

After testimony Thursday night, the court concluded that Henning's behavior embarrassed and victimized UNL Native Americans.

To relieve the pain and embarrassment, Henning must submit an apology in the form of a guest editorial to the Daily Nebraskan and a letter to the Native American Student Association. In addition, he must give five hours of service to Multi-Cultural Affairs.

If these duties are not fulfilled to the satisfaction of the court, his behavior will be put on his permanent university record, the court ruled.

Because 49 UNL students are registered as Native Americans, and 138 marked

Native American on the ASUN ballot, it was clear somebody told students to miscalculate their ballots, said Jerre Moreland, NASA's representative at the hearing.

Judy Kawamoto, a UNL student, said Henning told her the day of the election to mark "Native American" on the ballot. She said Henning told her that Party Party was trying to throw off ASUN demographics. But, she said, she thought he was poking fun at Native Americans, and reported his actions to the ASUN Electoral Commission.

Ed Miller, who defended Henning and Party Party candidates Tim Burke and Tim Brogan, said Henning's actions were "totally political."

They were simply an act of free speech, he said. By throwing off ASUN demographics, he is telling students that ASUN is a joke.

"It was in bad taste, but he (Henning) only wanted to prove that ASUN is a joke," Miller said.

Three Native Americans said Hen-

ning's actions upset them.

Lokota Harden said she felt embarrassed.

"It's already very hard for us to come to this university," Harden said, in regard to Native Americans being a minority.

"As it is, to survive you have to have a tough skin or be an alcoholic," she said.

Henning was making a statement at the expense of Native American dignity and pride, Moreland said.

James McShane, a member of the electoral commission and a UNL English professor, said Henning was probably not the only one involved in the scheme. Henning could not have convinced more than 88 voters to miscalculate their ballots, he said.

The ruling is unofficial, according to Jim Rogers, one of the student judges. It is contingent upon the approval of the rest of the student judges: Chief Justice Curt Oltmans and Judges John Rood, Jillane Hinds and Glen Allen.