

**WEATHER:** Monday, partly sunny becoming breezy and not as warm with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers. High in the lower to mid 70s. Wind becoming northwest 15 to 25 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thundershowers. Low 45 to 50.

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## 100 peaceful protesters send off Air Guard to Honduras Saturday

By Scott Thien  
 Wire Editor

About 100 protesters served as a send-off committee Saturday morning for about 60 members of the Nebraska Air National Guard who left for a training mission in Honduras.

The Nebraska Air National Guard Civil Engineering Squadron will train for two weeks at Palmerola Air Base, 45 miles from El Salvador and 75 miles from Nicaragua.

The peaceful protest, which started at 8:30 a.m. at the main gate of the Air National Guard complex near the Lincoln Municipal Airport, was organized by the Nebraskans for Peace to protest the United States' growing involvement in Central America.

John Kresjci, president of Nebraskans for Peace, said the Nebraska Air National Guard is deceiving the public by saying the troops are going to Honduras to train. He says the troops are being used to prepare for war against Nicaragua.

"It's not training exercises (in Honduras), it's building roads, buildings, air bases . . . the total infrastructure for a later invasion of Nicaragua," Kresjci said.

Kresjci said Saturday's rally was to educate the public by letting them know how the state's national-guard forces are used.

"The Nebraska National Guard is being used for Ronald Reagan's immoral war," he said.

"We don't criticize them (the Nebraska Air National Guard) at all. We criticize what they are being used for to do. It's not fair to them, it's not fair to the state and the American people."

Kresjci said Nebraskans for Peace often is accused of protesting everything connected with the situation in Central America. These accusations are wrong, he said, because the anti-war group supports a negotiated settlement in Central America, economic development, demilitarization and the end to violence in the pursuit of those goals.

Among those at the rally was Tom Ahlberg, mayor of Copenhagen, Denmark. Ahlberg and a group of Danish citizens are part of the Next Stop Nevada project, a cross-country bus trip organized to raise peace issues and promote a nuclear test ban. The group is scheduled to arrive at the Nevada Test Site about April 25.

Ahlberg said the Next Stop Nevada group went to the rally to promote peace, not to address United States foreign policy.

"We want peace, dialogue and a nuclear test ban. We don't want to get involved with Central America politics," he said.

Also attending the rally was Jamie Obrecht, a Lincoln kindergarten teacher and Vietnam veteran. Obrecht likened the U.S. military activity in Central America to that in Southeast Asia in the 1960s.

"It's another step in the process culminating in the final step — war," said Obrecht, an ex-Marine. "As a survivor of a previous 'limited involvement,' let me assure you there is no such thing as a limited involvement for the participants."

UNL student Mike Kaup is a member of the Nebraska Air National Guard's 155th Civil Engineering Squadron. Kaup, who left Saturday about 9:40 a.m. with the 60-person squadron, said he wasn't nervous about the trip.

"It's hectic getting ready to make sure you have everything," he said.

Kaup, a senior mechanized agriculture major from Genoa, said the trip shouldn't affect his schoolwork.

"I've made everything up ahead of time," he said. "We'll be back the week-end before finals, and I'll make up the rest then."

"It's no real big deal, just like any other trip away from home," he said.

About 10 members of Young Americans for Freedom staged a counterprotest across the driveway with signs supporting President Reagan's Central America policy.

"We need to be prepared to take action in case conflicts do escalate," said Steven Fillman, student national director for the group.

"It's either Contras now or Marines later," said the junior political science major from Nebraska Wesleyan University. "We don't want U.S. troops there; let the contras fight their own war. But it's good to be prepared."

Other groups represented at the pro-



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UNL political science senior Jeff Cannon participated Saturday in the peaceful protest against the sending of the Nebraska Air Guard to Honduras. Cannon is signing a referendum passed out to the protesters urging the United States to pull its troops out of Honduras.

test included Nebraskans for Nicaraguan Children, Lincoln Youths for a Nuclear Freeze and Central America Reaction Team (CART).

At least six Lincoln police officers were at the scene, but there was no reported violence.

Protesters, some wearing anti-war buttons and holding flags, carried signs that read "Hands off Central America," "We don't need another Vietnam," and "It's 7:45, do you know where your Marines are?"

Songs were part of the rally, including one composed by Lincoln musician Dave Hardy. The protesters joined in

the refrain, "Just say no!"

The United States is backing some 20,000 Nicaraguan Contra rebels based in Honduras in their war with the Nicaraguan government. The United States also is backing the government of El Salvador in its fight against insurgents.

According to a 1986 Lincoln Star poll, 60 percent of Nebraskans surveyed were opposed to U.S. military aid to the contras.

