

Group becomes first Americans at school

UNL students attend Moscow college

By Mark Georgeff
Staff Reporter

Fifteen University of Nebraska-Lincoln students recently became the first American college students to attend Moscow State University's College of Economics.

Robin Anderson, director of the UNL Center for Productivity and Entrepreneurship, said the students were the first to participate in an "international economic joint venture study" at Moscow State University.

Anderson and two State University of New York professors accompanied the student group on the Entrepreneurship Center-sponsored trip.

The nine day stay in Moscow consisted of classes with Soviet students and professors at the College of Economics, and a cultural awareness

program involving a trip to see the Russian Circus and the Bolshoi Ballet.

Classes focused on students developing a bread and grain corporation, based on a capitalistic free-market economic system taught within the American and Soviet course agenda.

Kathy Kirstine, a junior majoring in advertising, said the students studied an international joint venture entrepreneurship.

Kirstine said the UNL student group provided a model for a financial base and management system for the Soviet students' group.

Anderson said typical Soviet and non-Soviet joint venture partnerships consist of non-Soviet provided capital and managerial ideas.

For their end of the partnership, the Soviets provide raw materials, production and labor strengths and

the market place, he said.

Anderson said present Soviet business economics focuses on the supply and demand, free market system taught extensively in the Moscow State University College of Economics curriculum.

"The economics college isn't told what to teach. They have very much academic freedom," he said.

"The Soviet students were very bright. They were impressive in their understanding of the economics of a western-oriented market place system," he said.

Although Anderson said the UNL students experienced culture shock in the Soviet Union, the project helped them understand the importance of overcoming cultural differences.

"Ninety percent of all joint ventures have failed due to cultural dif-

ferences, sometimes a naiveness in business decision-making," Anderson said.

The model project should help students be more successful in future joint ventures, he said.

Angie Anderson, a freshman news-editorial major, said she appreciates the United States after experiencing the vast differences between American and Soviet life.

"Cars looked all the same make and model. Buildings were old and run down. Everything's scarce, even food and water, and the Soviet students knew far more about our culture than we know about theirs," she said.

Mark Naby, a junior majoring in economics and finance said the main learning experience for him came from the Soviet students themselves.

"They were absolutely incredible and had so much to share. It was fascinating how much they knew about capitalism," he said.

Naby said the Soviet people were "sincerely warm and friendly," and they wanted to know everything they possibly could about the West.

"They're entirely different from what some Americans' perceptions of the Soviet people might be," Naby said.

The people are honest and were willing to share everything they had with the students, he said.

Robin Anderson said UNL will sponsor ten students from Moscow State University Economics College next summer and will send 15 more students from the Entrepreneurship Center into Moscow again during the same time period.

NSE attendance shows small decline this year

By Christine Pillard
Staff Reporter

During the past five weeks, 3,568 incoming freshmen attended New Student Enrollment and registered for classes, according to Scott Moncrief, logistics assistant for NSE.

That figure represents more than 98 percent of the freshmen who will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the fall, he said.

But the number of students going through NSE is down slightly from last year.

Lisa Schmidt, director of high school and college relations, said one of the reasons for this decline is that there were fewer graduating high school seniors this year.

There were about 600 fewer graduating seniors in Nebraska this year, and over 1,000 fewer projected for next spring.

Schmidt said she knew the pool to draw incoming freshmen from would be smaller, so she was not surprised by the small decline.

Another reason for the decline is that transfer students were given an opportunity to register this spring, Schmidt said, otherwise they would have been part of the figures for NSE this summer.

Orientation leader Tami Terryberry

said the students who attended NSE left with a complete schedule and a good idea of what to expect in the fall.

Orientation leader Thad Standley said NSE students feel more welcome at UNL in the fall and don't feel like they're being thrown into a cold atmosphere.

Parents, too, were familiarized with UNL and the services offered on campus, Standley said. He said that when sons and daughters turn to parents for help, parents who have attended NSE will be better able to refer them to the appropriate campus offices.

