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Wes Steffins plays during a peace demonstration at the State Capitol Saturday.

Speakers spread message

March promotes peace awareness

By Emily Rosenbaum
Staff Reporter

Heartland Peace Trek '89 brought together members of the Lincoln Baha'i Community, Amnesty International and the United Nations Association Saturday to promote a global peace beyond the absence of war.

The Lincoln Baha'i Community sponsored the march as part of a six-week project designed to raise peace awareness in the community.

The trek started at Broyhill Fountain on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus and ended on the north steps of the State Capitol where music and speakers spread the message of peace.

"We want peace to be on everyone's lips," said Dawn Vincent, a UNL horticulture major and treasurer of the Baha'i Association, a

UNL student organization.

Larry Schneider, a UNL graduate student and member of the Baha'i Association, said the Baha'i Faith is committed to bringing peace and showing the oneness of God, religion and humankind.

"Peace is more than just not having war," Schneider said.

'We want peace to be on everyone's lips.'

—Vincent

The elimination of all forms of prejudice, a harmony of science and religion and a unity of all people is needed for peace, said Doug Boyd, a follower of the Baha'i Faith.

"We need to keep people from forgetting that we need peace," he said.

"Often we're too concerned about national pride instead of preserving the world," Boyd said.

Wendy Pearlman, a sophomore at Lincoln Southeast High School and the group coordinator for the Lincoln chapter of Amnesty International, said the goals of the organization are tied to the concept of peace.

"We work on the conviction that no one can take away human rights," Pearlman said.

Pearlman said Amnesty International works for the release of those who have been imprisoned because of their beliefs, color, ethnic origin, sex, language or religion, provided they have not used or advocated violence.

Those who are free must help those who aren't, she told the group.

Susan Nesje, Baha'i Association secretary and a UNL political

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Change lowers response

Students react poorly to work-study policies

By Kendra Gill
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will not change its new work-study policies despite disappointing student participation in the program, said John Beacon, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Previously, Beacon said, his office matched work-study students to campus jobs. Now students who receive work-study as part of their financial aid must find jobs themselves, probably through want ads on the part-time job board in the Nebraska Union, he said.

Beacon said student response has been low and unearned work-study money from this semester will be offered to second-semester award recipients.

Priority students, those who applied for aid prior to March 1, will receive work-study first.

Jennifer Campbell, coordinator for Student Part-Time Employment, confirmed the poor response. As of last Monday, 526 of the 1,800 students who accepted work-study have chosen a job and are on the program's payroll, she said.

She estimated that 200 offices still need work-study students to fill jobs. Tighter budgets have encouraged more offices to seek work-study students, she said.

Campbell said one reason few work-study recipients have taken jobs is that the new procedures confuse or intimidate them.

Freshmen and other students unfamiliar with the university system may not know how to find jobs on campus, she said.

Beacon said he expected that some departments would suffer from the new procedures. But the root of the problem lies with department expectations, not student confusion, he said.

Campus departments fail to fill jobs because they prefer to save money by hiring work-study students, who usually earn less than regular employees, he said. Thus, students aren't attracted to those jobs, he said.

Departments pay 20 percent of a student's wages in the work-study

program while the federal government pays the remaining 80 percent. Beacon said most work-study students make \$3.35 an hour.

Since a work-study student typically works about 15 hours a week, the student grosses an average of \$50.05 a week.

Fewer students interested in the work-study program may force departments that offer less-popular jobs to raise their wages to compete with more popular departments, Beacon said.

"While the Recreation Center has no problem attracting interested students even for minimum-wage jobs, Love Library struggles to fill their positions and may have to raise wages," Beacon said.

Campbell agreed that regardless of wages, offices on East Campus and in Love Library have more difficulty attracting students than the University Child Care Center and the University Health Center.

Beacon said departments must be creative to lure students and make the most attractive offer possible. That includes wage raises in all departments.

"For 20 years, UNL departments have gotten by paying only minimum wage and benefiting from program policies that stipulate they pay only 20 percent," Beacon said.

