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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, snow diminishing to flurries in morning, north winds 25 to 35 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with flurries. Wednesday, partly sunny with a high in the upper 40s.

Heartland leader

Doctoral student's leadership rewarded

By Jennifer McClure
Staff Reporter

Diane Podolske, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln doctoral student, always knew she was outstanding.

Now the rest of the nation knows it, too. Podolske was awarded the Gerald L. Saddleire Outstanding Graduate Student Award March 23 at a ceremony in San Francisco. The award, sponsored by the American College Personnel Association, honors four graduate students nationwide for their contributions in research, service and academic excellence.

Podolske was the only student from the Midwest to be honored.

Podolske has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Southwest State University, in Marshall Minn., as well as a master's of counseling psychology from UNL. She is working on her doctoral degree in college student development.

While working toward her Ph.D., Podolske also teaches her own college development class through the Campus Activities and Programs office.

"I teach a class for the Emerging Leadership Program," she said. "It includes strategies on how to run an effective meeting, conflict management, wellness, involvement and many other topics."

Podolske said she practiced what she taught by participating in many campuswide activities, including the Selleck Hall government and various chancellor's selection committees.

"I learn a lot about what it is to be involved," she said.

Although Podolske has been involved in many activities, she said she was not always an outgoing person.

"When I was an undergraduate, I was a very shy person," she said. "I was the first



Diane Podolske, winner of the Gerald L. Saddleire Outstanding Graduate Student Award, says she throws plastic insects at co-workers in the Campus Activities and Programs office when they "bug" her.

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person from my family to go to college. Being involved helped me to establish my potential — to see what I could do."

Podolske will graduate in May of 1993.

and said she planned to continue working with college students.

"I like Nebraska a lot," she said.



Research energy farm to be closed

Official says facilities unable to keep pace

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska will close its "energy farm" in June because of a lack of funds for research, and because the research that can be performed there has run its course, officials said.

The Energy Integrated Farm System, started in 1981 to conduct research on energy-efficient methods of farming, was a victim of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's budget-reduction process. It was cut internally by the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources in the fall.

The 157-acre Mead farm was cut because its facilities were not able to keep up with the pace of current research, said Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for IANR.

"It was a very valuable program, but we got the answers, and we need to move on," he said.

"For the kind of research that was needed in the energy area, those facilities had outlived their usefulness."

In addition, Omtvedt said, the federal government has not provided significant funding for agricultural energy conservation research.

Omtvedt said the type of research performed at the farm still was important, but that IANR could not afford to continue it.

"We do need to continue to work at (energy conservation research)," he said.

Dennis Schulte, acting associate dean for the College of Engineering and Technology and a former researcher at the farm, agreed.

"I'm somewhat disappointed, but I'm also a realist," he said. "It's something that's just natural and good financial management."

"The state of Nebraska doesn't provide enough research funding to do everything — we have to be selective in what we do."

Bill Splinter, acting vice chancellor for research, said the energy farm had been dedi-

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Earth Day toned down, spokesman says

Schedule of events

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Ecology Now-sponsored slide presentation, "Renewables Are Ready," to focus on prospects for clean, alternative energy sources. Jeff Riggert, a UNL senior biology major and local environmental activist, also will present "Global Warming: A Crisis in Perspective."

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Ecology Now-sponsored speech, "Renewables are Ready," by Omaha alternative energy enthusiast Verne Threan.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Third Annual Earth Day Fair at Broyhill Plaza with information booths by local environmental and social justice groups, a Rain Forest Show by the Seward High Flag Corps and a variety of bands playing on the plaza.

Thursday, 7 p.m., Ecology Now will sponsor "Who Owns America and How to Find Out," a lecture on power structure research by Bruce Erlich, a UNL associate professor of English and modern languages and literatures.

Thursday, 8 p.m., University Program Council will sponsor Delores Huerta, vice president of the United Farm Workers Union, who will speak on the Farm Workers Movement as part of Chicano Awareness Week, April 19-26. Admission is \$1 for non-students and free for UNL students.

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By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

Although Earth Day 1992 may not be as extensive as in past years, size will not stop Wednesday's event from educating people about the environment, a UNL environmental group spokesman said.

James Zank, Earth Day coordinator for Ecology Now, said Earth Day 1992 was not as publicized as previous years because people had become accustomed to hearing about environmental issues.

"The environment is still a hot topic," he said. "But it is becoming very 'every day' for people."

Zank said Earth Day was not as "massive" an event as when it was first initiated in 1970, as part of the student movements of the 1960s.

Ever since its beginnings in 1970, he said, Earth Day had almost faded from view — until its 20th anniversary in 1990.

Earth Day 1990 received more publicity, he said, because of the anniversary and Americans' concern for the environment following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill off the Alaskan coastline.

But Earth Day 1992 still is important because it gives people the opportunity to educate themselves about the environment, find out what they can do to help and where to go for information, Zank said.

"It would be ridiculous for (Ecology Now) to ignore (Earth Day)," he said. "It falls within our established goals to educate people about the environment."

Earth Day 1992 events on campus will run throughout the week in the Nebraska Union.

Science interests to be ignited

Girls to attend summer program

By Taryn Gilster
Staff Reporter

Junior high girls from rural Nebraska will have the opportunity to "WISE" up in the world of scientific research during the third summer of the Women Investi-

gating Science and Environments program at UNL.

Cari Dicks, assistant in coordination with the WISE program, said participants would attend one of two sessions, which would provide a variety of hands-on experiences in science and opportunities to apply research techniques.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in cooperation with Wayne State and Chadron State colleges and the National Science Foundation, spon-

sors 45 to 50 girls from small schools for the program.

The program gives rural girls the opportunity to use computer equipment that may not be available in their schools, Dick said.

Although the program is directed at rural students, Dicks said, minority students from Omaha were invited to attend this year.

The students are chosen from teach-

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TUESDAY

Correction: The Associated Press erroneously reported on April 12 that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's press secretary had contradicted a report by the Middle East News Agency. The remarks by Press Secretary Mohammed Abdel-Moneim actually were in accord with the news agency's report of Libya's stance on U.N. resolutions demanding Libya surrender two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan AM flight 103.

The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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