Natalie Foster, program assistant, said NSE went as expected this year.

She said the NSE team was well-trained and gave 110 percent. She said she hopes each freshman left NSE feeling comfortable about attending UNL and knowing there are people to answer questions if the initiative is taken.

NSE isn't completely over for the summer, Foster said. Aug. 22 is the last day to enroll, and there may be more than 500 incoming students on campus that day, she said.

Foster said NSE is becoming a year-round program. In the fall, recruiting will take place for orientation leaders, and in January there will be NSE for the spring semester.

Chemical company chooses chairman for professorship

By Kara Wells
Staff Reporter

Pill-Soon Song has been named the Dow Chemical Company professor of chemistry at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Song, chairman of the department of chemistry at UNL, was appointed to the professorship after approval by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

The professorship includes a \$5,000 per year stipend, which Song said is much like a professor's scholarship.

"It's an honor," Song said.

Song said the professorship is a five-year appointment and is much like a regents professorship, except it is supported by the Dow Chemical Company.

As well as being honored with the professorship, Song said he is in the process of discussing ways of promoting chemistry with Dow Chemical Company. He said he will visit Dow on a regular basis and talk to scientists and chemists to find common interests between the chemistry department at UNL and the Dow Company.

Song said these common interests could lead to joint research projects.



Song

Song said the department of chemistry is also in the proposal stage of involving Dow in the beginning of an outreach program. Song said this program involves a mobile lab that will travel around Nebraska to visit junior and senior high schools. He said he hopes these chemistry demonstrations and instructions will interest students in studying science.

Song said Dow Company has a similar program in Michigan, and the department hopes to extend this project to Nebraska.

"We want to develop programs to be mutually beneficial to the Dow Chemical Company and UNL," he said.

Apartheid

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When MSU's faculty senate threatened to take the foundation to court, he said, it divested from South Africa.

Akpan, a Nigerian, said at the rally that the NU Foundation, "may as well invest in drugs," because its investment in South Africa is merely for money.

"It is shameful that a university should invest in South Africa simply for economic returns," Akpan said.

After the rally at Broyhill Plaza, about 15 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and other supporters of divestment marched to 11th and Lincoln Mall, where the NU Foundation meets. Outside the building, group members formed a circle and chanted, "NU Foundation must divest; South Africa's blacks will do the rest."

Harris

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plex and parking garage is a major revitalization project for Lincoln's downtown area.

"We have a city on the move, on the go, and don't want to interrupt it. We're not going to abandon our downtown," Harris said.

Harris said the city's \$4 million dollar investment in the garage would come from an already proposed \$12 million dollar bond issue.

Skateboarders damage UNL area

From staff reports

Some Lincoln area youths skateboarding in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery area this summer may soon be skating into trouble.

"Skateboarding itself isn't against the law. UNL is an open campus, and the buildings are public," University of Nebraska-Lincoln police Lt. Ken Cauble said.

But incidents involving youths riding their skateboards down hand railings and off concrete steps and marble inclines have damaged the area around Sheldon, Cauble said.

Pieces of marble and concrete have been chipped away, the handrails' paint has been scraped, and minor damage to one of the sculptures also has been reported, he said.

But Cauble said the main problem UNL must deal with concerns the interpretation of original warnings given to the youths by law enforcement personnel.

Cauble said there must be reasonable belief that the youths have been warned before their next violation.

"How much does it take before we can say that they're there with the knowledge that damage is being done?" he said.

"We interpret a violation. The county attorney's office interprets a violation. We'll go by what the county attorney decides," Cauble said.

Bumper stickers stating: "Skateboarding's not a crime" recently have been found on walls surrounding Sheldon, he said.

Cauble said the Sheldon museum staff members who have observed youths skateboarding around the museum have yet to witness or report any damage done by the youths.

He also said some of the youths related "off-color" comments to staff members who warned them to leave the premises.

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