

# Plans made for spring break

By Jenny Parmenter  
Staff Reporter

Forty-three days until spring break. That includes weekends.

Many University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who are counting down the days are also planning their vacations.

"Students usually head to the traditional warmer destinations like South Padre or Florida, although New Orleans is becoming more and more popular," said Thelma Lassen, manager of AAA travel agency. "Even though it's not on the Gulf, students still find it an exciting party town."

Terry Werner, a travel agent at First Discount Travel, 5400 S. 56th St., said Padre Island was the place to be.

"More students from the Midwest are traveling south, instead of to the more popular Florida beaches," Werner said. "Padre Island seems to be gaining favor with the college

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travel agent

crowd. Phoenix is also another place that is becoming more popular to students."

International Affairs, however, had another option for students: international vacations.

"We encourage students to get a Europass; then we help them out from there," said Maggie Kahler, flights and travel services assistant. "Last year Mexico City was the place students went, but now places like London or

Paris are becoming more popular. We can get students round-trip air fare and hotel stay for under \$500."

Although most students prefer to plan vacations on their own, many travel agencies can help with air fare or package deals.

"We suggest that they use special spring break agencies that can accommodate students' needs, but usually we can set them up with discounts on air fare or car rental," Lassen said. "Of course AAA always helps their members with planning road maps and other details."

But Werner said students should be aware that 43 days is not a long time.

"If students are just starting to plan their break, they are running behind schedule," Werner said. "Most agencies offer their best deals in December. I would suggest students considering alternate destinations and traveling mid-week if they want to get the best deal possible."

# Student learns leadership, survives East Coast storm

By Jenny House  
Staff Reporter

An opportunity in the nation's capital has opened one UNL student's eyes to nonprofit organizations.

Although Daniel Brox doesn't plan to make working for a nonprofit organization a profession, the junior political science major said he hoped to be a lifetime volunteer.



**Brox**

Brox was one of 75 college students, picked from 200 applicants, to attend a seminar entitled, "Leadership 2000: Within the Independent Sector." Phil Dyer, a professor of political science, said Brox was chosen by the political science department because he was an outstanding student who had a serious interest in political science.

"Not only is he a very good student, he's the type of person who wants to give back to the community," Dyer said.

Applicants composed essays and completed questionnaires, which were reviewed by the Washington Center, the nonprofit organization that sponsored the seminar with the American Express Corp.

Brox described the Washington Center as an experience-based learning program that offered internship opportunities. Part of its

mission is to "utilize the resources of the nation's capital," he said.

But Mother Nature and the federal budget impasse made holding parts of the seminar more of a challenge than planned.

The snowstorm that hit the East Coast, dubbed the Blizzard of '96, caused problems for the planned activities, Brox said. Some activities were canceled, and an entire day was lost.

Also, parts of the seminar took place during some of the federal government shutdown, Brox said, which caused scheduling problems. Replacements had to be found for closed federal offices.

Because of the program, Brox said he was looking into summer internship opportunities with the Population Institute or Point of Light Foundation, both represented at the seminar.

Brox said most students who attended the conference were interested in starting nonprofit organizations.

"The best part of the seminar was getting to meet people from all over the country," he said.

Some of the ideas the different conference speakers had came home with him, Brox said.

Leonard Adler, executive director of Research, Education and Action on Poverty and a featured conference speaker, emphasized pro-activity and not reactivity.

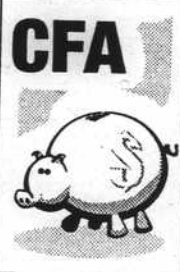
Brox agreed.

"Something that really struck me was that we have all the nonprofit causes trying to set up housing or better nutrition, for example, and they are very reactive towards caring for the problem," Brox said.

# Unions apply for funds

By Heidi White  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Unions and Student Involvement submitted a budget proposal to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's Committee for Fees Allocation on Thursday evening.



Daryl Swanson, director of Nebraska Unions, and Marilyn Bugenhagen, director of Student Involvement, combined their proposals for student fee requests, which total \$1.8 million.

The request increased \$37,891 from last year for a total increase of 2.09 percent.

The budget for the Nebraska Unions and Student Involvement span a variety of areas. The administrative and operational costs of both the Nebraska Union and East Union are included, along with Student Involvement, the Women's Center and the Culture Center.

Swanson said the budget closely resembled the actual operating costs of the unions, sometimes within dollars, although variables such as sales and usage of utilities made projections difficult to make.

"Many unions across the country ... very often don't show the true cost of these operations," he said.

# Corrections Clarifications

Because of a production error, three lines were missing from a story in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan about the Freshman Learning Community.

The lines should have read: Research has shown, he said, that 25 percent of freshmen drop out of school after their first two semesters.

"The program is an effort to help them stay in school and to capture their attention," he (Don Gregory, director of general studies) said. "If they have something, they're more likely to stay."

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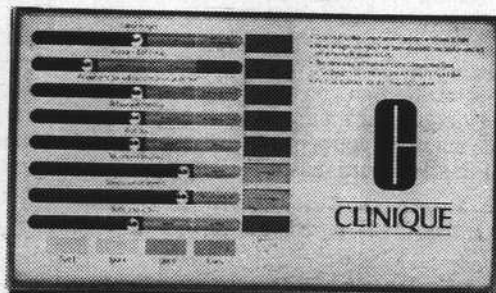
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