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DUANE NEEDHAM, senior agribusiness major, works on his game Tuesday at an outdoor basketball court near 17th and Vine streets.

Campus pitches in for recycling

Ekart says more people recycling individually

BY BRIAN LUGER
Staff Reporter

UNL recycling director Dale Ekart's job requires him to dig through campus trash containers every few months to check on the effectiveness of his program's efforts.

He and his staff rummage through the university's trash, making sure recyclable items aren't being sent to landfills.

"Dumpster diving" is not exactly a glamorous chore for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's recycling director, but it helps. The trash-checks are part of a program that collected 700 tons of recyclable material last year alone.

Ekart, with the help of students and administration, has built up the recycling program and has increased the amount collected each year from bins in residence halls and other campus

buildings.

Recycled products include mixed office paper, newspaper inserts, aluminum cans, glass and plastic cups. Although Ekart said UNL recycling was down this year, he said the decline could have been a result of increased recycling by individuals on campus.

More people are recycling, he said, which means less is going to the landfill. If that is the case, Ekart said, "everyone deserves a real pat on the back."

Students are doing their part by asking questions and participating in recycling, Ekart said, and custodians have helped by placing recycling bins where they are accessible. The administration also has pitched in to the recycling program, he said.

After each football game, recycling staff collects plastic cups in Memorial Stadium. Ekart also is beginning to get involved with the fraternities and sororities on campus by educating mem-

bers on what they can do to recycle.

Finally, program employees will go "dumpster diving" in a few months to see how many recyclable products are thrown away on campus.

James Zank, director of the student-run Environmental Resource Center, said the recycling program made a good start, but "more needs to be and can be done."

Because of recycling program's success, Ekart said he was able to produce an informational video about the university's recycling efforts.

"We Recycle" is a nine-minute video that talks about the role of the UNL recycling program.

The video highlights "a pretty wide variety of thoughts and ideas," Ekart said.

"We Recycle" is free to university groups, students, faculty and staff. Anyone interested in the video can call 472-6099.

Economist Choate joins Perot ticket

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political circles, although he was a frequent radio talk show guest during the NAFTA debate.

Perot's poll standing has plummeted in recent months to the point where he now gets roughly 5 percent in national surveys—well off the 19 percent of the vote he garnered in 1992.

This shaky political standing apparently made it hard for Perot to attract a major political figure to share the Reform Party ticket.

In his hunt for a running mate, Perot twice made overtures to University of Oklahoma President David Boren, a Democrat, but the former governor and U.S. senator said he didn't want the job.

Democratic Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio also declined an offer. She

and Perot see eye-to-eye on NAFTA and other economic issues. Republican Rep. Linda Smith of Washington, an outspoken advocate of dramatic campaign finance reforms, also reportedly declined an offer.

Still, the pick drew early praise from Reform Party regulars.

"He's not a politician," South Carolina Reform Party Chairwoman Betty Montgomery said. "People need to think outside the box and realize you don't have to have a politician to go and run the country."

Perot friends James Campbell and Carl Owenby appear as stand-in vice presidential candidates on many state ballots because Perot was required to name a running mate when he filed candidacy pa-

pers.

Perot and Choate co-wrote a book predicting the North American Free Trade Agreement would cause a flood of U.S. jobs overseas and put pressure on U.S. employers to keep wages and benefits down if they hoped to remain competitive. Choate's work also was cited occasionally during the Republican presidential primaries by Pat Buchanan, who is a fierce critic of the NAFTA and GATT trade agreements.

In 1990, Choate wrote a controversial book, "Agents of Influence" in which he charged that Japan was spending millions of dollars to influence U.S. policy through a network of well-connected Washington lobbyists.

Wesleyan professors debate multiculturalism

BY KIMBERLY COFFEEN
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Racism, feminism, minority inequalities and cultural pluralism are just a few of the many issues that cause heated debates in today's society.

And Tuesday night, Nebraska Wesleyan University held a debate that brought all those issues to light at once.

The debate, "Multiculturalism — Friend or Foe?" was held in Emerson Recital Hall, 50th Street and Huntington Avenue. This was the first forum of the 1996-97 school year.

All of the panel members were Wesleyan faculty members. Roger Cognard, English professor, was the moderator for the debate. The debate was split into two sides with two panelists on each side.

The "friend" side speakers — who spoke in favor of multiculturalism — included Gerise Herndon, English professor, and Heather Bullock, psychology professor.

The "foe" side speakers — who spoke against multiculturalism — included Olü Oyinlade, assistant sociology professor, and Buz Wehrman, head of library technical services and associate professor of library and information technology.

The first section was for opening statements. Panel members were given eight minutes to express their opinions.

"Multiculturalism is not just about reconstructing, but expanding whose experiences we consider relevant," Bullock said.

Oyinlade said he thought multiculturalism could create misunderstanding of different cultures.

"We assume that lack of knowledge is the reason that people discriminate and make judgments about others," Oyinlade said. "There are many people with Ph.D.s that are bigots."

The second section was for responses and any questions the panel had.

"I have no objection to the overlooked, but what is the mechanism and criteria for who you are going to bring in?" Wehrman asked.

Herndon said prejudice had to do with more than just one race.

"Many groups have focused on ethnicity, but it has to go much deeper than just a white prejudice," Herndon said.

The third section was for an audience reaction. This was split up into three 10-minute parts such as students, faculty and staff, and general public.

The final section was for two-minute closing statements for each side.

"(Multiculturalism) takes place inside and outside of the classroom," Bullock said.

Oyinlade concluded the argument for the foe side.



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Professors bring capitalism to Albania

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change to a free-market economy," Sommer said.

The team taught more than 2,000 Albanians about market economics and management techniques.

"We had to teach them that profit was not evil because they viewed profit as exploiting the workers," Lee said.

Now the Albanians are beginning to put this knowledge into practice—small stores and restaurants are opening up all across the country.

Since 1991, Albania has enjoyed Europe's fastest economic growth, Lee said, but it is listed as one of Eastern Europe's poorest countries, with 40 percent unemployment and an annual per capita income of about \$950.

"Working in Albania is a stark reminder of our position of privilege and everything we take for granted," Sommer said.

Despite vast differences between the culture of Albania and the United States, professors were still able to find common ground with Albanians be-

cause their nation's economy — like Nebraska's — is based on agriculture.

This program also has benefitted Nebraska's economy by developing business contacts in Albania.

"In working with the Albanians, I've found them to be friendly and easy to build a relationship with," said Robin Anderson, director of the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship.

The professors said their Albanian experience helped them improve their classes at UNL and diversify the university.

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