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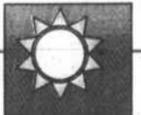
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will "speak truth" at Kimball Recital Hall in January. Page 9



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Today, sunny and warmer. Thursday partly sunny with highs in the mid 50s.

Good 'witch'

Anderson works as resource, inspiration guiding greek affairs

By Alan Phelps
Senior Reporter

Jayne Wade Anderson didn't set out to be the Wicked Witch of the West.

UNL's director of Greek Affairs takes nicknames students have given her with a sense of humor, and has even been known to wear a witch's hat to meetings.

But Anderson, who is being honored by her sorority with a national scholarship in her name, said she never planned to help advise greeks at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"I'm only here by accident," she said.

Anderson first came to Lincoln in the 1940s from Plainview, a small northeast Nebraska town. Her parents encouraged her to attend the university while most of her female friends went to nearby Wayne State.

She soon joined Alpha Xi Delta sorority, where she said she enjoyed the feeling of knowing others cared. She earned an education degree in 1952 and married her husband, Bill, in her sorority house.

The couple eventually moved to Cincinnati, where Bill was killed in a car accident. With her 18-month-old daughter, Anderson moved back to Lincoln to be close to relatives.

"Life is a series of, sometimes, timing and accidents," she said.

Anderson met with the dean of women students at UNL, who told her she could work for the university if she earned a master's degree.

"I wasn't geared to staying home and playing bridge, and that was fashionable at the time," she said.

Anderson's first job at UNL was a generalist in the student affairs office. At the time, during the 1960s, the university's Panhellenic adviser was a volunteer who was about to leave after 18 years. Greek affairs were put into Anderson's job description and gradually grew to fill her time.

Today's greek system, Anderson said, is different in some ways from when she lived in the Alpha Xi Delta house. A larger university means a larger system, she said, with more services and more resources.

Anderson also said the system had become more formally oriented toward academics. As the former national president of her sorority,



Shaun Sartin/DN

Alpha Xi Delta national sorority will honor UNL Greek Affairs Director Jayne Wade Anderson by offering members a scholarship in her name.

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UNL launches trips to gather views of state

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has officially taken its act on the road.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier launched a statewide community tour last month that will roll into about 30 Nebraska communities by March.

"UNL has a unique mission to serve the entire state," Spanier said. "This project gives us the opportunity to meet the people of Nebraska in their communities."

Spanier said he hoped his statewide tour would help him and his staff gather down-to-earth input from community leaders about the university's long-range planning.

Spanier and Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for agriculture and natural resources, toured Norfolk and Wayne on Tuesday. He and NU Regent Don Blank met with community leaders in McCook on Nov. 18, and also visited Syracuse on Nov. 30.

"We are going to try to touch all the bases that are interested in education in each community," Spanier said.

Spanier said the input he and other UNL officials had received from the individual communities had been almost all good.

"The feedback has been exceptionally positive that we are going out," Spanier said. "People appreciate the fact that the university is coming to them."

The UNL delegation normally meets with service clubs, business leaders, elected officials and UNL alumni in each of the communi-

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Harms family files lawsuit against Bjorklund, Barney

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

Candice Harms' parents and sister filed a wrongful death lawsuit in Lancaster County District Court against Roger Bjorklund and Scott Barney.

In a six-page motion filed Monday, the family said they were deprived of Candice Harms' society, comfort and companionship.

Bjorklund was convicted of Harms' murder on Nov. 17. Prosecutors have said Barney agreed to plead guilty to the crime if the death penalty isn't sought against him.

In the lawsuit, the Harmses asked for \$7,290.83 to pay for funeral expenses.

The Harms family also "suffered emotional distress more severe than any reasonable person could be expected to endure," the lawsuit said.

"The defendants' intentional, outrageous and extreme conduct towards Candice Michelle Harms, went beyond all possible bounds of decency and is regarded as atrocious and utterly intolerable in a civilized community," the lawsuit said.

Because of the defendants' actions, an unspecified amount of money is being sought for

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Big 8 to foot bill for officials' trip

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University of Nebraska student regents and administrators will spend part of their winter break in Florida at no cost to NU, a university official said.

Jack Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance, said the trip to the Orange Bowl in Miami for a group of administrators, athletic department officials, athletes and four student regents would be paid for by a budget construed by the Big Eight.

Each year the Big Eight authorizes an expense allowance for the bowl, he said. The allowance includes money for athletes, administrators and the University of Nebraska-Lin-

coln band and cheerleaders. The budget is close to \$1 million, Goebel said.

"It is that expense allowance that is authorized from which we try to cover all costs involved in participation," Goebel said.

The flights to Miami and motel rooms there are part of the contract, he said.

The bill for remaining costs, he said, most likely will be covered by proceeds from the Orange Bowl.

"No matter what expense is involved," he said, "it will be covered either from the expense allowance or the proceeds."

Goebel said he thought UNL might exceed the budget put forth by the Big Eight because of a request for players to leave early for Miami from NU football coach Tom Osborne.

Osborne has asked that the nearly 120 team members go to Florida three days earlier than last year to allow them extra practice time. That would mean the players and coaches would leave Lincoln on Dec. 22 and return Jan. 2.

Not all members of the athletic department will leave early with the team, Goebel said. Some will travel Dec. 28 with other administrators who have been invited by the chancellor.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier has invited administrators, members of his staff and

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Nebraskans unearth alleged war crimes in Yugoslavia

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

Four Nebraskans, including a UNL adjunct professor, have seen the effects of war on citizens in former Yugoslavia firsthand.

Cal Calabrese, Doug Scott, Ralph Hartley and Melissa Connor, all of Lincoln, were part of a 14-member forensic team that returned recently from Croatia. While overseas, they and other members of Physicians for

Human Rights, investigated alleged war crime graves in Croatia.

The team was working under the sponsorship of the United Nations War Crimes Commission, which was established in 1992.

PHR specializes in forensic investigations of alleged war crimes, such as torture and unlawful executions, including incidents in Israel, Iraq, Kuwait and Thailand.

Scott said uncovering and documenting such atrocities could per-

suade the killers that their actions could be detected and eventually punished.

The forensic team is working on a report of its findings during its monthlong stay in Croatia, Calabrese said.

Scott led an exhumation team to the Croatian town of Vukovar. The team included scientists from Arkansas, Washington, Argentina and Guatemala.

After two days near Vukovar,

Scott's excavation was stopped by local Serbian authorities, who dissolved an earlier agreement with Serbian officials to allow the group to exhume the graves.

"The Serbs alerted us to leave, so we did. It's that plain and simple," Scott said. "(The Vukovar excavation) was a bust, if you will."

But when Scott's team members joined another forensics group near the nearby Croatian town of Packrac Poljana, they turned up nine mass

graves and 19 bodies.

As many as 200 bodies are thought to be buried near the site his team was expelled from, he said.

Scott said portions of their investigation had to remain confidential because it could be used to prosecute alleged perpetrators.

"I'm not sure when it will become public," Scott said. "It's all part of a legal investigation, and it's sensitive

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