

## Modern Language Fair draws *mucho* students

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Senior Reporter

More than 1,400 students from 50 high schools across Nebraska gathered Thursday at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to sing, dance and read poetry in their favorite language.

The 12th annual Modern Language Fair, sponsored by UNL's department of modern languages and literatures, gives students the opportunity to use their language skills outside the classroom, said Joan Buhlmann, vice chairperson of the modern languages department.

Buhlmann said students compete in poetry, drama, music, folk dancing, and poster and name-tag design in Spanish, French and German.

Students are awarded ribbons for their performance, she said. Each year, Buhlmann said, students must focus their projects on a theme.

The theme for this year was "Summit of Understanding." Buhlmann said students compose their presentations themselves and present them to UNL professors.

Non-competitive events include foreign films, international travel information and mini-lessons

taught by UNL language professors.

Buhlmann said the mini-lessons in Chinese, Czech, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian work as a recruitment program to interest high school students in studying foreign languages at UNL.

Kurt Rump, a senior from Wayne High School, attended a Russian lesson taught by William Gibbon, UNL modern languages professor.

Rump said attending courses that are taught less frequently are interesting.

"I've always been interested in learning Russian," Rump said.

The program also included a tour of the modern languages floor in Neihardt Residence Center, giving students an idea of residence hall life at the university.

Denita Steinbach, director of the modern language floor, said several students who live on the floor took the tour as high school students.

Steinbach said the tour exposes students to the typical lifestyle of a college freshman while showing them the advantages of living with students who speak and study the same languages.



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Roger Hulen and Jeni Palmer of Boys Town perform the Mexican Hat Dance Thursday afternoon at Mabel Lee Hall. Hulen and Palmer were two of many high school students who participated in the Language Fair.

## News Shorts

• A University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor has been named the winner of the 1988 Braddock Award for writing the best article on the teaching of writing to appear within the past year in the professional journal College Composition and Communication.

The award to Robert Brooke, UNL assistant professor of English, was presented today at the opening session of the Conference of College Composition and Communication in St. Louis.

Brooke's article, titled "Underlife and Writing Instruction," was printed in the May 1987 issue of the journal.

Brooke, who is from Denver, has been a faculty member at UNL since 1984. He joined the UNL faculty after getting his doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

College Composition and Communication is the official journal of the Conference of College Composition and Communication, a constituent group for college teachers of writing within the National Council of Teachers of English.

• A Pre-Law Workshop on Law Schools and the Legal Profession will take place March 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. For more information, contact the dean's office in the College of Arts and Sciences, Oldfather Hall 1223.

## Hall presidents, senators chosen in RHA elections

From Staff Reports

New hall presidents and senators were elected Tuesday in the Residence Hall Association elections:

Abel — Bart Vitek, president; William Vobejda, Douglas Breuer, Patrick Menard and Marlin Bergmann, senators.

Cather-Pound — Virgil Blum, president; Michael Freel, senator from Cather; Kristina Pletka and Susan Simon, senators.

Harper — Steve Yandell, president; Tom Searson and Paul Poulosky, senators.

Neihardt — Michael Hagge, president; Russ Johnson, senator.

Sandoz — Cynthia Kirstine, president; Ellen Foley and Anne Robertson, senators.

Schramm — Josef Nesvara, president; senators have not yet been determined.

Selleck — Mary Patricia Dolata, president; Travis Parker, senator.

Smith — Devi Bohling, president; Peggy Lange and Julie Ortmeier, senators.

## Senior gift call-a-thon behind goal

From Staff Reports

As of Thursday morning, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Foundation's senior gift call-a-thon hadn't met last year's total, foundation secretary Connie Sullivan said.

By Thursday morning the call-a-thon had raised \$43,500 from 511 pledges, she said.

But she said there was a good possibility the foundation would meet last year's total Thursday night.

"We have the capability of making \$8,000 tonight (Thursday)," she said.

Last year's call-a-thon raised \$51,348, Sullivan said. Mail-in pledges increased the total to \$53,000, she said.

The Class of 1988 is pledging the money to Love Memorial Library for an automated card catalog and a computer that will enable the library to communicate with other libraries in the United States. A portion of the money will be paid to the operator who inserts the information.

The project will cost more than \$1 million.

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