

Gonzalez said that she knows she will never be assimilated by the dominant culture, so it is important to know her own history.

Vivian Robinson, a Black American, said that she finds advantage in being a woman of color, because she does not have to lay out in the sun to get a tan, which puts her strides ahead of those who do, because this makes her "ageless."

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### Did he transfer?

UNL senior Jerry Mlinar does some correspondence course studying Monday in Love Library. Mlinar, a former Nebraska football player, will be graduating in December and needs to finish up his correspondence work to do so.

## Senators move farm-bill rewrite to second round

#### From Staff and Wire Reports

Nebraska lawmakers gave first-round approval to a proposed rewrite of a law allowing farmers facing foreclosure to keep a home and some land.

On a 35-4 vote, senators advanced LB3, which would amend the so-called Farmstead Act passed by the 1986 Legislature as LB999. LB3 is sponsored by Sutton Sen. Rod Johnson and supported by Gov. Bob Kerrey.

In other business, senators gave first-round approval Monday of a bill that would establish a central filing system for liens on agriculture products.

State senators voted 43-0 to send LB1, sponsored by Sen. John DeCamp to the second stage of floor action.

The rewrite of LB999 comes from a governor's task force formed after agricultural lenders said provisions of the Farmstead Act tightened credit because it made it difficult for them to be certain of loan collateral.

The original law was intended to let a farmer keep a home and up to 160 acres. But senators said it would be unlikely that any farmer in foreclosure could raise enough money to keep that much land.

Sens. Loran Schmit of Bellwood, Tom Vickers of Farnam and Johnson said the bill probably had raised false hopes among some financially distressed farmers.

Not all farmers would be able to keep a home and land, they said.

"Some people think they can automatically keep 160 and a home," Schmit said. "That was never the intent of the law."

"Until you return profitability to agriculture, what we do here isn't going to be of any real consequence." Schmit said.

If lenders abuse farmers under provisions of the law, Johnson said, senators would be "frothing at the mouth" to change the statute in January.

# Peace Quest to promote dialogue

### By Joeth Zucco Staff Reporter

Peace Quest, a project founded by a former UNL student, has a single purpose — to facilitate open and free dialogue, thereby promoting a greater understanding between the people of the United States and the Soviet Union and the rest of the world, Doug "Gonzo" Kasparek said in a press conference Monday, the first day of the Peace Quest campaign.

Kasparek, 24, said the project doesn't require people to take a political stand.

"We're a simple, non-threatening organization people can get involved in," he said.

In an earlier interview Kasparek said that the idea of Peace Quest evolved four years ago, but has become a reality in that last four or five months. Presently, 30 to 50 people have pledged to work and Kasparek said that he expects more as Peace Quest is publicized.

Kasparek said involvement in Peace Quest is simple. Its goal is for 1 million U.S. citizens to send one-page letters written to a Soviet citizen, wallet-sized photos with the sender's return address on the back, and §5.

Peace Quest will hand-deliver the letters during a 13-city, 73day, 100-person tour of the Soviet Union from May 29 to Aug. 9, 1987. The 13 cities include Lenigrad, Tallinn, Kharkov, Doneck, Tbilisi, Jerevan, Baku, Kubishev, Celabinsk, Omsk, Sverdlosk, Perm and Moscow. The cities were chosen because of their large populations and their varied locations. He said the people for Peace Quest will tour and talk with the people in the streets and distribute the packets.

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The sender's picture will be put on a 4-by-5 card with a short message written in Russian and English explaining what Peace Quest is and what its goals are. Kasparek said he thinks that this is one way to cross the language barrier and create an emotional tie. A blank postcard will be included in the packet with the sender's address and postage so the Soviets can respond.

The five dollars will send the 100 people to the USSR and back. It will pay for Soviet postage for the return postcards and for travel within the Soviet Union. Kasparek estimated that between \$2.5 and \$3 million will be needed to pay for food and accomodations. He said he is hoping to receive corporate sponsorships to pay for airfare or hotel accomodations.

No decision has been made in choosing the 100 people to go on the tour. Kasparek said it depends on how many apply. Peace Quest is looking for people who can speak Russian, who have had previous experience in the Soviet Union and who want to form

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Robinson said she does not hold the world responsible for past problems her race has had, but she does hold the world responsible for "perpetuating past misdeeds."

All of the women on the panel are members of the Women of Color Task Force, which is a branch of the Lincoln-Lancaster Commission on the Status of Women.



Paul Vonderlage/Daily Nebraskan Kasparek