

Weather: Monday, mostly sunny and mild. High in the upper 60s. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Monday night and Tuesday, fair and warmer. Low Monday night in the upper 40s. High Tuesday in the lower to mid-70s.

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Role-playing informs students about auditing

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Local, state and federal government needs more auditors, but this area is unknown to most students. Therefore, professionals tried a new approach to teach students about governmental auditing; they role-played a city council meeting Saturday.

The mock city council meeting included students from three universities. The meeting was staged to point out the job possibilities in government auditing that many people overlook.

The Mid-America Branch of Intergovernmental Audit Forums, a voluntary association of federal, state and local government auditors, organized the pilot project at the City-County Building, 555 S. 10th St.

In Nebraska there are 500 to 600 governmental auditors said David Hanna, the regional manager of the U.S. General Accounting Office. Hanna said when he started working, his office had three auditors; now it has 19.

The Mid-America Branch decided to role-play to show university students the diversity in governmental auditing, said Suzanne Valdez, executive director of the Mid-America region.

The Audit Forum chose Nebraska for its first role-play because Ray Johnson, Auditor for Nebraska, is on the forum board. He directed them to Nebraska, Valdez said.

Also, Hanna attended classes at UNL taught by Robert Raymond, professor of accounting, and was impressed by Raymond's involvement with students. Hanna also attended classes at Creighton University and Nebraska Wesleyan University and liked their programs, she said.

Three students were chosen by faculty from each of those universities to participate. The nine students simulated a

city council. Glenn Deck, Kansas City auditor, acted as the council chairman. The audience was invited to participate as irate citizens.

The controversy centered around an unfavorable audit, prematurely leaked to the press, that was made on City X's Health Department.

Saturday's role-play was taken from an actual audit Deck performed in Kansas City, he said. However, the students were told to create more controversy in the role-play than really happened to make it more interesting, he said.

Valdez said three universities were used to get a diversity of learning experiences.

UNL's three participants and two alternates were Pat Woll, Brian Coordsen, Linda Endres, Gail Rhode and Bill Yant. Endres is a political science major. The others are accounting majors.

All five agreed that the role-play was a great learning experience.

"It was great fun," Woll said. "It allowed us a chance to get our foot in the door of an area of auditing that most people know little about," Coordsen said.

Endres said that political science classes use some role-playing with students. But such exercises don't offer the chance to meet professionals, she said.

Hanna said that the Audit Forum previously relied on lecturing to tell students about governmental auditing. He felt that the role-play worked much better, he said.

This role-play only covered one area of auditing. If Saturday's results seem favorable, the Audit Forum hopes to expand to cover all areas of auditing, Hanna said. He said that other universities showed an interest in using role-play on their campuses.



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Sumiko Hirai, and Makoto Arakawa play the Japanese Koto Saturday for an estimated crowd of 400 at the International Student Organization's banquet.

Banquet promotes harmony

By Kari Hulac
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"It's a world of laughters, a world of tears. It's a world of hopes and a world of fears. There's so much we share that it's time we're aware, it's a small world after all."

These words, sung by more than 400 people at the fifth annual Banquet and Cultural Show Saturday, served as a harmonious closing to an evening of food, music and dance.

The words also helped describe the philosophy of the sponsors who put together the evening — the International Students Organization and the UNL International Educational Services.

"We want to keep an ongoing dialogue with people from around the world to make the world a better place," said Peter Levitor, director of IES.

Guests at the banquet sampled 10

different dishes from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Latin America, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Vietnam.

The range of flavors could satisfy any palate. Those with a sweet tooth could indulge in Venezuelan quesillo, an extremely sweet dessert made with eggs, condensed milk, pineapple and milk.

Nigerian moyin-moyin, a spicier dish, is made with black-eyed beans, eggs, beef, tomato paste and ground red pepper. It looked like a dark, pasty beef mixture and sent the inexperienced spice eater to the beverage table for some relief for a burning tongue.

Countries came alive through the fashion and talent shows, which bombarded watchers with vibrant and glittering colors, native dances and unfamiliar music.

Costumes reflected the environment, tradition and, often, beliefs of the

wearer's country.

Afghani nomad wear, consisting of intricately hand-embroidered shirts and solid colored pants, was contrasted by the silk turban worn by freedom fighters. Afghani formal wear was symbolized by the prominence of gold-trimmed clothing and pure gold earrings, which most women wear.

Others modeled flowing pink and yellow Korean silk gowns, consisting of seven to 10 layers to hide a woman's body lines, reflecting Korea's traditional beliefs about the role of women in society. Finger-cymbal-clanging belly dancers balanced swords on their heads as they did a miming dance of a horse.

Juan Carulla, a senior animal science major from Colombia, performed some popular Latin American songs. He said the banquet was a good way to introduce people to different cultures. He added that he would like to see more Americans attend the banquet in the future.

Civil engineering department crushing cars

By Brian Schram
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UNL's Civil Engineering Department completed the fourth in a series of vehicle crash tests Sept. 26 for

the Nebraska State Department of Roads. The tests are being conducted to find a new, more durable design for bridge barriers on Nebraska roads.

