

Hometown fondness creates new images

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for both me and the university," Mamp said.

Mamp's dress design captures the hard industrial side of Detroit with its black leather body, and at the same time maintains its femininity with draped silk gauze layers.

He said his evening gown stands out because it uses unique materials and an innovative structure. Mamp bought his materials in Chicago, and before draping the silk gauze over the basic form of the dress, he printed the pieces with a tire-tread pattern.

Another characteristic that set the dress apart from other entries was its humor, Mamp said. The traditional, delicate dress materials contrast with the heavier industrial parts of leather and chrome.

Being a member of the association, Mamp was sent materials detailing the rules and theme of the contest. When he found its theme was "Fashion From the Motor City," Mamp could not resist the opportunity to create something reminiscent of his hometown.

Mamp said the contest is judged on three levels: undergraduate, graduate and faculty. Thousands of entries are sent every year but only a few hundred are chosen.

Entries are sent to the association on slides where four judges look at them and give them a score based on the workmanship and design of the piece.

Judges were equally impressed with Meyer's design.

Though leather and cloth are the materials in her rodeo ensemble, it also is made of victory and memories.

Meyer constructed the outfit for her design class, but incorporated personal meaning into it.

Its yoke — the decorated flap that hangs from the neck of the blouse — is inlaid with snake-skin to represent her home in Gothenburg. Its tassels are made from the hair of the quarter horse she has owned since she was three.

But more important, it was the ensemble that helped her

“*I think it's wonderful for both me and the university.*”

MICHAEL MAMP
clothing, textile, design student

become Miss Rodeo Nebraska.

Her creation is a western-style outfit made primarily of purple ultra suede. Yet the feature that sets it apart from many others is the yoke.

This particular aspect of the piece presented Meyer the greatest challenge. She wanted the yoke to wrap completely around the shirt, uninterrupted by a zipper or buttons.

Meyer solved the problem with a lace-up back that allowed her to keep the yoke without disturbing its effect.

This feature helped Meyer's work receive attention from the judges. Yet Meyer did not design this piece exclusively for the International Textile and Apparel Association's contest.

"This way, we got some exposure and recognition for what we did," Meyer said.

At first, Meyer began the project only to fill a requirement for a design class, she said. As her work progressed, she found she had more motivation to create her piece than merely to get a grade.

Another driving force in creating her piece was her need for something to wear in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska contest.

"Western wear has a big market," Meyer said. The ensemble she designed cost her between \$300 and \$400, but it is still not as costly as the store-bought pieces she had to choose from, which generally cost thousands of dollars.

Meyer and Mamp enjoyed their projects so much, they both want to continue designing garments, even if they aren't being graded for them.

Fraternity lends hands

■ Alpha Phi Omega volunteered for National Service Week by donating its time, energy and food.

BY JAMIE SUHR
Staff Reporter

Gathering cans of food and cooking meals are among the activities that Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity will be volunteering for this week during National Service Week.

APO, a coed national service fraternity, is participating in a week of projects around the theme of Hunger and Homelessness. Past themes for National Service Week have included domestic violence, recycling and severe weather.

"We want to encourage people to help others. We want to put students in touch with an opportunity to go out and serve others," said Amber Reinker, vice president of service.

APO started its projects last

week by participating in Kick-In-A-Can for the Lincoln Food Bank at the Saturday football game. Cans of food and cash donations were collected at the gates before and after the game. \$2,782.42 and 4,500 pounds of food was collected in the fund-raiser. The money and food was split between the Lincoln Food Bank and the Omaha Food Bank.

APO also is planning ways to help prepare and deliver food to help Tabitha Health Care Services with its Meals on Wheels program.

During the week, Alpha Phi Omega members will volunteer for their regular services:

■ Members will be baby-sitting for families with low incomes Friday from 7-10 p.m. at the YMCA. The service, called Take A Break, is held every two weeks.

"Take A Break is for those parents who can't afford baby sitters. It allows parents to have time to themselves, so they can run errands or to just go out," Reinker said.

■ Members volunteer at the Gathering Place on the first

Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at 1448 E St. It's a place for low-income families to eat a well-balanced meal and to meet other people who live in the same neighborhood. The food comes from outside donations and APO and other volunteers cook the meals. Between 50 and 60 people attend. Sometimes they are given sweaters and coats.

"Families that go to the Gathering Place can get a hot meal and a warm place to eat for free. It's a basic need," Alpha Phi Omega President Alyson Goodall said.

