

News Briefs

From Staff Reports

Pushing out poverty

Students will occupy a building made of cardboard boxes sitting between Burnett and Andrews halls around the clock Monday through Oct. 18 to show the importance of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness.

Habitat for Humanity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is running the project, called Shantytown. The group has enlisted volunteers, who will stay in the shelter for one hour each. Eight volunteers will be in the shelter at a time.

The shifts will start and end at 25 minutes after each hour so they will not interfere with classes, said Chris Stone, special events chairwoman. The group still needs volunteers; those interested can call Stone at 436-9473.

Also next week, Habitat for Humanity is raising money through "A Buck to Build," a donation drive that asks students for \$1 or more. The money will be used to build a \$35,000 house for a needy family in Lincoln, Stone said. If the drive doesn't raise enough, the money will be added to future fund raisers, she said.

Splish splash

Keeping its tradition alive, Delta Gamma Sorority will be having AnchorSplash, a charity swim meet, Saturday at Lincoln Southeast High School.

"It's nationally known. Every Delta Gamma does it. It's our one big philanthropy," said Angie Johannes, a member of the house announcement committee.

Participants will compete in an inner tube race, relay races and synchronized swimming.

Farmhouse Fraternity is helping Delta Gamma this year, Johannes said. Farmhouse members won the past two years and have been rewarded by being invited to coach the women's teams this year.

All money made will go to programs for the blind.

Football for funds

Are you ready for some football? Kappa Delta Sorority is sponsoring the White Rose Bowl, a flag football tournament, Sunday to benefit the Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va.

The single elimination tournament will be at Cather-Pound residence halls' football fields. Last year \$800 was raised.

Registration is \$40 and so far 24 teams have signed up.

"Each team will be coached by a group of girls from the house," said Shelley Sautter, philanthropy chairwoman. "The winner will get a traveling trophy that we engrave their name on, and they get to keep it for a year."

Run hails Homecoming

The 1997 Homecoming celebration will kick off with the first-ever Fun Run and Walk on Sunday on East Campus.

"We just wanted an event in which more students could participate," said Alli Walters, event chairwoman. "With a fun run and walk, we can get more members of the community involved with the Homecoming celebration."

The five-kilometer walk will start in front of the home economics building on East Campus and will end in front of the Nebraska East Union. Walters said she expected between 500 and 600 people to run.

The event is sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and Natural High, a committee affiliated with the Campus Recreation Center.

Group: Act on anti-gay sayings

By SARAH BAKER
Assignment Reporter

UNL students and administrators needed to better respond to anti-gay messages written on campus sidewalks, speakers at a Human Rights Campaign event told an audience Thursday.

"When 'die fag' is written on a college campus and the administration is scared to say it's wrong, something needs to change," said Donna Red Wing, Human Rights Campaign director.

"If the community unites together, something can be done," she said. "Gays and lesbians can never fight these battles alone, we need the support of other fair-minded people behind us."

Red Wing and others from Human Rights Campaign were on campus to present "On the Road to Equality," a community meeting held in conjunction with National Coming Out Week.

A crowd of about 75 people attended the discussion at the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln Culture Center.

Matt Lemieux, a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union who attended the meeting, said he thought the university was obligated to handle the issue.

"The university has the responsibility to educate students on why this sort of thing is wrong, to begin a discussion about the issue, and to encourage punishment for these acts," he said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen, who did not attend the meeting, said the administration is walking a fine line concerning the issue.

"We cannot legally prohibit or restrict free speech, even if it is hostile, hurtful and, in my opinion, ignorant," Griesen said from home. "Only when the speech can be classified as harassment according to the Student Code of Conduct can we deal with it in that manner. The burden of proof is on us."

Pat Tetreault, sexuality education coordinator at the University Health Center, said students can prevent these anti-gay messages by getting educated.

"Students can be accepting

towards openly gay or lesbian students they encounter," Tetreault said. "When gay and lesbian issues are brought up in relevant classroom discussion, they can also speak out in support of them."

The group also discussed political advances gays and lesbians have been working on in the past year.

Lemieux discussed gay politics from the state level. He encouraged people at the meeting to be active in government at local levels.

"It is very important that senators hear from the gay community so they realize the gay rights issues are important," Lemieux said.

Red Wing talked about gay politics from the national level, and said the struggle that gays experience will eventually lead to progress.

"We are at the time and place where we have the opportunity to write the next few chapters of our history," she said. "We need to be willing to continue to agitate and realize our work never ends in this issue, it is lifelong. If we are silent for one minute, we lose ground."

Microsoft conducts campus interviews

By ERIC RINEER
Staff Reporter

The Microsoft Corp. is at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln looking for students who can handle working in a college setting.

Jeff Wells, a Microsoft software test engineer, is in charge of recruiting students for summer internships. Microsoft has a relaxed atmosphere, which helps students to adjust quickly, he said.

"Our environment is like a college campus," Wells said. "Our workplace is really laid-back and very casual."

This helps interns work comfortably with their teams, and also their managers, Wells said.

The company, which is based in Redmond, Wash., has been rated a Fortune 500 company with its 1996 revenues at \$8.6 billion.

Wells started interviewing about 15 students Thursday and will finish the last ones today. All interviews were scheduled ahead of time. The company's openings include program manager, software design engineer and system analyst positions, he said.

The internships would be excel-

lent chances for students to become more knowledgeable in their particular field, while helping them to gain the experience necessary to compete in an exciting world of technology, Wells said.

Most importantly, he said, students who wish to intern need good problem solving skills and good computer programming skills. Wells said those skills are essential for all positions.


Ken Logan, a senior computer engineering major at UNL, said working for a company as big as Microsoft would be an excellent opportunity for him.

"Microsoft is a well-established company," said Logan, who interviewed for a full-time software test engineer position. "They offer many opportunities, and there's more stability with a big company."

Rick Gish, a senior industrial engineering major at UNL, said working for Microsoft would be an excellent chance for him to build to his resumé.

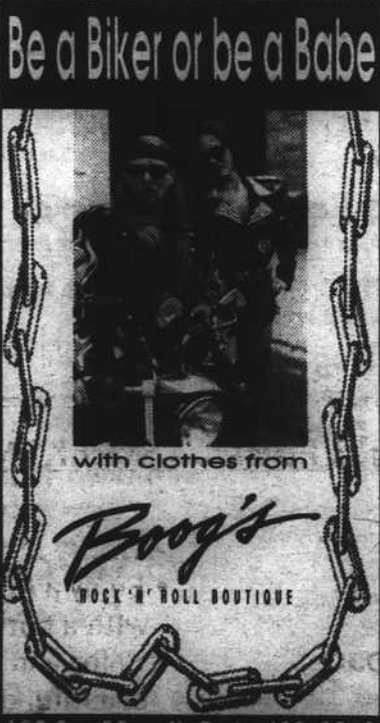
"Microsoft has an outstanding reputation," said Gish, who applied for a project manager. "It offers an open environment and also provides the chance to move around."

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