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WEATHER:

Today - Partly cloudy & warmer. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight - Partly cloudy, low 40 to 45.

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Matt Miller/DN

James Mendoza of the children's dancing group Sabor Mexicano performs at the cultural talent show Sunday afternoon at the Culture Center.

Fiesta!

Cultural show includes dancing, juggling

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

After performing with the dance group Sabor Mexicano Sunday, 9-year-old Jesse Mendoza and his younger brother James did not talk about providing a cultural learning experience.

They talked instead about dancing and having fun with several other dancers in the group, ages two through 10.

"Dancing is fun," Mendoza said, standing off stage. "People like our costumes."

The dance group, which aims to introduce Hispanic culture to its participants and the community, performed Sunday as part of the Multicultural Talent Show at the Culture Center.

Rose Flores, the announcer for the group, said the students learned traditional Mexican folk songs and culture through dance practices.

"The older children also learn Spanish

while the younger ones learn new dances," she said.

The group performs such traditional dances as "La Raspa" and "La Bamba" for audiences across the state, she said.

The multicultural talent show was sponsored by the Culture Center and the Cornerstone Chapel.

The show is a carryover from an anniversary celebration. Last year the show was held in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the Culture Center, said Jennifer Griffin, coordinator for the show.

The first group to perform, Kusitaki — a group that plays Andean folk music — returned to the show this year.

The group is made up of Oscar Rios Pohirieth on the flute and string guitar, Mark Vanek on bombo drum, Dave Murphy on flute and percussion and Ken Bynearson on guitar.

The group was formed to bring music of Andean countries such as Bolivia, Peru and

Chile to Nebraska, Pohirieth said.

The group will work on its first recording this summer, Bynearson said, and perform Thursday at 9 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Corey Hoelker, a freshman architecture major, tossed balls, rings and even a bowling ball into the air during his juggling act Sunday.

He said he had been juggling since junior high, when he started teaching himself.

Since then Hoelker has performed at several parties and talent shows in Lincoln and Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1993 he performed at a national juggling competition and received a silver medal, he said.

Hoelker also started UNL's juggling club, he said.

The group, which has only four members, meets with the Lincoln community juggling club, he said.

"It's mostly a hobby," he said, "but I have made some money."

StarTran changes benefit UNL students

Problems decrease, but overcrowding remains on buses

By Michaela Pieler
Staff Reporter

When Tracie Beck rides the StarTran bus on Holdrege Route 24 in the morning, she doesn't expect to find a seat, but she knows the situation could be worse.

Beck, a junior business administration major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the bus between City and East campuses was overcrowded at times.

"At 9:30 a.m. it's really packed," she said, "and at 11:30 when people ride back from City to East campus."

But, she said, the situation has improved

since the beginning of the semester.

"It's not nearly as bad as it was a few weeks ago," she said.

In January, some students complained about being late for class because they couldn't find space in the packed buses.

Larry Worth, StarTran traffic manager, said his company changed the route's schedule after receiving those complaints.

"We did not add a bus," he said, "but we shifted the times more toward noon."

Since that time, Worth said, he had not received any new complaints from students.

"My understanding is that the problem has been solved," he said.

The first two buses leave East Campus at 7 a.m. and 7:35 a.m., and buses run every 15 minutes. After 3:30 p.m., buses run hourly. The last bus leaves City Campus at 5:30 p.m. and arrives at East Campus at 6 p.m.

On Mondays, an extra bus runs between 9:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Michael Cacak, director of transportation

services at UNL, said an overcrowding problem occurred at the beginning of each semester.

"That's something that has always happened," he said. "It goes away after the first few weeks."

Since January, Cacak said he had not heard complaints about inadequate space on the bus.

One reason might be that some students don't attend classes after the first week, he said.

Worth said many students also walked or rode their bicycles to classes when the weather was warmer.

Route 24 always has been one of Lincoln's busiest bus lines, he said. StarTran uses its bigger full-size coaches on this line, Worth said. A full-size coach contains 40 seats, while one of the smaller buses only has 34 seats.

If, however, bus drivers have to leave passengers behind, Worth said, they must report the numbers to StarTran. Then StarTran totals the results and, if necessary, works out a new

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Women still minorities in UNL staff

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

In the past year, the status of women faculty at UNL has improved slightly, but more change is still needed, one UNL faculty member said.

Rebecca Trammell, chairwoman of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women, said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had been working to put more women in higher positions on campus.

"We believe the situation is improving a little — just a little. It will be a gradual thing," Trammell said. "It will be a gradual thing."

REBECCA TRAMMELL

chairwoman of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women

More than a year ago, the commission presented a report to the NU Board of Regents showing that compared to peer schools, UNL fell short in having women in high positions.

No studies comparing UNL to peer schools have been completed since then, Trammell said, but the commission will prepare a preliminary report for UNL's Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity.

By October, a full report on where women stand at UNL should be completed, she said.

And so far, numbers look encouraging, she said.

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Chancellor starts search committee to find assistant

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

UNL Chancellor James Moeser announced Friday the members of a new search committee for an assistant to the chancellor and director of affirmative action and diversity.

Rodrigo Cantarero, assistant professor of community and regional planning, and Melvin Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance, will serve as co-chairmen of the committee.

The committee includes University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty and students, as well as leaders in the Lincoln community.

Cantarero said the committee would meet within the next week and a half to decide on characteristics of candidates and to set a deadline for the search to be completed.

"After we meet, we'll have a common idea of what we're looking for," he said.

Moeser rejected the finalists identified by a previous search committee.

Cantarero said the new committee would completely start over with the search.

"I think we're purposely staying away from finding out too much about the prior committee," he said.

He said the committee would develop criteria for the candidates, conduct a search, and then submit its choices to Moeser.

Cantarero said he hoped the committee would complete its search by the end of May.

The new director would relieve interim director Christy Horn, who took over when Eric Jolley accepted another job last summer.

Among the search committee faculty from UNL are Linda Crump, associate director of affirmative action and diversity; Barbara

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