

Bazaar's 18 groups offer cultural diversity

By Michelle Wing
Staff Reporter

Sampling different cultures, crafts and snacks, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are getting a taste of international diversity Tuesday and today.

Eighteen international groups are participating in the sixth annual International Bazaar in the Nebraska Union.

Occupying 26 tables in the union's main lounge, groups are offering items such as Chinese egg rolls, Malaysian tropical fruits and Nigerian baskets. Some booths have food or craft items for sale, and some have objects for display only.

At one of the three Chinese tables, names written in Chinese were available, as were Chinese postcards.

At the African tables, bracelets and lengths of fabric were for sale, and African stamps and currency were on display.

Christa Joy, program coordinator of International Educational Services, said the goals of the bazaar were "to increase awareness of the diversity

on campus and to give international students the opportunity to share their food, culture and crafts with American students."

Joy said the bazaar serves to make Americans more aware of the diversity that exists on campus.

Participants said they thought it has positive effects on the students at UNL.

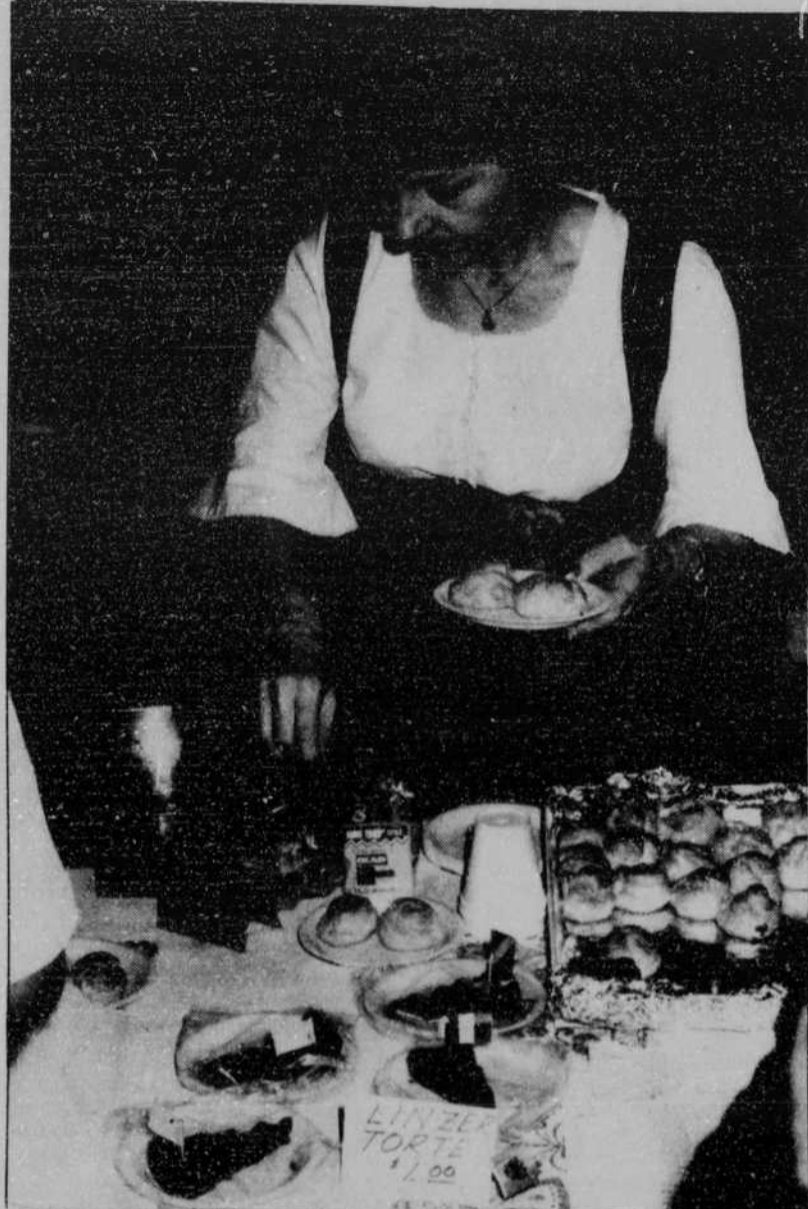
"It makes students more aware of the fact that we have diversity," said Horacio Xaubet, a professor of modern languages and the bazaar representative for Uruguay.

Xaubet said it was unfortunate that so many students spent time and energy preparing the international food, yet the majority of students Tuesday preferred to go to Burger King.

Adib Saafir, the husband of a UNL student, agreed that the bazaar benefited students.

"Anytime you can learn more about other nationalities, it benefits you," he said. "It's part of an education."

The bazaar, which ends today at 2 p.m., is sponsored by the International Students Organization and International Educational Services.



