

Talk focuses on human rights

By Heidi White
Staff Reporter

A former political prisoner will lead a roundtable discussion Wednesday on the struggle for human rights in East Asia.

Francis Seow, a former Singapore government official, will answer questions at noon in 538 Oldfather Hall.

Seow fell out of favor with the government and was imprisoned, said David Forsythe, political science chairman.

"We want to get an understanding of human rights in East Asia and how to interact with governments like

Singapore and China to see if they can become human rights protective," Forsythe said.

Four members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln political science department, including Forsythe, will form the panel. The other three are: David Rapkin, an associate professor, and Valerie Schwebach and Andrew Wedeman, both assistant professors.

The discussion will address human rights conditions in several East Asian countries, including Japan and Indonesia.

The panel will discuss whether human rights performance is linked to economic transitions. The roundtable

also will cover topics such as China's policy restricting personal and family privacy and Japan's foreign policy supporting civil rights and democracy in China.

Forsythe said anyone could attend. Those attending may bring lunch.

Similar forums are held by the political science department throughout the year. The next will discuss water usage and environmental water issues. Peter Longo, a professor on sabbatical from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, will speak at the discussion, which will be in late November or early December, Forsythe said.

Program enhances small towns

By Jenny Parmenter
Staff Reporter

A town's main street is often the hub of activity in Nebraska.

But in many dusty farm towns, that activity is coming to a standstill.

The first statewide conference of the Nebraska Lied Main Street Program will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St., in Lincoln.

The program provides Nebraska towns with populations fewer than 50,000 the opportunity to revitalize their central business communities through historic preservation and economic development.

"Many small communities all over the United States are experiencing sales leakages," said Anne Johnson, coordinator of the conference.

"The program provides assistance

to Nebraska towns to help them develop strong commercial districts, recruit volunteers and heighten appreciation of historic resources."

The Main Street Conference is sponsored by the UNL College of Architecture, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, the State Historical Society and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Eligible Nebraska communities are encouraged to submit applications, which ask questions about the town's resource availability and its ability to organize volunteers and raise money. "We try to encourage the small town communities to be proud of their rich historic heritage," Johnson said. "We're bringing in state and national experts to give the town representatives hands-on training in the fields of economic development and historic preservation."

Communities that participated in the program last year, including Red Cloud, Alliance, Wakefield and Fremont, will be given special recognition awards at the conference.

"The program helps these communities to educate their employees, accept credit cards and install ATM machines," Johnson said.

"Red Cloud focused on their historic preservation by increasing tourism to the Willa Cather memorial, and Alliance building owners are taking off the metal coverings, revealing the true history of the various buildings."

Those wanting to attend the conference need to register by today. The cost is \$45 for the general public and \$35 for students. Along with the opportunity to attend seven seminars, participants will be served breakfast and lunch.

NU fraternity collects food for city's needy

By Thor Schrock
Staff Reporter

The Lincoln chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity collected more than 1,500 pounds of food this month for the city's needy in the largest single-day, Greek humanitarian project ever.

The third annual international food drive, "Brothers Feeding Others," included more than 200 Lambda Chi chapters in both the United States and Canada. Chapter Services Director Kevin O'Neil said the fraternity collected a record-setting 533,000 pounds of food Nov. 4, bringing its three-year total to more than 1.2 million pounds.

"Last year, we had a goal of 400,000, and we raised more than 422,000," O'Neil said. "This year, our goal was 500,000."

There are still a few chapters that haven't reported, he said.

Lincoln's chapter nearly doubled its poundage from last year, O'Neil said. It raised 600 pounds in the drive's first year and then jumped to 800 pounds in 1994, bringing its three-year total to 2,900 pounds.

Two weeks before the drive started, more than 60 chapter volunteers handed out fliers and solicited door-to-door, said chapter Vice President Jon Engle.

"The fliers basically explained how the international food drive worked and that we would be taking donations," he said.

Though the event is organized on the international level, each chapter gives the food it raises to a local charity, O'Neil said.

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Two teens arrested after fight

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Two 14-year-old Lincoln boys were arrested in a Monday afternoon disturbance near Lincoln High School.

Police said the two failed to comply with a police order. One also was charged with resisting arrest, said Lincoln police Lt. Steve Imes. The incident, which police said began on a city bus, was reported at 3:41 p.m.

Police said a group of middle school students were on the bus near 21st Street and Randolph Boulevard when they began "play fighting."

Imes said the driver of the StarTran bus called police when some of the students began taking the fight seriously. A minor disturbance was under way when several police officers arrived on the scene

west of Lincoln High School.

About 3:50 p.m., a group of about 15 young females was standing in the middle of Randolph Boulevard screaming at police officers for handcuffing the two boys. It was unclear if those females were on the bus.

The group of females also yelled at a small group of photographers who were covering the spectacle. The students do not attend Lincoln High, Imes said. Police were unsure which middle school the students attend.

