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Ann Pettus, director of the UNL forensics team, stands among the many trophies the team has brought home this season.

## Forensics team speaks its mind

By Heather Lampe  
Staff Reporter

Stress, stage fright and 20 hours per week of research and practice may seem like too much for some people, but for the members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Forensics Team, the hundreds of trophies that line the walls of their lounge make it all worth while.

The team, which consists of 35 to 40 members, is led by Ann Pettus, director of forensics. The team competes statewide and nationally, traveling everywhere from Mankato State University and the University of Oklahoma to Northern Iowa and Arizona State University.

Two weekends ago, the team brought home more than 60 trophies, emerging as overall champions at the Lions and Christians Invitational, co-hosted by Hastings and Concordia Colleges.

Marna Schulte, a sophomore news-editorial and communications studies major, said she joined the team because she enjoyed speech in high school and wanted to try it at the collegiate

level.

Schulte said she didn't mind the stress because she had the opportunity to meet new people and compete nationally.

"It's stressful, but exhilarating with the thrill of going out on the national level. It's enough to keep me going," Schulte said.

There are more than 10 different styles of college-level speeches. In impromptu speaking, students have seven minutes to prepare and deliver an impromptu speech usually on a familiar saying or quotation. Other styles include informative speaking, extemporaneous speaking, poetry or prose interpretation and after-dinner speaking.

Janet Richardson, a junior marketing major, said she also joined the team because she was involved in high school speech.

Richardson said the opportunity to travel and meet new people also influenced her to try forensics.

Richardson and Schulte are both from Pawnee City and both had the

same high school speech teacher, Matt Davis. Davis is now a forensics coach at UNL and encouraged Richardson to join the team.

Davis, along with four other graduate teaching assistants and a senior student, help coach the team. The team is funded by the university's general operations budget, fund raising and alumni contributions.

Like several other forensics team members, Zachary Moore, a junior speech communications major, joined because he enjoyed speech in high school. Since he's been on the team, Moore has realized forensics can help him educationally and in his future career.

"I get hands on experience and leadership experience," Moore said.

He said traveling around the country and becoming known at other schools helped with recommendations for graduate school.

The members of the team will compete in Oklahoma and Norfolk this weekend, their 15th and 16th tournaments this year.

## Milk hormone a concern

By Shaun Sartin  
Staff Reporter

Despite approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Nebraska dairy farmers are being asked to delay further the use of a growth hormone designed to increase milk production.

The hormone, bovine somatotropin, or BST, can increase a cow's milk production between 5 and 20 percent.

In response to widespread consumer concern, the Mid-American Dairy-men cooperative has asked its members not to use BST until further assessment can be made of consumer reaction to its use.

BST goes on sale today and will finally be available to Nebraska dairy farmers after nine years of FDA studies.

Since BST is already a naturally occurring hormone within the dairy cow, it is impossible to tell the difference between milk from a normal cow and one treated with BST, said Bob Hutkins, professor of food science and technology.

Opponents make a three-pronged attack against the use of the hormone,

Hutkins said.

First, people seem to think there is a human health risk, saying the hormone will end up in the milk, changing the composition and somehow making the milk less wholesome, he said.

Second, there is a belief the animal's health is at risk. The BST hormone has been found to be safe in tests conducted by the FDA and does not substantially raise the risk of contracting mastitis, an infection of the udder, Hutkins said.

Third, some take a socioeconomic stand and say there is often already a surplus of dairy products and thus no reason to increase production.

Many dairy farmers seem to be waiting even without the prod of Mid-Am.

"I don't plan to use it right now, and I don't know anyone who is," said Mike Smith, a dairy farmer from Blair.

The stock of cows has to be genetically good, and they must already be good producers of milk before there is any great increase of production, he said.

## UNL greets new year

By Kara Korshoj  
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are invited to attend the Chinese New Year celebration sponsored tonight by the Malaysian Student Organization, International House and the University Program Council.

Christopher Babb, head resident of the International House, said this was the first year the three organizations had combined to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Babb said the Chinese New Year began Wednesday and would continue into next week. He said the Chinese New Year was the longest and most important holiday in countries with a large Chinese population.

The Chinese New Year is determined by the lunar cycle and the years are based on the twelve symbols of the Chinese zodiac, Babb said. These cel-

ebrations usually consist of a lot of food and festivities, Babb said.

Last year was the Year of the Chicken, Babb said, and this year the Year of the Dog will be celebrated. According to the Chinese zodiac, individuals born in a certain year are said to share certain characteristics, Babb said.

The Chinese New Year never arrives the same time from year to year, Babb said, though normally it is always in late January or early February.

Festivities at UNL include karaoke, games, food, storytelling and a dance to conclude the event.

Students from Malaysia, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore will take part in the storytelling of the history of the Chinese New Year, which is scheduled for 9:15 p.m.

The celebration begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Centennial Ballroom in the Nebraska Union.

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