

Pow-Wow strengthens culture

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learn how to walk, you learn how to dance. It helps us express our love for who we are and our respect for the creator."

The ceremony also lets Native American students share their traditions with other students.

"The Pow-Wow lets other students learn about our culture," Vernon Miller, sophomore business administration major, said. "We use it to educate the university campus and the Lincoln community."

While the student sponsors raised some \$12,000 to sponsor the Pow-Wow, they don't earn any money from the event.

"We don't benefit from this financial-wise," Grant said. "But heritage-wise and tradition-wise, we always benefit."

A Pow-Wow starts with a grand entry, when all the dancers enter the arena (dancing area) behind the Native American flag and the color guard. Everyone stands to pay respect to a flag song, which is the Native equivalent to the National Anthem. After a prayer, which is offered by a tribe elder, the dancing begins.

There are different types of dances for men and women. During the traditional war dance, men re-enact war deeds.

Graduate student Colleen Flores

pointed out a woman dancing with her two daughters. The woman's husband was drumming nearby, she said.

"This is actually a real family affair," Flores said. "These are good people, with lots of traditions and structure in their families."

Children begin dancing very young, and many continue throughout their lives.

"They start out from the crib," she said. "They feel that the beat of the drum is the same as a heartbeat." And there is significance in keeping the dance alive, she said.

"It's who we are," Flores said. "We're born into it and we go out with it."



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MELISSA CONNOR talked to the UNL Anthropology Group Friday night at Bessey Hall Auditorium.

School programs receive federal grant

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Scottsbluff, said he was excited that new partnerships would receive funding and he said he would recommend the program to anyone.

"I think it's a good program," Conn said. "It enables a student to understand what's expected and know what they want" in a career.

Conn now works as an apprentice plumber at John's Plumbing, 2540 W. O St. The school-to-work program helped him ace his interview and land the job, Conn said.

Forbes said the new federal grant

would help other students find similar success.

"There will be some real value and training for the students," Forbes said.

Vocational and professional student organizations will receive some of the funds, she said. The grant also allows a school-to-work coordinator to be hired for Lancaster and Saunders counties.

Federal funds are essential to such a program, Forbes said.

"Schools have no money to put into the program," she said.

Naumann said school and industry partnerships that submit proposals for

school-to-work funding must match their federal grant by at least 50 percent in order to receive funding.

Each partnership must promise to develop a program that combines school-based and work-based learning for students, he said.

More than 41 percent of all public schools in Nebraska are currently part of the federally funded school-to-work program, including 37 percent of all elementary schools and 54 percent of all secondary schools, Naumann said.

He said more than 195,000 public school students have participated in the program.

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Archeologists unearth war-crimes evidence

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Staff Reporter

The United Nations International War Crimes Tribunal is ready to prosecute several war criminals from the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, thanks to the work of two forensic archeologists who spoke to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Anthropology Club Friday.

Doug Scott and Melissa Conner have been working with a UN team to exhume bodies from mass graves in the former Yugoslavia. Scott is an adjunct professor at UNL and both archeologists work for the National Park Service's Midwest Archeological Center.

The civil war waged in the former Yugoslavia was particularly bloody, because all three sides attempted to create an ethnic "clean state," the two said. Now, as the warring factions try to create a lasting peace, they must first deal with the crimes of war.

The UN Tribunal provides the experts to investigate and then prosecutes offenders to help the countries through this process.

Conner and Scott became involved in the Bosnian mass grave

exhumations through Physicians for Human Rights, a Boston-based, nonprofit group.

Conner and Scott have investigated two mass graves in the former Yugoslavia this year, as well as in other trouble spots around the world, including Rwanda.

"When the law enforcement officials saw our evidence logs they were real pleased because we were more detailed than they usually are," Conner said.

One mass grave in Croatia contained the bodies of about 260 men who had been taken from a hospital and executed by invading Serbs.

Studying these graves is a long and arduous process for the UN team. The days are long, Scott said, and emotionally draining.

"I try to concentrate on the challenges of the work," Conner said, "but I don't like dealing with the families of the victims because they are very emotional."

Despite the hours, the stress and the emotional drain involved, the work is rewarding, Conner and Scott said.

"This kind of work is applied archeology and it is very intellectually satisfying," Scott said. "We can help families get closure by giving them a body to bury, and we can help bring criminals to justice."

New skating rink to serve hockey team, UNL students

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is learn the rules of the game," sophomore dentistry student Shawn Powell said.

Powell and a group of his fellow dentistry students form the broomball team "Toothless" — one of six teams competing.

"It is especially fun to be able to use this professional facility. The rink is great," team member Cam Ochsner said.

Broomball players aren't the only students happy about the open rink. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln hockey club finally has a rink in Lin-

coln to call home. In the past, the team had to travel 50 miles to Omaha to practice.

"It is great to have a facility to use this close to campus," said Leah Hall Dorothy, assistant director of sports clubs.

In addition to providing a convenient practice place, the Icebox will give the hockey team a chance to improve for next year.

"It will be easier to recruit students to play for the team now that we have the use of the Icebox," Dorothy said.

The UNL hockey club has home games at the Icebox in January and February.