

Trip taken to commemorate Korean War

Professor bikes across U.S.

By Victoria Ayotte
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UNL education professor Gordon Greene always will remember the bicycle trip he took across the United States to commemorate the "Forgotten War."

Greene, a Korean War veteran, and six other bicyclists took the trip from Washington, D.C., to further the cause of getting a memorial built to honor the Korean War. In "small-town U.S.A.," they raised \$20,000.

The bicyclists left May 7 and rode seven weeks -- with one day off a week to rest -- to arrive in Los Angeles on June 24, one day before the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

They rode 2,038 miles across the United States along the 38th parallel north, the latitude line that divides North and South Korea.

"We really didn't know what to expect," he said. "You had to be very flexible because you had no idea where you were going to be until you got there."

But as he and the other bikers rode -- about 55 miles a day -- they encountered friendliness and curiosity as town residents opened their homes and their pocketbooks.

Along the way, other veterans joined the bicyclists to ride for a day or two.

The bicyclists set up a portable display of the proposed memorial in each town.

Greene said he used to bicycle, but hadn't for about 30 years. But he got in shape to go on the (Des Moines) Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa two summers ago.

That trip made him feel like he had enough courage to try a nationwide trip, Greene said.

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"I got myself into a certain mindset. I just took it one day at a time . . . It was sort of like Korea -- I had to take it one day at a time."

The worst part of the trip was going through West Virginia. It rained every day through the mountains, he said.

"I think we walked over half that state," he said.

But "once we got back into the open in Kansas," the trip was smooth

sailing -- or peddling.

They again ran into a snag in California -- of the opposite type in West Virginia. The desert heat was 127 degrees some days. The blazing sun forced the bikers to quit for a few days and to ride in vans, Greene said.

When the bicyclists and their support group of 15 to 20 people reached San Pedro, Calif., they were welcomed with a celebration and carnival.

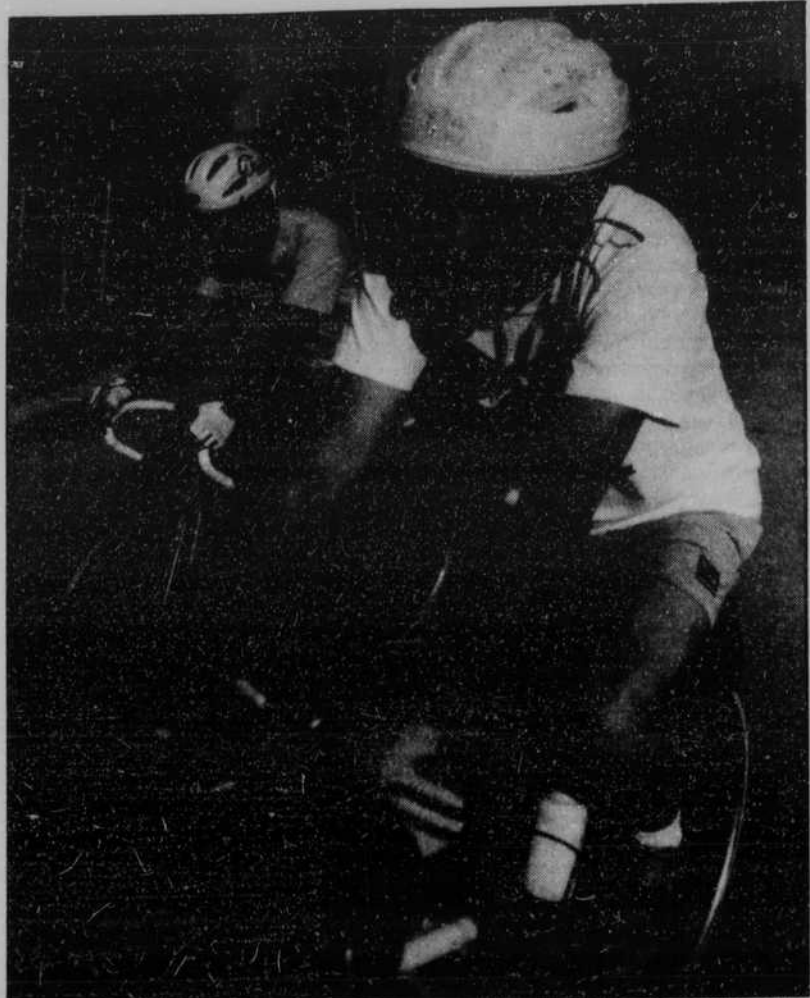
It was "euphoric" going into the city to end the trip, Greene said. "It was a high. We'd made it."

The trip "ranks up there" as one of the most memorable experiences of his life, Greene said. Of course, the most memorable was his experience as a Marine Corps infantryman in 1950-51 in Korea, he said.