Earlier in the semester, APO members lived in Shanty Town, where members stayed in cardboard boxes for three-hour periods to help raise money for Habitat for Humanity and increase homelessness awareness.

"We just want people to know that there are college students out there who want to make a difference. We want to help as many people as we possibly can. This is not limited to just one group. It's a year-round thing," Goodall said.

Bison could replace pork, chicken, beef

BY ERIC RINEER
Staff Reporter

Although beef, turkey and pork are the most commonly eaten meats, a UNL nutritionist is doing research that could put a different, more healthy meat on consumers' plates.

Judy Driskell, a nutrition professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with a team of animal scientists, discovered that vitamin levels in bison meat are generally lower than in beef and other popular meats.

During a two-year study, Driskell's team found a way to replace those vitamins by changing a bison's diet.

Marketers already promote bison meat as being low in fat and high in protein, but the new studies could be another plus for promoting the meat, Driskell said.

"It's an alternative meat source to add variety to consumers' diets," Driskell said. "We could consume bison meat, which is lower in fat than beef and pork. It could be used in a marketing point of view and would be important to the consumer."

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DAVID GIRAUD
UNL nutritional science technician

During the research at North Dakota State University, Driskell's team performed tests on the clot, rib eye, top round and sirloin of bison bulls. The results showed the bison meat had lower levels of vitamins B-6, B-12 and E compared with beef. But by changing bison's diets, the team increased those vitamin levels, Driskell said.

The team fed the bison hay, various grains and several different vitamin supplements instead of their usual diet of oats, barley and wheat.

David Giraud, a UNL nutritional science technician who also helped with the research, said the new diets also raised the levels of selenium and thiamin in the bison meat. Thiamin is an essential vitamin for metabolic systems.

"This should help in adding to the nutrient value of the bison," said Giraud. "It looks like it would help bring it up and make it comparable to beef."

Martin Marchello, professor of Animal Ranges and Sciences at North Dakota State University, was one of the leading researchers of the experiment.

He said the 100 bison bulls included in the experiment were taken from eight different states and three Canadian provinces. He said the bulls were 24-28 months old.

Marchello said the tests performed now will give consumers more information of the nutrient composition of the meat.

"This gives a source of identification of what exactly is in it for the consumer," he said.

Storm affects city budget

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mally would go to city parks and libraries is currently on hold.

"This is just a hold, this is not absolute," he said. "We're just trying to get a head start on what our financial needs might be."

Requesting that the Lincoln City Council amend the city's \$90 million budget may also be needed, he said.

Gov. Ben Nelson said Wednesday that an estimated damage statewide from the storm has hit \$114 million.

FEMA funding will pay 75 percent of matching funds for the cleanup efforts, while the remaining 25 percent must be divided between the state and local communities.

Those communities hit hardest by last month's crippling snowstorm may see a check by the end of this week, said John Miller, director of FEMA's Region 7 office in Kansas City, Mo.

But Miller wanted to remind

people that money for cleanup assistance would not be available for individuals.

"We're here to help support communities and help them in the extra costs they've concurred," he said during a news conference at the Capitol.

Unfortunately, people who had trees fall on their homes or had to skip a few days of work to remove debris from their yard won't be getting money from the government, he said.

After damage-assessment teams complete their surveys in the 38 counties and communities approved for federal assistance, FEMA officials who have set up shop in Lincoln will prepare a final claim for federal assistance.

Gov. Ben Nelson said he was glad relief from the government had come so quickly.

On his first day back from a trade mission to Japan, China and South Korea, the governor thanked Miller and FEMA for the swiftness of getting a presidential-disaster declaration signed.

"We didn't need help later," he said. "We needed it now."

In just the few hours he had been back in Nebraska, Nelson said he had the chance to see some of the large piles of debris around the city, one of which he labeled "Mount Brushmore."

But he said the worst part, other than the continued massive cleanup, was over.

"Because of the way Nebraskans have pulled together in the crisis, the people of this state are safe," he said, "and the emergency nature of this storm has passed."

Adjunct Gen. Stanley Heng of the Nebraska National Guard said because of that, troops assisting with cleanup efforts would begin to decrease.

"Most (troops) have been on duty for six days, and I'm sure there are some pretty sore muscles right now," he said.

Of the 1,050 troops who were on duty last week, only about 500 would remain on the job through Friday, he said.

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