

Church prepares for Eastern Easter

BY AMANDA SCHINDLER
Staff Reporter

While many UNL students finish the last of their Easter candy this week, members of one Greek Orthodox Church are just getting ready to celebrate.

One week after the Western Christian Easter, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation on 63rd and X streets will celebrate its Easter this Sunday.

This past week served as their Holy Week, which pairs tradition and culture to tap church members' spirituality and senses.

"We pray not just with our minds - we pray with our bodies," said Paul Barnes, Greek Orthodox member and University of Nebraska-Lincoln piano department co-chairman.

Holy Week officially began Saturday, called Lazarus Saturday and named after Jesus' resurrection of his friend Lazarus from

the dead. Festivities will continue until Easter Sunday, when members will feast on lamb and other Greek dishes, marking the end of their 48-day Lenten fast from animal products.

Each day of Holy Week is marked by a different ceremony, demonstrating Christ's journey to death and back.

To stimulate all senses in such ceremonies, the church uses incense during worship to create a spiritual environment, the rising smoke symbolizing the ascent into heaven, said Greek Orthodox priest Nicholas Klodnicki.

The music of Byzantine chants, much like those used in Jewish ceremonies, stimulates the sense of hearing. Bowing and making the sign of the cross make prayer a physical process.

The presence of icons reminds members they are not alone in their prayers, Barnes said.

Provoking the senses in this way helps followers feel like they enter heaven when they

enter the church, he said.

"It's a way of setting that space apart as holy," he said.

Klodnicki said the senses were given by God to help humans experience him to the fullest.

"To experience God is to fully immerse yourself into the oneness of him," he said. "If you do that less than your totality, are you truly worshipping?"

Three services are highlighted today at the church, beginning with a reading of psalms in the morning. This afternoon the figure of Christ placed on the cross in Thursday's crucifixion ceremony will be removed and placed on the altar in white cloth, symbolizing Jesus' burial by Joseph of Arimathea.

The day will end with the Lamentations, a representation of the burial service with beautiful songs of both grief and glory, Klodnicki said.

For those who can, a fast begins today and lasts until the Easter feast early Sunday morn-

ing. But first, an 11 p.m. mass on Holy Saturday, marked by a midnight candlelight ceremony with Klodnicki, will celebrate the resurrection.

Klodnicki said the use of candles is significant of the sacrifice religion requires.

"It's a sacrifice when the candle is gone, you've given it entirely to God," he said. "You have offered light."

After making offerings, members celebrate what he has given them with their Easter feast at 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning with traditional Greek food and festivities, Barnes said.

After feasting for a few hours, members sleep, only to wake again to more celebrating and feasting at friends' homes.

Despite the rigorous schedule, Barnes said the celebration is all the sweeter because of the anticipation of the Great Lent.

"It's been building up for seven weeks," he said. "But it's not just about food. It's a commitment to increase Bible reading and prayer, a need to return to God."

Reception honors UNL's top student, staff leaders

BY KELLI LACEY
Staff Reporter

Leadership through dedication and perseverance were common themes at the Eighth Annual Chancellor's Leadership Recognition Reception in the Nebraska Union on Thursday.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser opened the ceremony recognizing excellence among UNL's outstanding leaders.

"Every award winner and every nominee should feel honored to be included in the 1998 Chancellor's Leadership Recognition Ceremony," he said. "I would like to congratulate all of you in advance because of your exceptional dedication, efforts, time, volunteer work and leadership that's here to make a difference in making a good community a great community."

Mass recognition was bestowed on students who were part of UNL's programs to make stronger leaders. Awards and those honored included:

■ The Chancellor's Leadership Class and its advisory board. It started four years ago for outstanding freshman who excel in leadership skills.

■ The LeaderShape Class of 1997, which took 52 students through a five-day training session over spring break to help them create visions for their student organizations.

■ Volunteer Spirit Awards were given to five students, a faculty member, a staff member and

five groups who volunteered hours of service in Lincoln.

The category for the staff member award was created in honor of the late Kim Hobson, who worked at Student Involvement. Her motto, said Diane Podolske, an assistant director of Student Involvement, was "not to wait for tomorrow's opportunity, but to grasp today's."

■ The Essential Experiences recognition was given to 96 students based on their out-of-class curricular involvement.

The ceremony also recognized people for their work with UNL's student organizations:

■ Susan York won as Outstanding Student Organization Officer for her involvement in Circle K.

■ Russell J. Ripa won as Outstanding Student Organization Member for his involvement in Innocents Society.

■ Mary Nabity won as Outstanding Student Organization President of the Year for her involvement in the UNL Pre-Vet Club.

■ Norm Schneider won as Outstanding Adviser of the Year for his advising in two organizations: Pre-Vet Club and Alpha Phi Omega.

"You all make a difference in your activities and in your programs on campus," Bugenhagen said. "Continue to volunteer and continue to make our campus environment a great one through your leadership."

