

Melons, music mix at party

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because they couldn't drive." Apparently, the connections don't stop there.

"There is also a strong correlation with spitting, too," Green said. "Generally, it's Copenhagen, but watermelon seeds work as well."

Green suspects Fibian will initiate some impromptu seed-spitting contests to fill time during pauses in the evening's activities.

"Andy is a notorious chewer," Green said. "He can probably spit farther than anyone."

Rick Grady, Farmhouse president, said the event was open to anyone interested in free melon and music.

"It's an all-campus event, not necessarily another fraternity and sorority party," Grady said. "It's a party for anyone who

wants to come by and check it out." The history of the "Music and Melons" festival is nearly as long as the distance traveled by a well-spiced seed.

Initiated in the late '70s by Farmhouse members, the watermelon feed was a celebration of harvest and the advent of fall.

To prepare for the night, fraternity members will rent a 50-gallon cattle tank and purchase every watermelon they find until the thing's full, said special events chairman Travis Edeal.

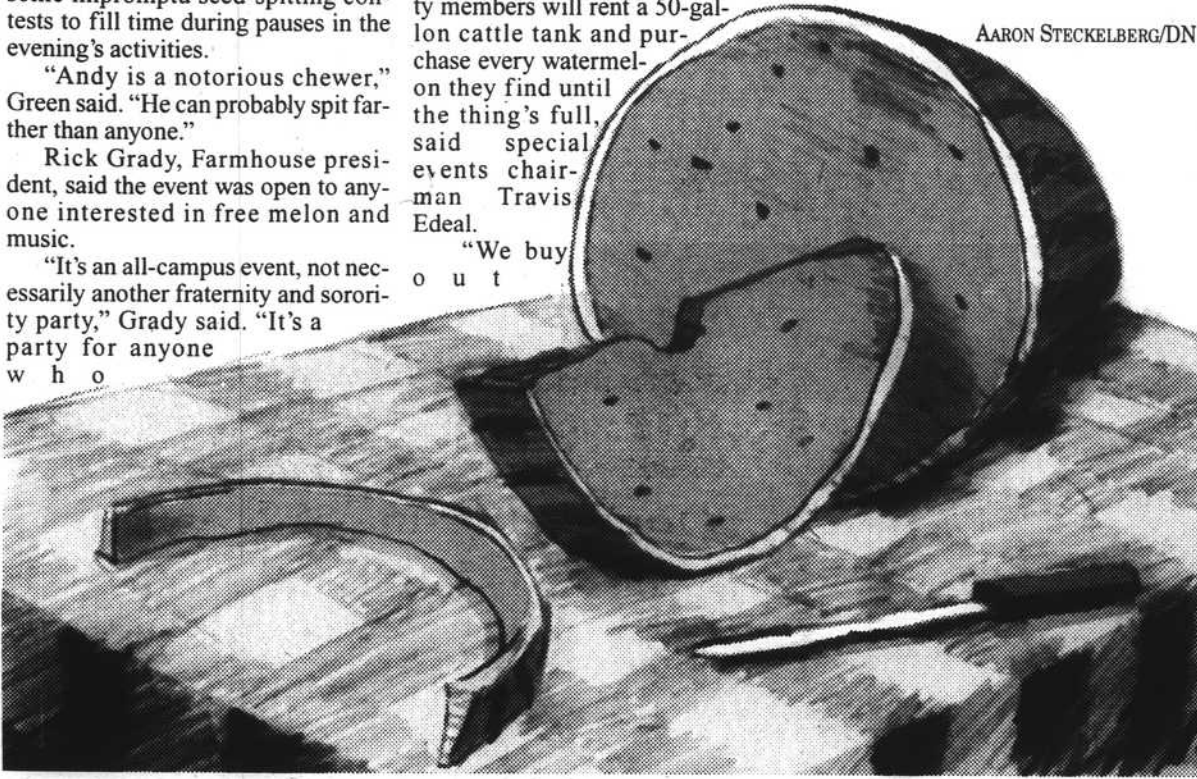
"We buy o u t

every supermarket until we think we have enough," Edeal said.

Edeal estimates about 50 melons will be consumed Thursday, although excess is expected.

"We usually eat the leftovers here at the house," he said. "Last year we donated some to the Salvation Army, which we'll probably do again."

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Stage group to perform for area kids

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children's abilities to comprehend serious material.

Although a comedy, "Wiley and the Hairy Man" deals with some of the complex issues children confront everyday.

Most of the cast of "Wiley and the Hairy Man" is new to children's theater. Consequently, adapting to the different performance style posed some challenges, said Peters, who plays the dog.

"Children's theater is hard," he said. "It's physically demanding, and children don't believe as easily as adults. Things have to be bigger, and you have to use your imagination more."

The group will present the play Oct. 7 at Brownell Elementary, Oct. 8 at Calvert Elementary and Oct. 17 at Prescott Elementary.

Following each performance, the actors will invite children to participate in a 15-minute talk.

"We want the kids to meet the characters and see that the actor is real," Bucy explained.

The cast will present the show for UNL audiences on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. in Room 301 of the Temple Building. Tickets to the UNL shows are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students and children under 12.

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Young designers display material in annual show

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In conjunction with the exhibit, the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences played host to a variety of activities for the featured youth and their families last weekend.

Saturday, the artists participated in several hands-on learning experiences led by textile field professionals. Workshop topics included using recycled fabrics and color discharge techniques.

While the youth went to workshops, parents toured the college's facilities, viewing a new quilt exhibit and computerized looms.

"We wanted to do a better job

with active learning for 4-Hers," Tondl said. "We wanted to make them aware of opportunities in textiles and design. We also wanted to diversify what the parents know."

Sunday, the college sponsored an opening reception, during which artists gave presentations about their work.

"If people could only hear the presentations from the 4-Hers, you would see the dedication, the creativity and the patience ... spent creating these items," Tondl said.

The exhibit runs through Oct. 16, Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's on the second floor of the Home Economics building on East Campus.

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