

Nations displayed in craft bazaar

By Kevin Cowan
Staff Reporter

Everything from bronze cannons to tribal attire and masks is on display at the International Food and Craft Bazaar in the lobby of the Nebraska Union. Students from Malaysia, Nigeria, Indonesia, Fiji and Argentina have placed their crafts and food on display for students and faculty to see, buy and taste. The bazaar will last until 4 p.m. today.

Malaysia students, who won first place for best overall display, have on their table crafts ranging from pewter pitchers to a stuffed turtle and a display of beetles and scorpions large enough to make Nebraska's summer mosquito problem seem non-existent. Architecture student Abdul Rahim said only a few of the bugs are harmful to humans.

Leather is the mainstay craft of Nigeria, UNL student Joseph Akpan said. The Nigerian exhibit also displays snakeskin purses that Akpan says will last 15 years. Akpan said that the natural oils released by the skin keep it pliable and durable. Most of the leather crafts are sold for \$10 to \$30.

The Indonesian display was brilliantly colorful. It represents the Indonesian culture with bold handmade mirrors, dresses and wood carvings.

A sign above the Fiji display reads "Fiji, the way the world should be." Charlette Hedges, who calls herself an honorary Fijian from Alabama, said the sign was there because "the people in Fiji are so friendly and it's always warm."



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Charlette Ann Hedges explains about the wardrobe of a Fijian woman along with other crafts from the Fiji Islands while tending a display belonging to Adi Asenaca Caucau, a native Fijian, at the international Food and Craft Bazaar in the Nebraska Union Monday.

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Forde said.

Forde said 15 to 20 people help him put together and distribute the paper. Some volunteers spend three or four days organizing and distributing the Good News, Forde said.

Jennifer Johnson, editor in chief, works 25-30 hours a week, takes classes, leads a junior-high Fellowship Christian Athletes group and participates in FCA on campus in addition to her time at the paper. Her relationship with the Lord is her main priority and her schedule keeps her busy, she said. But God always provides the time she needs to get things done, Johnson said.

Before Good News, Johnson said, she didn't know what was going on in many of the Christian groups on campus, but the paper has provided a way for the different groups to keep up on what is going on.

The paper's survival is a continuing manifestation of God's will, Forde said. Donations for printing and articles always are there when needed, he said.

Greeks get awards

Phi Delta Theta fraternity was honored as having the most improved pledge class and most improved active chapter at last week's Greek Awards Banquet.

The awards recognize the fraternity or sorority whose pledge class and active chapter had the greatest improvement in grade point average over the past year.

Other Greek individuals also received awards. They were: Roberta Connolly, Alpha Xi Delta sorority; Julie Sonderegge Award, Debra Kay Johnson, Alpha Xi Delta

sorority; Madeline Girard Scholarship.

Kappa Delta sorority, Madeline Girard Philanthropic Award. Doug Stine, Delta Upsilon; Frank M. Hallgren Award.

Brian Valencia, Delta Tau Delta fraternity; C.B. Schultz Scholarship. Lori Nedrow, Delta Gamma sorority; Jeanne Remmenga Scholarship. Chuck Allen, Delta Tau Delta.

The awards recognized Greeks who were voted outstanding in their fraternity and in the community by select committees.

D-day for taxpayers; extensions increasing W-4s put many off

By Libby York
Staff Reporter

The day of reckoning for procrastinators is at hand. Tax returns for 1986 must be filed before midnight tonight.

Many taxpayers, however, have filed for extensions and gained more time.

"We've seen probably a 20 percent increase in extensions over last year," said Pat York of Denver, a self-employed tax consultant and enrolled agent with clients across the United States.

"Tax preparers are handing out extensions like they're candy."

The failure-to-pay penalty is 0.5 percent of unpaid tax for each month. The failure-to-file penalty is 5 percent each month. Neither penalty can exceed 25 percent of the person's taxes, York said.

Although new tax-law changes do not affect this year's returns, York said, worries about next year's forms are causing some people to procrastinate prematurely.

For example, the new W-4A forms that withhold taxes for next year are confusing some and causing them to put off filing even this year, York said.

"The form is simpler to read, easier to fill out and less intimidating than its predecessor, yet is imprecise enough that many people feel it may be better to wallow through the original," York said.

U.S. News and World Report reported that the new W-4A takes a number of shortcuts, making it less accurate. The value of personal exemptions, for example, is rounded off to \$2,000, rather than its actual \$1,900.

The I.R.S. Office of Management and Budget said it may order further revisions, but taxpayers will have their choice of forms to file, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Gerald Leener of Coopers and Lybrand, a Lincoln accounting firm, said that anyone with more than a very simple return should consider using the original W-4.

In spite of its problems, tax preparers say the short form may help people who don't itemize deductions and have little investment income. The worksheet is only seven lines long and can be completed in five to 15 minutes.

A new IRS booklet called "Is My Withholding Correct?" has been published to help make calculations.



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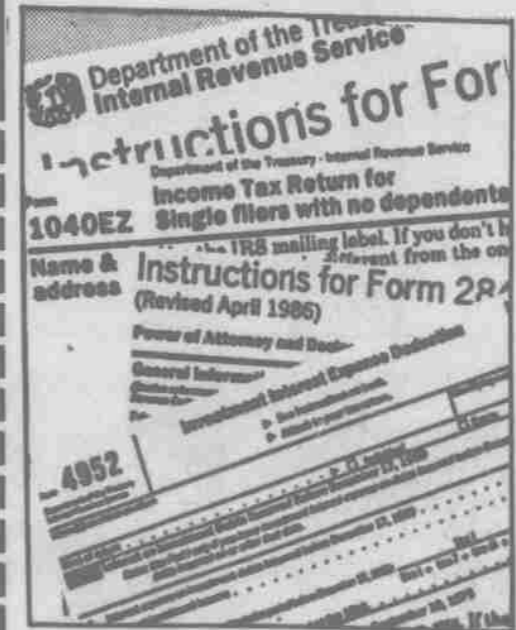
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Applications for extensions must be filed by April 15. They give the individual an automatic four-month extension to August 15. If another extension is needed by then, a form citing the cause needs to be filed and the IRS will issue a ruling.

"An extension does not excuse you from paying liability, though," York said. "You should have your taxes roughed out and pay, if you owe, by April 15 or risk being penalized."

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