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Denver airport earns its wings

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

On a morning flight to Omaha, St. Patrick's Day 1966, Norm Avery was one of the first passengers to fly out of Denver's newly rebuilt Stapleton Airport.

Little did he know that this Tuesday morning, almost 29 years later, he would be turning off the airport's lights forever and moving his office 23 miles northeast to Denver's new international airport.

After 10 years of planning, a 16-month opening delay, chewed-up baggage, cracked concrete and even wisecracks by

David Letterman, Denver International Airport will open Tuesday morning — no kidding. And Avery will breathe a sigh of relief.

Avery, DIA community relations liaison, has been working with DIA for nine years and has given more than 1,080 presentations for the new airport. He has had to put up with about as many jokes.

"One thing I learned a long time ago was to joke about it — find its soft spots and pick it apart," Avery told the Daily Nebraskan. "When you do that you have few negative

comments."

DIA's main problem came when the airport's automated baggage-handling system, which was designed to move 4,000 carts on 22 miles of track to 88 gates, started "eating" the luggage.

"It virtually said 'I just can't do this,'" Avery said. "It was just trying to make it do too much."

The problem was fixed by limiting the automated system to United Airlines' terminals — the airline that requested the system — and using the backup conveyor-belt system for the others.

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Courtesy of DIA

The Jeppesen Terminal interior at the Denver International Airport.

Presentations to give view of minorities

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

When Dolores Atencio left her blue-collar Mexican-American hometown in Pueblo, Colo., to attend college in white, upper-middle class Colorado Springs, she felt "very poor and very brown," she said.

Since then, the Colorado attorney and graduate of the University of Denver College of Law has dedicated her life to prevent minority students from feeling like she did more than 15 years ago.

Atencio will give two presentations at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Today's presentation, "Ethical Implications of Proposition 187," will be at 3:30 p.m. in Henzlik Auditorium and will examine California's controversial proposition to refuse health care, welfare, education and other benefits to illegal immigrants.

On Tuesday, Atencio will present "Minority Students in the U.S.A. — An Overview of History and Progress" at 3:30 p.m. at the Wick Alumni Center.

Atencio worked in the cafeteria her freshman year of college and only associated with other Hispanic students, an act Atencio called "self-segregation."

"We didn't have a lot of bridge crossing," she said. "What we tended to do was exclude ourselves from mainstream white activities such as joining fraternities and sororities."

She said it did not take long for minority students to take advantage of what was available to them, though.

That generation opened up doors for minority college students, she said, but segregation and racism still exist.

Increasing the number of minority students at colleges was a first step, she said. Colleges also should provide minority "mentors" so minority students would have someone who could relate to their experiences.

"We also have to teach students the simple principle that we are all human beings of different shapes, colors, backgrounds and classes," she said. "We have to teach the younger generation that there are things we have in common."

"It's a bit altruistic and idealistic, but if someone came to me as a college student and said that, I may have opened up much sooner to this notion than I did."

On the other hand, she said, propositions like California's Proposition 187 could turn this teaching around.

The proposition took the theory that America should return to a color-blind society, she said, where people should be judged on merits rather than color of skin.

Although it sounds good, she said, America was "color-blind" before the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, but people were not judged on merits, she said.



Travis Heying/DN

John Ryan of Bennet leads his daughter Amy's horse, DeeBarInvestment, into a stall at the Animal Science Complex on East Campus Saturday. A two-day horsemanship clinic for horse owners across the state was held at the center over the weekend.

Riders learn while 'Horsin' Around'

By Stacie Renner
Staff Reporter

More than 400 horse enthusiasts spent two days in the Animal Science Complex on East Campus this weekend learning the fundamentals of horsemanship.

"Horsin' Around," sponsored by the Nebraska Cooperative Extension, is an annual event that features different horsemanship presenters each year, said Kathy Anderson, extension horse specialist and assistant professor of animal science.

The event is in its fourth year and is routinely a sold-out event. This year, the event turned away approximately 300 registrants after the building's capacity of 480 was reached.

"All (participants) have horse interests, from the modest beginner to several professional trainers themselves and everything in between," Anderson said.

Marlene Bregen, who raises Arabian horses near Elkhorn, attended the event for the second time.

"I gave up two days and if anyone gave up Saturday to sit inside, you know it's worth-

while," she said.

The chance to learn from other breeds was a positive feature of the event, Bregen said. The event held great variety for Bregen, with basic groundwork and a refresher of horsemanship shown.

Both youth and adults were able to benefit from the sessions, she said.

Sean Barnett, a senior animal science major who helped with the event, said that brushing up on the basic principles of equestrian training

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NU official is candidate at Bowling Green

By Jeff Zeleny
Editor

Lee Jones, NU executive vice president and provost, is one of six candidates for the president position at Bowling Green University.

Jones, 58, came to the University of Nebraska in 1985. He is scheduled to visit Bowling Green, Ohio, for two days during the last week of March.

Paul Olscamp, the president of Bowling Green University, will step down June 30. After taking a one-year leave of absence,

Olscamp has said he will return to teaching, according to The Bowling Green News.

Jones did not return telephone calls to the Daily Nebraskan seeking comment.

The six candidates were narrowed from a field of more than 100. The university Board of Trustees approved the list recommended by a search committee last week.

In addition to Jones, the candidates include:

Betty Asher, president of the University of South Dakota; David Carter, president of Eastern Connecticut State University; John Darling, president of Louisiana State University; Sidney Ribeau, vice president at California State Polytechnic University; and Sharon Wallace, vice president at North Dakota State University.

Before coming to Nebraska, Jones was at the University of Arizona from 1964 to 1985. He started as an assistant professor of chemistry and left the university as a vice president for research.



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