Many newspapers, TV and radio stations did stories on the trip, and Greene said he now was preparing an article for Reader's Digest.

Greene said the group of war veterans doesn't have any additional plans for further bicycling trips after his trip with a fellow Korean vet to Kearney this weekend for a war memorial service.

"We had thought about doing Rhode Island," Greene joked, but didn't think the small state would live up to the excitement of the nationwide ride.



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Korean War veterans Rik Yoshizawa of Los Angeles, left, and Gordon Greene of Lincoln ride their bicycles in southwest Lincoln. Greene and Yoshizawa will start for Kearney on their bicycles Thursday morning to attend a war memorial service.

Campus activities, legal services acquire new staff members

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

Returning students will discover new faces and revamped services to help them cut through university red tape at several student offices this fall.

Margaret Nellis has just begun a position as the interim director of Campus Activities and Programs, replacing Sara Boatman. Boatman left the position to become the chairwoman for the communications department at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Boatman, who spent about 15 years working with the program, helped the office develop a national reputation, Nellis said.

Nellis said she was excited about her new position, and added that she might apply for the permanent position. UNL plans to conduct a nationwide search to fill the position in the spring.

But for now, Nellis said, it was a wonderful opportunity for her to work in a more general area. Nellis spent five and a half years as the department head in community health at the University Health Center before taking this position.

Other changes are in store for the

CAP office, Nellis said.

Kim Hobson, coordinator for student organization development for the CAP office, said she thought the office had a good, solid base of services, but the changes would allow students to get more efficient help from the office.

Leadership and student organizations will be handled by separate people, rather than just one, she said.

Kathy Shellogg, who was the coordinator for student organization and leadership development, now will focus on leadership development. Hobson, who was the coordinator for involvement and volunteer services, will focus on student organization development.

Hobson said dividing responsibilities this way would allow staff to spend more time in a specialized area. It will lead to changes throughout the year, she said.

Two areas that CAP still promotes are giving involvement presentations and promoting volunteerism, Hobson said. Rearranging responsibilities will allow staff members to more efficiently handle them, she said.

And with the addition of one graduate student worker, both the student organizations and leadership areas will

have student helpers.

"I think that will be a big improvement," Hobson said.

CAP also plans to add a new office, she said. Room 221 in the Nebraska Union will be used for student organizations, she said, and students can register for events there, bypassing the CAP office. Because Room 221 is between the Nebraska Union office and the Student Activities Financial Services (SAFS), it will save students time running between offices, she said.

This year, student organizations will be able to fill out one form for both their annual reviews and their signature for the SAFS office instead of filling out forms in two offices.

Hobson said office members hope to work even more closely with the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska than in the past. By more clearly defining the roles of both ASUN and CAP in working with student organizations, students will get better service, she said.

Members of student organizations also are required to attend one of 15 orientation summits, which allow students to learn what services the CAP office provides. In the past, the summits were not mandatory, Hobson said.

"We're real excited about the upcoming year," because of all the changes in store, Hobson said.

Shelley Stall, director of Student Legal Services, said this year was the first year that the office has had a second lawyer in the summer.

Karen Steinhauer began working with the office at the beginning of April, Stall said. The lawyer she replaced worked 26 hours a week during the school year only. Steinhauer worked 10 hours a week during the summer and will work 26 hours a week during the school year.

The office was able to add a second lawyer during the summer because ASUN budgeted more money for it.

Stall said that there was enough work for two full-time attorneys in the office, but not enough money to pay for the extra hours.

The office handles many types of problems that students have, she said, including landlord/tenant problems and driving while intoxicated and minor in possession violations.

Office lawyers even handle uncontested divorces in which no children are involved, she said.

But the office does not handle personal injury cases, she said, because students can find a lawyer

who will take cases that have a good chance of winning on a contingency fee, meaning that they might take one-third of the recovery as payment.

The lawyers give legal advice to students dealing with problems that might cost them \$300 in legal fees elsewhere, she said.

Student Legal Services is financed by student fees, she said.

Ombudsman Ozzie Gilbertson said he had identified 122 types of problems that students come to his office with and 19 of them concern financial aid.

Some of the concerns his office deals with are seasonal, he said. For example, financial aid is a concern at the beginning of the year and between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the summer sessions. Grade appeals happen shortly after the end of sessions, he said.

Students, faculty or staff members who have problems that aren't being resolved by normal means can go to the ombudsman's office for help, he said.

If they have problems that they are unsure how to resolve, they can go to the office for advice, he said.

Gilbertson said that last year students brought in 72.5 percent of the 574 cases dealt with in his office.

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