Police were continuing to investigate the disturbance Monday afternoon. Imes said additional people would be questioned.

The two arrested juveniles were questioned at police headquarters on the misdemeanor charges. Imes said the two youths would be released to the custody of their parents or guardians.

Cameras

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at a security system that would allow students to run their IDs through a scanner to open the door.

Though that system is expensive, Shumann said, it would cut costs in the long run and still keep the building secure.

"Security isn't something we can ignore," he said.

Housing officials have wanted to do something like this for the last few years, Shumann said. If responses to

the experiment are positive, cameras may be installed in other residence halls.

Night hosts who currently monitor each of the three doors to the halls and manually run IDs through a scanner are expensive to employ, he said.

Junior animal science major Kevin Chytil, who works as a night clerk in the Abel-Sandoz complex, said the cameras were a good idea, but that he didn't know how secure the halls would be without a person at the door.

"But people still find ways to get in even with us here," he said.

Leitzel

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means these should be very strong candidates."

Jose said he also considered Leitzel to be a strong candidate for three reasons.

"She's done a good job as interim chancellor," he said. "She's been very responsive to issues that have come up. She's a woman."

If Leitzel was on the list, Jose said, that would have sent the message that internal candidates are given serious consideration.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said that when a board chooses outside candidates, it's sending a message that the university needs "fresh blood from the outside."

However, he said he wanted to see Leitzel on the list and did not know why she was not included.

"This search has been conducted with exceptionally good confidentiality," he said. "I might as well be reading tea leaves."

A confidential search committee can come up with qualified candidates, Regent Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien said.

The administrators did not know anything about the candidates, and many had never even heard their names.

Jose has heard of George, who also is an organist, but only in music circles.

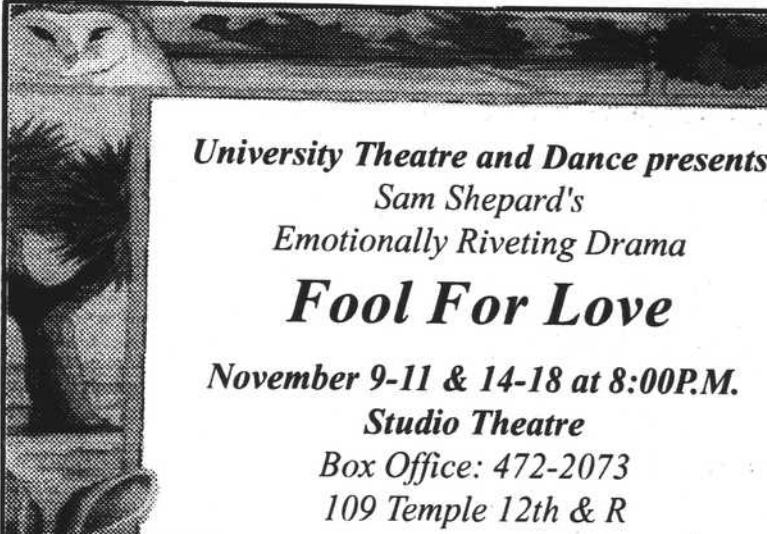
Miller said he was disappointed that none of the candidates had experience outside the "ivory tower" of higher education. None had worked in business, non-profit organizations or government.

The three candidates will meet with the regents, faculty and administrators when they visit the campus in the next two weeks.



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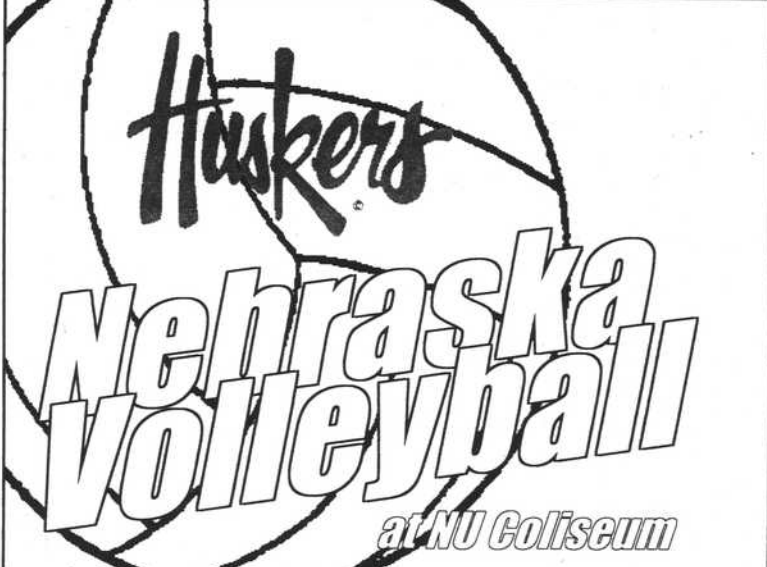


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