Weather: Cloudy but clearing by afternoon. High in the mid-70s with a chance of thunderstorms. Tonight, clearing with a low around 44. Thursday's high near 70.

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Kasparek in his livingroom.

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Ex-student starts 'Peace Pals'

Group hopes letter-writing will improve relations

By K. Edward Endacott

Former UNL student Doug Kasparek has a straightforward goal: bring peace and understanding to the peoples of the world.

To accomplish his goal, Kasparek has found Peace Pals, a volunteer group that will try to promote peace and understanding between nations through correspondence. The 30member group will formally begin letter-writing this fall. Fund raising for the Peace Pals is already underway, Kasparek said.

"Peace Pals proposes, on a very large scale, to make communication (between nations) easier and more accessible," he said. "To this end, we want to encourage anything that promotes contact between peoples."

community work for most of his life, people of all ideologies who want to said Peace Pals - a take-off on Pen Pals — first began as a pipe dream in 1981. Now, he says, his dream is close to reality.

"This is an idea that has been on the back of my mind for a long time," Kasparek said. "I think it's feasible, and it's cute enough to go big. But even if it doesn't go big, it has the potential to do good."

Big sponsors, whom he declined to reveal, have started showing an interest in the group, he said. Peace Pals already has received money from various foundations and will use churches and peace groups to help make contacts with citizens and groups in other communities,

Peace Pals has no political ties

Kasparek, who has been active in like other groups and is open to promote peace.

"A few things about the organization that need to be stressed are that we are non-profit, non-political," he said. "We take no religious stance and we are working with a single issue, which is improving relations.

"We don't adhere to a nuclear build-up or build-down. What we intend to be is a peacemaking organization and a fun organization."

The group already has received responses from Canada, the Ivory Coast and India to a mailing it sent out earlier this year.

"We're a simple organization with a simple idea, and that's to increase the amount of knowledge we have about each other around the world," Kasparek said.

Tips can help overcome the stress of finals

By Christine Graves Staff Reporter

finals and stress go hand-in-hand.

During an especially high stress period like finals, students need to at the University Health Center.

"People are always looking for some

Rather, she said, students need to use common sense, maintain good

a healthy attitude is the first step to long-range coping, he said.

Several "quick fix band-aids" can be They're here . . . almost. Finals. used in emergency situations, Sime said. But people then should seek help It seems, for most students, that in coping with future high-stress situations, he said.

Coping skills include:

 Rejuvenate your system with highlearn positive coping skills, said Mar-ly exhaustive exercise. When time garet Eager, psychiatric social worker allows, go out and run or do something that uses great amounts of energy. Working up a metabolic steam clears magic answer — there is none," Eager your head, Sime said. Often thoughts come more easily when you get away from a stressful situation, he said.

 An action-oriented solution is to health and take care of their bodies, get in and do what has to be done, Sime

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Also, it's important for students to realize they can't do it all, Eager said.

"People know their own limit . . . It's like a checking account: You only have so much to use, and you choose either to expend it slowly or quickly. But it's important not to overdraw," Eager said.

Dr. Wes Sime, director of UNL's stress physiology lab, said identifying the origin of stress is important.

Stress responses are like fingerprints, he said. People have individualized

A feeling of inadequacy or having low self-esteem only complicates stressful situations, Sime said. So, developing to "I can feasibly do these three things."

especially during high stress times. said. Procrastination only increases stress, he said.

> Use the reality test. Ask yourself: "What is the worst thing that can happen?" Reality will cast off anxiety and enable you to do better, Sime said.

> Use good physical coping. Realize what is happening to your body physically, Sime said, and then manipulate it. If your breathing increases — a normal physical stress response take slow deep breaths and let them out slowly, he said.

> Concentrate on the positive side of life, Sime said. Replace negative "selftalk" with positive "self-talk." Change "I'll never be able to get all this done"

Band near fountain causes complaints from employees

By Eric Gregory Police Reporter

A noise complaint from Administration Building employees Tuesday sent the three-man band called the Lampshades packing — about 20

Nebraska Union Director Daryl Swanson said he received a complaint about the band at noon.

The caller wanted to know if the Lampshades, who were playing near Teachers College, were a registered event at UNL. But, since the group wasn't using an amplification system, Swanson said the Lampshades didn't have to be registered with the Campus Activities and Programs Office to perform on the

"I see this as an exercise of free speech," Swanson said.

Nonetheless, the Lampshades, made up of UNL students Dave P. Sullivan, Craig Anton and Jeff Weaks, agreed to move to the plaza, where they played for about another hour.

Swanson said the plaza, over which the union has jurisdiction, is the width of the union building itself and extends from the north wall of the building to Parking Area 16 north of the union.



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"The Lampshades" (from left) Sullivan, Anton, and Weaks, perform before a crowd near Broyhill Fountain Tuesday.