

Opinions of students sent to White House

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More than 50 UNL students gathered in the Nebraska Union, joining millions of others around the world to watch President Clinton's State of the Union address Tuesday evening.

About half that number lingered after the speech and Republican response to participate in the first Watch Party sponsored by the Student Impact Team. The comments from the party will be sent to the White House.

Murat Akshalov, a junior international finance student, said he was impressed by the president's speech and reminded everyone of Clinton's world-wide audience.

"There are 5 billion people in every part of the world who are interested."

Most students who stayed for the Watch Party were impressed with the announcement of a balanced budget and estimated budget surplus in the future, but they disagreed with the specifics of Clinton's proposals.

Amy Rager, first vice president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said she noted the difference between Clinton's plan to channel extra money back into government through Social Security and the Republican's plan to redistribute it to the American people directly.

However, Kara Slaughter, ASUN senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, said she thought redistribution through funding for Social Security

was more egalitarian.

Almost all students were supportive of reform in the Internal Revenue Service.

Students were split, however, over support for a national nuclear missile defense system.

John Flaherty, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln senior, spoke in support of such a system, but Slaughter noted the international implications of developing the system.

"From an international perspective," she said, "we need to make sure we're not promoting divisiveness in the world arena."

Two UNL political science professors commented on the speech from their homes Tuesday night.

Associate professor Elizabeth Theiss-Morse said it was important for Clinton to deliver a positive speech in light of his recent political personal problems.

"It was really important for him to come across as a confident person. He seemed to try to reach out in some ways to the American public."

Valerie Schwebach, assistant professor of political science, said Clinton's mention of the United States' debts to the United Nations and his reaffirmation of American support for action in Iraq might induce more comment abroad than in the past.

"(The speech) appealed to a vision of America's role in the world shared by a lot of Americans. It's an understandable tactic for the President to follow."

Study abroad event offers global tales

By AMANDA SCHINDLER
Staff Reporter

New places and exciting opportunities were the hot topics Tuesday night at the biannual Study Abroad Extravaganza sponsored by International Affairs.

The Nebraska Union set the stage for free snacks and free answers to students' questions about study abroad programs and their advantages.

"It was very well organized," said freshman marketing major Carol Post, who gained a new respect for exchange programs.

"It takes a lot of guts to jump into an unknown culture," she said.

Amidst prize drawings and a panel of exchange returnees, booths provided information on many countries, as did representatives from each program.

Russell Ganim, acting administrative director of the Besançon Study Abroad Program in France, said the event provided the students accessibility and the program's promotion.

"It's an efficient way to publicize the program," he said. "And it puts students in contact with those who have already done the program."

Christa Joy, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Study Abroad program, said the programs are important because they offer students new perspectives.

"It teaches you to cope with things different from what you're used to," she said. "You gain not just knowledge, but understanding."

1992 UNL graduate and guest speaker Jeanine Niyonzima offered further insight into the prospective advantages of a study abroad experience.

Originally from Burundi, Africa, Niyonzima was an exchange student in Nebraska 10 years ago.

She said her exchange experience was great and stressed the importance of studying abroad, especially for international business majors like her.

"If you want to learn a language, get yourself enrolled," she said. "Then get into the crowd - immerse yourself in (the culture)."

Currently employed as the International Project Manager for Vermont Industries in Valley, Niyonzima has traveled extensively since her first exchange, visiting countries ranging from Canada to the United Arab Emirates.

"The great advantage of going while you are in college is all the support of the school," she said, "plus the cost benefit."

She offered strong advice for those wishing to study abroad.

"You really have to be very open-minded," she said. "Accept the challenge, and go after opportunities."

Women's Studies International Colloquium Series

Alpana Knipping
Associate Professor, Dept. of English
Global Feminism in the Global Economy: Reflections on Indian Poet Toru Dutt (1856-1877)
3:30 p.m., TODAY, City Union

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January 28	Wednesday	General Meeting
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ASUN Watch

And the score is ...

The following is a list of goals ASUN has set, and the progress it has made.

1. To create successful programming for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19 as well as create a Martin Luther King Jr. Day coordinating commission for 1999.

—ASUN President Carl Ruwe said conflicting schedules kept him from meeting this week with Omar Valentine, a UNL junior and member of the African People's Union, to discuss appointments for the 1999 coordinating commission. Ruwe said a meeting with Valentine, as well as faculty members, is planned for next week.

2. Research and work toward the implementation of midterm and standard academic evaluations in addition to the existing departmental evaluations.

—Attempts this week to contact students and administrators from the University of Michigan, which has an evaluation system similar to one that Ruwe would like to see at UNL, were unsuccessful, Ruwe said.

3. Continue to work toward implementation of a parking education class.

—Ruwe said ASUN was "back to the drawing board" on this goal. Senators Kelly Hoffschneider and Adam Anderson did some research on the Internet. They also tried to make some correlations between parking tickets and a parking class and speeding with its Stop classes, but those two things were not related. Ruwe also said he was unable to find any other campuses that had a parking education class for UNL to form a base from.

Ruwe said he is meeting this week with Tad McDowell, manager of UNL's Parking and Transit Services, to brainstorm more ideas for the parking class.

4. Work toward internet registration for classes.

—Ruwe said the technology fee advisory board has been preparing to present student computing concerns to Information Services and would voice its support for online registration for UNL classes.

5. Lobby for student support for the "Brain drain/Brain gain" bill.

—John Wlechmann, chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, said although GLC supports the bill, which Gov. Ben Nelson announced on Monday, they do not want to lobby for the bill until more financial specifics are announced.

"It's nice to print the ideas, but it boils down to where is the money going to come from," Wlechmann said.

Wlechmann said as soon as more information is available GLC will start with lobbying efforts such as talking to senators and attending hearings.

6. Work toward keeping the Student Impact Team and Government Liaison Committee busy through working toward campus beautification projects.

—Carrie Pierce, chairwoman of SIT, said members had their first meeting of the semester on Tuesday and set up various committees to focus on things such as fund-raising and correspondence with UNL's landscape services.

7. Reconstruct the Outstanding Educator Award.

—Ruwe said he met with Eric Hoesgemoer, Academic Committee chairman, this week to discuss ways to make the award more representative. The possible idea of electing an outstanding educator through a nomination process, instead of a write-in on the ASUN spring election ballot, was discussed, Ruwe said.



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This Annual award, presented to one, two or three people (students, faculty or staff at UNL), is in recognition of significant contributions to the development of a humane, open educationally creative, just, and caring community on the UNL campus.

Nominations for the award may be submitted by anyone associated with UNL. More information, nomination forms, and guidelines are available at:

- IFC-Panhellenic, NU 332
- Residence Hall front desks
- Most college, school and division offices
- Student Involvement office, NU 200 & BCJ 300
- Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St.
- Human Resources, ADMIN 407
- Residence, building and grounds maintenance offices
- Office of Student Affairs, ADMIN 106
- Or phone Larry Doerr at 476-0355

Nominations are due February 16, 1998