



TEACHER DONNA DVORAK teaches kindergarten through third grade in one room of the Malmo school near Wahoo. JAY CALDERON/DN

UNL bestows achievement awards upon faculty, services members

From Staff Reports

Several members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty and services departments have received awards recognizing outstanding achievement.

■ Daniel Siedell, curator of the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, was the 1997 American Association of Museums fellow at the group's annual meeting April 26-30 in Atlanta.

■ William Glider, assistant professor for UNL's School of Biological

Sciences, won a web site competition sponsored by the Northwest Center for Emerging Technologies.

■ Erin McLaine, a theater arts graduate student, won the Graduate Teaching Assistant Award at the College of Fine and Performing Arts' annual honors day presentation.

Shelley Fuller, assistant professor of art and art history, won the college's Distinguished Teaching Award. George Ritchie, professor of organ and history and music theory, won the Sorensen Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities.

Malmo questions consolidation

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or run for seats. Still, having another town control its budget is scary, Lindgren said.

"It would be hard for them to know what priorities we have out here," he said. "They would have their priorities first."

Representing the future

Marian Speichinger, Malmo school board treasurer, said the board might have a hard time getting a sub-district representative on the Wahoo School Board.

"It's like taxation without representation," she said. "Is that legal? We

would always be overrun by the urban representatives."

Local control is better for schools, she said, and usually means less spending. When Malmo built its new schoolhouse in 1981, the bonds were paid off by the town in 10 years.

Now, she said, governments are making more demands on schools. They require a principal in Class I schools, and stricter accreditation standards have pushed costs up. Then came last year's property tax lid, making things worse.

Speichinger, a 16-year Malmo school board veteran, said the consolidation seems like just one more step in a long journey toward all-urban schools.

In her years on the board, she said, she has watched the Legislature tinker with the school's affairs when it required affiliation with a K-12 district.

The affiliation catered to the big districts, she said, because they could include rural property into their budgets as they levied property taxes. Before affiliation, Class I districts paid a non-resident tuition fee to high school districts to send their children to school there.

The tuition fee was high, Speichinger said. Eventually schools realized they made more money with high tuition fees than through the increased property tax income from af-

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