The state department of roads is

picking up the \$15,000 tab for each test. Professor Edward Post of the civil engineering department and several assistants have built a replica of a bridge rail and approaching road at Lincoln Air Park. They have

been crashing cars into it since early August to collect data on different rail designs.

As they analyze the data, they hope to find a new design that also will allow existing bridge barriers to be upgraded at a minimal cost, Post said.

Although preparations for each test take weeks, the test itself takes only seconds. A specially equipped Plymouth Fury was pulled into the bridge barrier by a pickup truck on a cable and pulley system.

In the most recent test, the car was released 25 feet from the bridge and freewheeled into the barriers at 60 mph. As the car hit the barricade, it veered at a 15-degree angle and crashed into a concrete slab protecting one of the six cameras set up for the test.

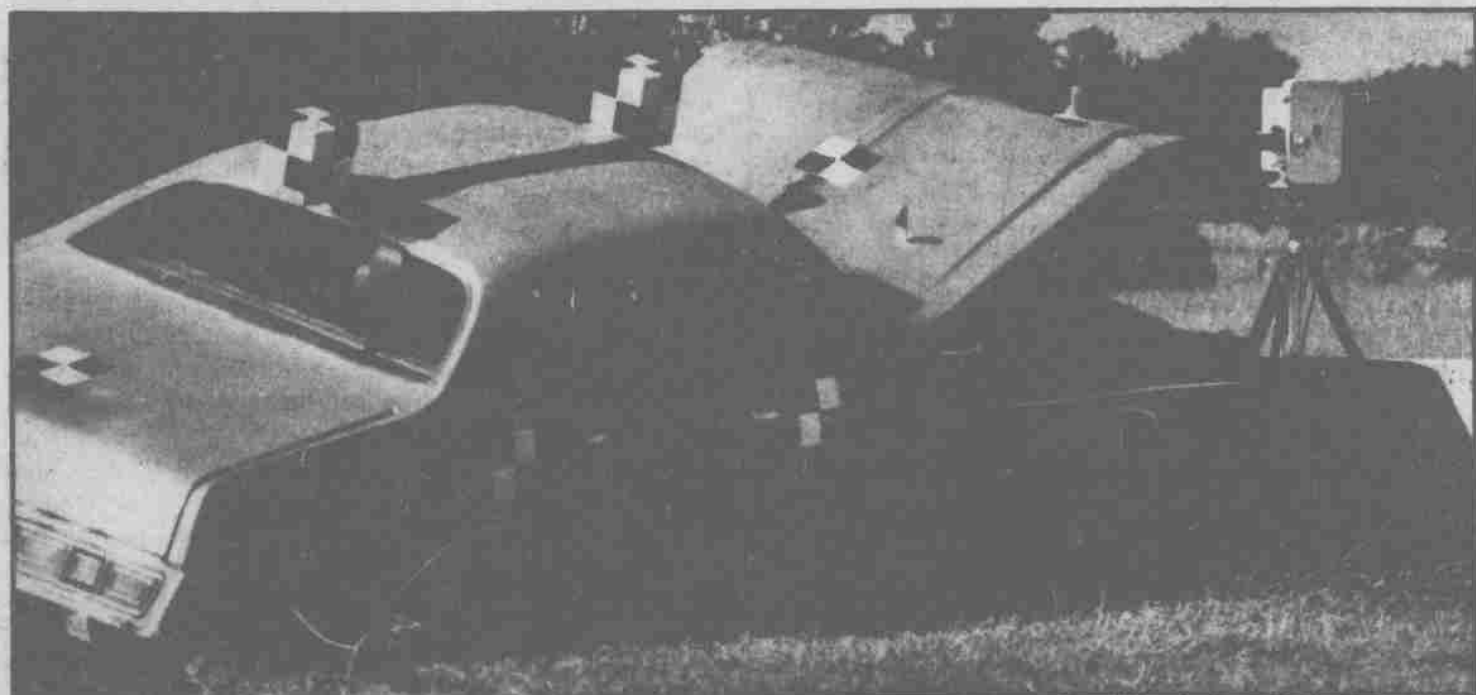
The car was equipped with a braking system, which was improved after the previous test. A 160-pound dummy occupied the driver's seat. The car and the dummy's head have accelerometers to record forces exerted in the crash. The six cameras set up

at different angles filmed 500 frames per second, lasting eight seconds.

The car suffered extensive damage, but the bridge rail sustained little damage. The entire driver's side of the car scraped the bridge and the front end was smashed when it hit the concrete slab. The guard rail was bent inward about five inches, and the wooden posts were pushed slightly out of place.

Federal government regulations require crash tests of this nature to meet certain criteria. The criteria include a maximum speed change during the crash, the angle in which the car leaves and occupant risk. The purpose is to find a design that meets the criteria and keeps the car from crashing through the barrier when it is struck in the weakest point.

A fifth crash will be conducted Oct. 17 to further test the design. In an attempt to find the most critical or weakest point on the barrier, the car will be crashed into a different spot on it.



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UNL's crash test vehicle narrowly misses one of the recording cameras used in the collision test.