Low turnout doesn't spoil show

BY KELLY ROMANSKI
Staff Reporter

Only two people showed up for Wednesday's Chicano Awareness Week talent show, but organizers said that didn't keep it from being a success.

One of the two who got up in front of about 20 people in the Culture Center was graduate student Domino Perez, who read an excerpt from her dissertation, "In the Shadow of the Pecan Tree," a prose about her discovery of being a Mexican-American woman.

"I never thought of myself as being a Chicana," she said during her monologue.

She wove her self-discovery into "La Llorona," a folk tale of a ghostly woman passed down for three generations of her family.

Perez will be an assistant professor of ethnic literature and cultural studies in the fall.

The other talent for the evening was the emcee, freshman speech pathology major Anadéla Lamas, who sang "Deja que Salga la Luna," or "Let the Moon Come Out" a capella. The song is from the film, "Los Gavilanes," (The Hawks.)

The structure of the talent show was "pretty much impromptu," said Lamas. The problem was that nobody felt very spontaneous.

Mexican American Student

Association President Gabrielle Dalton said last year's talent show had five or six participants, but this year, many who were involved before couldn't make it, including one student who was in the opening of Tom Stoppard's play "Arcadia."

In addition to the talent show the Culture Center showcased a Mexican dance instruction.

More of the audience participated in the dancing than in the talent show, and those who did were having a lot of fun doing it.

Although Lamas was "a bit disappointed" with the low turnout of the talent show, she said the dancing made up for it.

Said Dalton: "It's been a great week."

Bull Fry planners hope to have a ball

BY IEVA AUGSTUMS
Assignment Reporter

Saddle up your appetite and get ready to go nuts Saturday - Burr Residence Hall's second annual Bull Fry is sure to be a hoot-hollering grand ol' time.

Benefiting Adrian Regier, a Wheatland High School student who became comatose after a football injury in September, the Bull Fry will turn Burr Hall's lawn into a country extravaganza with sand volleyball, bull fries (bull testicles) and the Farmers Olympics for all ages.

Darin Robertson, a cousin of Regier's and resident of Burr Hall, said he was pleased to see other residents supporting the Regier family.

Robertson, a freshman diversified agriculture major, said any money raised to help reduce medical expenses and other costs will be appreciated by the family.

"Donating money from the Bull Fry is a really good idea," Robertson said. "With the situation that they are in - having to live both here and back home - the expenses keep growing."

Kelly Meyer, Burr Hall vice president and senior diversified agricul-

ture major, said last year's Bull Fry drew nearly 300 people. This year they are expecting about 500, he said.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., co-ed volleyball teams will compete in a single-elimination tournament. Registration is \$25 per team. Prize money, \$100 for first place and \$75 for second place, will be awarded.

Phil Erdman, Burr Hall president and sophomore agriculture education and agriculture business major, said the Bull Fry lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Roasted bull fries are the specialty for the afternoon; however, Erdman said area businesses have donated hot dogs, hamburgers and side dishes to complete the meal. Tickets are \$5 per person. Children under 5 will be admitted free.

Bull Fry participants also have the opportunity to take part in the Farmers Olympics from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Events include: dummy roping, human barrel racing, bail relays, post throwing, tug-of-war, and cow-chip throwing. The cost is \$10 per team, and prize money will be awarded.

"We want everyone interested to come out and participate," Erdman said. "It's bound to be a great time."

Adam Walker, host of KZKX-FM (96.9) Club Kix, will be broadcasting live 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Walker said this will be the second year 96 KX has promoted and participated in the Bull Fry.

"We decided to promote Burr

Hall's Bull Fry as a public service," Walker said. "We wanted to help the residents of Burr Hall get a good turnout."

Along with free promotion, Meyer said, organizers received financial support from individual residence halls.

A total of \$1,400 was donated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Residence Hall Association and RHA to help reduce the overall costs of the event.

"We are very grateful towards the City Campus residence hall support," he said. "It's a lot easier to unite City and East campuses when you believe in a common cause."

Alyson Stein, a sophomore English major, said the Cather-Pound Residence Hall Association donated \$50 and is holding a donation drive this week. Students can donate money by going to Cather-Pound food services during dining hours. The drive closes at 6 p.m. today.

Erdman said individual campus organizations also donated money.

All ticket and T-shirt sales, as well as donations, will go to Adrian Regier and his family to help defray medical costs.

For more information contact Philip Erdman, Burr Hall president, at (402) 436-0851.

"Everybody talks about giving money to charities," Erdman said. "But this isn't a charity, it's a young man."

McFarland faces Nebraska in show

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a reasonable manner.

"You don't shoot skeet with an AK47," he said.

He also said he feels concealed weapons pose a possible threat to law enforcement agents.

"There is a difference between a shotgun and an AK47," he said. "There are some weapons designed for hunting and some designed for the sole purpose of killing someone."

Fellow Democratic candidate Bill Hoppner will appear on the

program April 28 while Republican gubernatorial candidate John Breslow is scheduled to appear May 7.

Republican candidates Jon Christensen and Mike Johanns also have been invited to appear, but dates have not yet been set.

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