Gov. Kay Orr, who met with National Guard officials in Washington last January, is on record as supporting the training in Central America as a way to improve the Nebraska Guard's readiness.

## 8 arrested, arraigned on drug charges

From Staff Reports

Eight Lincolniters, at least three of whom were UNL students, were arraigned in Lancaster County Court Friday on drug-related charges resulting from arrests made Thursday.

The eight were released on bond set by Judge James L. Foster of the Lancaster County Court.

The UNL students arraigned: Douglas A. Pasco, 21, 5240 Cooper Ave, was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana), and his court date was set for May 6.

David A. Rasmussen, 19, 906 Abel Hall, was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana), and his court date was set for May 6.

Scott D. Thien, 22, 1932 R St., No. 19, was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana), and his court date was set for May 11.

Others arraigned Friday: Kelly Manley, 27, 2345 R St., was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana), and his court date was set for May 11.

Vincent Christie, 26, 3216 Y St., was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana), and his court date was set for May 11.

D'are R. Mullert, 36, 1419 N. 63rd St., was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine), and his court date was set for May 11.

Jeff L. Miers, 28, 5642 Morrill Ave., was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine), and his court date was set for May 6.

Michael D. Hanna, 28, no address listed, was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (LSD) and his court date was set for May 6.

Three others, listed on the arrest warrant are Thomas A. Hardesty, Gregory Niday and Brian J. Hughes.

Delivery of a controlled substance is a class-three felony with a sentence ranging from one to 20 years in jail and up to a \$20,000 fine.

Arrest warrant affidavits filed in Lancaster County Court say five undercover officers purchased the drugs from the suspects in the suspects' homes, on street corners, in a northwest Lincoln service station and in the north parking lot of Abel Hall. The first investigation began in April 1986 and was conducted by the Lancaster County Narcotics Unit and the Nebraska State Patrol.

Lancaster County Deputy Attorney Thomas Jaudzemis said the arrests were unrelated and do not constitute an organized drug ring.

## ASUN reviews local chapter of Amnesty International

By Colleen Kenney  
 Staff Reporter

The UNL chapter of Amnesty International is "just a few guys in the dormitory" right now, one of its organizers said, but it could become an official student organization this week.

Brent Schulz, a UNL architecture junior, said ASUN probably will approve Amnesty International as a campus organization this week after the chapter submits its constitution. The UNL

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## Old bones give workers a break

By Micki Haller  
 Staff Reporter

### Fossils found, shown at Morrill Hall

Workers at the Nebraska Department of Roads know how to honor a dead animal when they find one. They stop their road construction work — at least until their department paleontologist takes the dead creature, er, fossil away.

The department has been unearthing fossils for 27 years, completely by accident.

The University of Nebraska State Museum and the Nebraska Department of Roads formed an alliance 27 years ago that guaranteed a halt of road construction when a fossil was unearthed accidentally. The Highway Vertebrate Paleontological Program has spared more than 300,000 Nebraska fossils from destruction.

A new exhibit in Morrill Hall opened April 7 honoring the program.

The exhibit was created by George Corner, collection manager, and Bruce Bailey, highway salvage paleontologist, in appreciation to the Department of

Roads for its cooperation over the years. It is the only one of its kind in the country. The salvage program began as a joint effort between the museum and the Department of Roads in 1960, and by 1968, the department was funding a full-time paleontologist to excavate and identify the fossils. The department now spends about \$30,000 a year for a full-time and part-time paleontologist and for field expenses, said Bill Hurst, an engineer at the Department of Roads.

Dr. Hugh Genoways, state museum director, said Nebraska is "one of the best places in the world to find fossil mammals." He called the salvage program "the best functioning paleontological program in the nation."

Genoways said Nebraska has an almost unbroken history for fossil vertebrates extending back 35 million years. He said that something is found in almost every road site. Corner said that Nebraska's fossils are studied by

scientists from all over the world and are traded by the State Museum to other museums in the United States.

Rare fossils have been found as a result of the salvage program, Corner said. The museum exhibit features fossils of the North American lion, helmeted musk ox and stag moose. These animals were from the Ice Age and are extinct, Corner said. Bear jaws, carnivores, elephants and other vertebrates up to 35 million years old have been found, along with fossil plants and invertebrates, he said.

To ensure that fossils aren't lost during construction, the Department of Roads sends information about future road construction projects to the museum, Bailey said. The museum then determines if fossils are likely to be found in those areas. If they are, the paleontologists will begin excavating, he said. If a road crew finds evidence of a major fossil find, they are required to stop construction until the site can be