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Ingeborg Ewoldt of Black Forest, Germany, serves cream puffs at the International Bazaar in the City Union Tuesday.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Monday, March 4

6:53 p.m. — Indecent exposure, C.Y. Thompson Library.

8:40 p.m. — Bookbag stolen, Nebraska Union, \$245.

9:00 p.m. — Room entered, Sandoz Residence Hall.

11:35 p.m. — Man and woman in verbal dispute, Selleck Residence Hall.

Debate

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we have to prioritize," he said.

UNITY second vice presidential candidate Gwyn Vaughn said that rather than seeking cuts, funds should be allocated in a manner that uses

them best for all students.

The candidates agreed that special problems of East Campus, including a lack of availability of books required for East Campus classes and a shortage of administrative and student government offices compared to City Campus, must be addressed.

ENERGY first vice presidential candidate Kristi Truex said it was

inconvenient for East Campus students to drive back and forth to City Campus to speak to administrators, advisers and ASUN representatives.

Kister said East Campus students need to speak up about their concerns.

But Wickless said bringing more services to East Campus might be difficult because "it's not free."

ASUN

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who also sits on the board, are often from the same political party.

In years other than this year, Gosch said, students have complained that ASUN was closed because the Appointments Board didn't always give students a "fair shake."

However, he said, this year the speaker of the senate and the second

vice president were from different political parties.

The amendment would keep the speaker of the senate as the Appointments Board chair, but the other two members would be appointed by the previous year's Executive Board. The selections of the two students-at-large would be made before the general ASUN election.

Gosch said he hoped the amendment would eliminate any "elitism" on the Appointments Board and give the second vice president an opportunity

to concentrate on strengthening advisory boards, scholarship and student life commissions and public relations.

A third bylaw amendment to address legislative procedures also will be considered by the senate.

The amendment, proposed at last week's meeting but forwarded to committee, would require any legislation not killed or passed within two weeks of its introduction into a committee to be advanced automatically to the next senate's agenda.

Arab

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small countries fight for water, oil and land, he said.

The Western world benefits from these disputes, he said, because the conflicts prevent the Middle East from

becoming a superpower.

Zafer Abrass, a graduate student in architecture from Syria, said the Arab region has enough resources to become a superpower.

But countries in conflict will not be powerful, he said, and America and the Soviet Union will not have to worry about another country becoming

ing a superpower.

The Arab people want the Middle East to become one country again, Abrass said, because Arab nations are religiously united.

"When I see these people (Arabs) on the street, I don't think Palestinian or Jordan, I think Muslim. We believe in one country," he said.

Wage

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1993. The amendment failed.

Coorsen said he thought the amendment would have allowed businesses that draw in similar but not equal annual sales to remain competitive.

Coorsen said, for example, that one employer may gross \$350,000 annually while a competitor makes \$365,000. With the 90-cent increase, Coorsen said, the employer who makes less in this scenario would have a lot to lose by the minimum wage increase.

"We could be creating a situation here where not only are we increasing the minimum wage but we're doing away with jobs because of the non-competitiveness of the situation," he said.

State Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln said she was in favor of Coorsen's amendment because she didn't want to see the small mom-and-pop businesses sink.

"I'm really concerned about small

businesspeople who are going to get squeezed by this bill," she said.

The cost of running small businesses is getting more expensive, said state Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge, and a 90-cent increase could ruin a mom-and-pop business.

By phasing in the full wage increase, Hefner said, "this will give a chance for the free enterprise system to work a little better."

Hall countered, saying that if the Legislature had passed a similar bill last session, which phased in the minimum wage increase, senators would not have to be talking about it now.

"We didn't do that, so now we're here trying to catch up," he said.

Hall said he introduced LB901 last year to pick up those businesses that don't fall under federal law.

The 1989 Federal Minimum Wage Act called for the hourly minimum wage to increase 90 cents over two years. The first increase on April 1 boosted the minimum wage to \$3.80. The second increase will take effect this April, setting the minimum wage at \$4.25.

Currently, federal law exempts businesspeople who have fewer than 10 employees or have sales that don't exceed \$500,000 annually.

LB297 picks up those businesses that don't fall under federal law.

The last state minimum wage increase was in 1987, when the hourly rate increased from \$1.60 to \$3.35 and tipped employees' hourly wages went from 90 cents to \$2.01.

Under the provisions of LB297, tipped employees' wages would be boosted from \$2.01 to \$2.13.

The bill also provides for a 90-day training wage of \$3.61. New employees who are 20 years and younger and not seasonal or migrant workers could receive the training wage for 90 days from their hiring date. The new employee could be paid an additional training wage if he or she were participating in on-the-job training that requires technical, personal or further job instruction.

Legislators also advanced an appropriations measure to allot \$68,505 from the general fund to carry out the provisions of LB297 during the 1991-93 biennium.

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