

Garden's plants native and tropical

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lege of Arts and Sciences dean's office, Drohman said.

Not long after Drohman began construction, he received a call from the arts and sciences dean, asking what the garden would be used for and if it could be dedicated to Harry Lloyd Weaver.

Weaver, an associate dean of the college, was preparing to retire at the time.

While most of the plants are native to Nebraska, there is at least one notable exception: the cycad, a tropical plant that looks like a cross between tree ferns and palms. The cycad, located in the center of the garden near the wall of the greenhouse, is planted in a large trash can.

But even the cycad has a place in a Nebraska collection. About 100 million years ago cycads were one of the dominant plants of this region, which had a warmer climate then.

Margaret Bolick, assistant professor of biological sciences and curator of botany at Morrill Hall, said the Nebraska area had a subtropical climate 10 to 12 million years ago.



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The native Nebraskan plants in the Harry Lloyd Weaver Native Garden east of Oldfather Hall are preparing for winter. While the native plants remain in the garden, one plant, a cycad — a tropical plant growing in the trash can against the wall — soon will be moved into the greenhouse behind it.

NCLU director speaks on Bork

By Dan Paez
Staff Reporter

The biggest mistake Ronald Reagan made was touting Robert Bork as a "moderate, mainstream jurist," John G. Taylor, executive director of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, told a group of 25 students Thursday night.

Taylor analyzed the U.S. Supreme Court justice nominee's judicial and academic records in a speech to members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Young Democrats in the Heritage Room of the Nebraska Union.

According to Taylor, Bork is a "states' rights" advocate and believes that states alone should decide whether things such as discrimination on the basis of race are illegal.

Taylor said Bork also doesn't believe that political speech is protected under the constitution when that speech advocates the breaking of laws. Martin Luther King would not have been protected then, when he spoke out against the infamous "Jim Crow" laws, Taylor said.

There might not have been so much controversy over Bork's nomination had Reagan presented him as a conservative jurist, Taylor said. When Bork was nominated, Taylor said, the NCLU's legal staff did a very extensive analysis on Bork's judicial and academic background. He said the staff researched some of Bork's unpublished speeches dating back about 30 years and sent a 50-page memo on their findings to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Race to honor former UNL professor

By Mike Kluck
Staff Reporter

This Sunday, friends of former associate professor of English Warren Fine will have a chance to honor him in a different way than most professors are honored.

Sunday afternoon, the Warren Fine Memorial Race will be run at the State Fair Park in Lincoln.

Fine, who came to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1976, died in August of complications associated with diabetes. Fine was 44.

English department chairman Frederick Link said he thought Fine would appreciate the race in his honor.

"Fine was not an athlete himself and would probably like this more than a watch or plaque or something like that. He would be happy that people care enough to do this in his memory," Link said.

The race was organized by Tim Creek, a former student of Fine's who is now a meteorologist.

Peter Waters, a bartender at the Zoo Bar and a full-time student who helped Creek organize the race, said

10 to 15 former students and friends of Fine gave money to establish the race in his memory. They donated a total of \$74 to pay for a lettered blanket for the race.

The money for the race was raised at the Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St., and O'Rourke's 14th St. Lounge, 121 N. 14th St. Fine was one of the original founders of the Strat-O-Matic baseball league at O'Rourke's and read poetry at the Zoo Bar.

Fine didn't like formal activities and liked to be with undergraduate and graduate students, Link said.

"Fine wasn't your typical academic professor," he said. "He was a writer and liked to be associated with the ordinary people. He didn't associate much with the other professors."

People at O'Rourke's and the Zoo Bar said Fine was funny and personable.

"Warren was a sports fan and avid horse-racing fan. He was a nice, funny guy, once you got to know him," Waters said.

Waters said he doesn't know if the race will be a yearly event, but said organizing for it this year has been fun.

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Abuse growing problem

By Mary Nell Westbrook
Staff Reporter

Victims of domestic and sexual violence need to know they aren't alone, and society needs to know this problem exists more than people realize, said a Lincoln crisis counselor.

Because of this growing problem, October is Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Lincoln. Officials say they hope people will become more aware of the problem and thus make it easier for the victims to come forward and not feel alone.

From January to August this year, Lincoln's Rape-Spouse Abuse Crisis Center received 3,962 calls, said Lezlie Hartford, crisis counselor at the center.

In August alone, the center received 594 calls, Hartford said.

If the issue became less stigmatized, more victims would seek help, she said. In smaller communities, abused people are less likely to report the problem.

"It still happens, but they just don't tell anyone about it," she said.

While Lincoln is about average nationally in terms of violent and sexual assault problems, Hartford said, these crimes are as prevalent in Lincoln as they are anywhere else.

"There has steadily been an increase in calls throughout the years," Hartford said. "Sex

abuse, including incest, happens a lot."

The Rape-Spouse Abuse Crisis Center became active in the early 1970s. The organization was officially established in 1976 under the Family Service Association of Lincoln, she said.

Victims feel isolated after the incident, which is one reason for the push of awareness, she said. Sometimes victims think they are the only one it happens to, she said.

Abuse isn't restricted to the home or to marriages, she said. Abuses go on in dating relationships even with university couples, she said.

The crisis center offers counseling, not only for recent victims but for those who may have been victims in the past, she said.

The center counsels people and offers support groups on prevention, domestic violence, sexual assault and how to help a friend or family member who may be experiencing abuse.

The center has a resource library and provides speakers to speak on any kind of abuse to any group.

All of the crisis center's services are free, she said, and a hotline is open 24 hours. The hotline number is 471-7273.

In conjunction with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness month, the crisis center is offering a variety of speakers and activities throughout the month.

Exon's request approved

Climate center gets funds

The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved U.S. Sen. J.J. Exon's request to finance the High Plains Regional Climate Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for 1988.

Exon said the High Plains Regional Climate Center provides climate information for Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. The Nebraska climate center is one of four in the nation.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$1,280,000 to operate the four regional climate centers. Each center is expected to receive \$320,000 of the total.

"The climate centers provide valuable climate information which is important in accurately predicting where severe weather like floods and droughts may occur," Exon said.

Exon said the information collected by the climate center is used in Nebraska's Agnet computer system. Agnet offers management information to farmers throughout the Midwest.

Last May, Exon urged the Senate Commerce Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman to continue financing the Regional Climate Centers operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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