"Now they must compete with more attractive offers made by places like Wendy's."

Beacon said UNL can learn from other colleges.

Colorado State University has a successful work-study program, Beacon said. Its offices raised wages to reduce the attraction of off-campus, non-work-study jobs. He said UNL should use that tactic.

Not all department coordinators agree.

Jack Dunn, coordinator of Mueller Planetarium, said that although the planetarium lacks manpower, it cannot afford to raise work-study wages or hire non-work-study students.

"Our budget depends on ticket sales and can't be stretched further," Dunn said. "We have to make do."

"We're so short-handed now that sometimes it's just me running the administrative and technical end of

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Cost merits action

Officer hopes to reduce waste

By Kimberly Schwartz
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln environmental health and safety officer is working this year to reduce the amount of hazardous wastes and chemicals generated at the university.

Del Weed said he wants to bring the amount of hazardous waste produced at UNL from the current 3,000 pounds a month to 2,200 pounds or less.

Economics is the main reason for the reduction, Weed said.

UNL generated about 36,000 pounds of hazardous waste last year at a disposal cost of \$350 per drum.

Wastes generated on campus are stored at the East Campus Waste Accumulation Building, and about 40 drums are picked up by a waste disposal company about every 90 days.

Weed said he and an assistant will encourage UNL departments, faculty and staff members who generate hazardous chemicals and wastes to consider some options for dealing with wastes.

Weed said there are several ways to handle materials and chemicals that would not require them to be classified as a waste. The methods include:

- Returning to manufacturers unused por-

tions of potentially toxic pesticides and replacing them with biodegradable, less-toxic ones.

- Getting rid of some solvents and diluted corrosives by pouring them down the drain, as is legal with small quantities.

- Having UNL maintenance workers switch from oil-base to latex paints, so potentially toxic solvents won't have to be used to clean painting tools.

- Recycling materials that are capable, after initial use, of being recycled.

- Substituting materials when possible, such as a biodegradable product for a non-biodegradable one.

- Distilling some substances, such as acetone and ether, so they can be reused.

- Altering chemicals in a laboratory so they are no longer hazardous.

- When possible, burning hazardous materials.

Weed and an assistant will train those who work with hazardous materials on how to use some of these methods to deal with the substances they generate, he said.

Weed has requested two more staff members to help with training and other duties.

UNL, now designated as a large-quantity generator of waste, would become a small-quantity generator if the amount of waste pro-

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UNL Rodeo Club members to perform at Japan World's Fair

By Eve Nations
Staff Reporter

Fourteen former and current members of the UNL Rodeo Club are scheduled to pack up their saddles in October and travel to Japan to participate in the World's Fair.

George Pfeiffer, the club's adviser, said the club received an invitation from the city of Shizuoka, the sponsors of the fair, to travel to Japan to participate.

"Shizuoka is a sister city to Omaha," said Pfeiffer, associate professor of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"They had people in Omaha before and they were interested in the rodeos," he said. "The fair is actually a trade fair so we received an invitation to perform."

Club members are scheduled to leave for Japan Oct. 1 and return Oct. 16. The club will spend most of its time performing at the fair.

"We will be putting on two rodeo shows for 10 days," Pfeiffer said. "We'll be able

to do some sightseeing and go to some banquets, but we will be fairly busy with the rodeo performances."

Pfeiffer said it will be an "eye-opening experience" for the members because it will be the first time any of them have been to the Orient.

"This will be a chance to see new things and make new friends."

It also will be a new experience for most Japanese, Pfeiffer said.

"I don't think many people from Japan have ever seen a rodeo before," he said.

The fair is sponsoring the entire trip for the rodeo club, Pfeiffer said. In addition to providing transportation for the rodeo members, horses, bulls and broncos will have to be shipped to Japan.

Pfeiffer said the animals will be shipped from California and left in Japan because shipping expenses are more than the animals' value.

After the fair, the animals will be sent to a Japanese equestrian center and used for riding, he said.