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Forensics team adds spice to communication

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By Michaela Pieler

Patti Leavitt has an ability most students envy - she's not a bit nervous when she speaks in front of a class.

Leavitt said she owed that to her four years of experience on the Cornhusker Forensics Squad.

'I was a really bad speaker when I first came to UNL," said Leavitt, president of the squad. "But the team totally helped me out of that."

The senior political science ma-jor is one of 22 members of Cornhusker Forensics.

The group meets once a week to practice persuasive speaking, in-terpret literature or debate current issues. And on the weekends, mem-

bers travel to tournaments at other colleges and ties

tionwide.

Last weekend, squad members competed in Eau Claire, Wis., where 10 members qualified for the American Forensics Association's national tournament next month in Gainesville,

"I can't remember having such a good season," said Forensics Director Ann Burnett, who has been leading the squad for eight years. The team has lost only one tournament since last December, she said.

"We have an extremely talented group of young people this year," Burnett said.

She and five assistant coaches lead the group, which can be taken as a class for up to two credit hours

Team member Marna Schulte said succeeding in a tournament required both practice and experience.



and communication studies major, said she also tried to keep eye contact with her audience.

"You always have to keep in mind that you're talking with someone and not at someone," she said. "Don't try to give a 10-minute lecture.

Assistant coach David Tschida said the tournaments were his favorite part of forensics.

"At the tournaments, we bring together a competitive and educational activity in a very friendly environment," said Tschida, a graduate student in communication studies.

Leavitt said she made a lot of friends both at tournaments and within the UNL forensics team. The squad is like a family, she said. Members support each other without being competitive.

"It's a great chance for every student to find a smaller community within a huge school like UNL,"

Burnett said members learned more than how to speak more effectively. For instance, they learn how to do effective research.

"It prepares you better for classes, makes you more analytical and improves your papers,

she said. "You learn how to think about issues, and you learn how to win and lose."

Mike Wagner, a sophomore broadcasting major, said forensics had benefited him more than any one class.

"It makes communication so much easier," he said. "You will always communicate with people. And the better you do in communication, the better you'll do in life."

Charges filed against former Husker player

By Chad Lorenz Senior Reporter

disturbance of the peace," Jacobsen Disturbing the peace charges were said. "The assault charge is a little filed Tuesday against a former Nebraska football player for an alleged incident in Kearney on March 2.

Peter with disturbance of the peace of the Platte Valley Big Red Boosters. Janelle Mues, 21.

grabbing Mues around the neck at a

bar called Einsteins.

reports and witness accounts before tence.

Peter, who was co-captain for the national championship Cornhusker

filing the lesser charge.

weaker.'

Amy Jacobsen, Buffalo County football team, was in Kearney for a deputy attorney, charged Christian scholarship fund-raiser sponsored by

nelle Mues, 21. Peter was found guilty of third-Peter originally was cited by police degree sexual assault in 1993 and senfor third-degree assault after allegedly tenced to 18 months probation. He was released from probation on Jan. 5.

He is scheduled for arraignment on Peter, who was on campus Tuesday March 27. Disturbing the peace is a testing in front of professional football class III misdemeanor carrying a maxiscouts, did not speak with the media. mum sentence of three months in jail Jacobsen said she reviewed police and \$500 fine and no minimum sen-

Mankiller lecture canceled

The scheduled appearance of Wilma Mankiller, former principal chief of the Cherokee nation, has been canceled, a University Program Council spokesperson said Monday.

Holly Crocker, event director for UPC, said Mankiller was ill and would not be able to speak.

The lecture was to be held tonight rescheduled. in the Nebraska East Union.

Mankiller, the first female chief of the Cherokee nation, is co-author of Mankiller: A Chief and Her People.' In the past few years, she has lectured at universities and conferences nationally, speaking about issues affecting women and minorities.

Crocker said the event would not be

— Joshua Gillin

Schick

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tence structure of sign language.

Like any foreign language, American Sign Language differs from spoken English in many ways, Schick said. For example, adjectives come after nouns, like in Spanish.

development. The computer program, "Sign to Mind," is a signing dictionary. When a word is typed in, the

pictures to indicate hand movement.

All of her programs have been transferred to CD-ROM, Schick said, in the Barkley Memorial Center's media cen-

She said she hoped to publish all of her programs on CD-ROM so other universities could use them in signing But Schick said she was concerned

Schick has another program still in that other universities might not have the computer resources to use the programs. In that respect, sign language students at UNL were lucky, she said.

screen shows someone signing that word. Standard signing dictionaries are hard to use because they use still schools."

"UNL is much further ahead in instructional technology than other schools."

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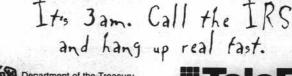


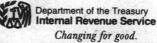
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