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## Low turnout doesn't slow conference reinstatement

By NICOLE HALL  
Staff writer

Although less than 10 percent of UNL's student organizations showed up at a conference designed to help them, organizers weren't discouraged and plan to have the conference every semester.

The Student Organization Advising and Resources Conference on City and East campuses was held last Tuesday through Thursday.

The conference, revived after not being held for three years, offered University of Nebraska-Lincoln student organizations information and services needed to plan events and expedite event registration.

The turnout was lean. About 10 to 15 campus organizations used the services that were offered.

"I think it will take awhile," said Tom Dake, assistant director of Student Involvement. "They are not used to having programs for organizations instead of individuals."

Culture Center event programmer Summer Spivey agreed.

"I hope this is something that will continue," she said. "Students will get involved."

Groups providing services at the SOAR conference included the Women's Center, Volunteer/Service Learning, Student Involvement, University Police, Daily Nebraskan advertising and the Department of Landscape Services.

Landscape Services was at the conference so organizations "don't have to worry about sprinklers turning on during (their) event," said Chris Cary, city campus landscape services secretary.

Organizations that use university services or facilities for their event start the process by consulting Student Involvement. Student Involvement directs the organization to the departments on campus they will need for their event.

Dake said the conference did its job. "(The SOAR conference) makes the legwork simpler, because we are all in one room."

## ASUN to hold social for foreign students

By BERNARD VOGELSANG  
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Getting international students more involved and giving them the opportunity to be better represented on campus are the goals of a social for international and American students tonight.

The social, sponsored by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska international students subcommittee and the Student Impact Team, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the continental dining room of the Selleck Quadrangle.

At the social, international students will be able to voice problems that may impede them from being successful at UNL, organizers said.

Aaron Scheibe, chairman of the international students subcommittee, said students from foreign countries are underrepresented in

student government.

After hearing the students' concerns, ASUN will start working immediately on issues that face international students, said Sarah Kelling, a member of the international students subcommittee.

"We will do anything to make their experience in the United States better," Kelling said.

Scheibe said the meeting also is meant to integrate American and international students.

In the fall semester, 1,481 UNL students, or 6.6 percent of the student body, were from foreign countries, according to UNL's online fact book.

Kelling said she would like to organize more socials for international and American students. But, she said, whether that happens depends on their response.

"If they want more, we will have more."

## Book on Holocaust available after delay

By KIM SWEET  
Staff writer

Readers eager to get their hands on a book that contains a unique perspective of the Holocaust will soon get their chance.

After waiting more than 1½ years while a book detailing the Holocaust experiences of a Romanian Jew sat unassembled in a printer's warehouse, University of Nebraska Press Director Daniel Ross said the books arrived at the Lincoln warehouse on Friday.

The book, entitled "Man of Ashes," was written by the late Salomon Isacovici, a man who survived Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration camps.

It was written in Spanish and published in Mexico in 1990 with the help of Juan Manuel Rodriguez.

The appearance of the book in the 1999 spring and summer catalog comes after years of controversy between Isacovici and Rodriguez over authorship of the book.

Erica Kuebler Rippeteau, publicity director for the University of Nebraska Press, said she was excited about the unique addition to the University of Nebraska Press' Jewish Studies collection.

The book is unique because there are few accounts of Romanian Jews during the Holocaust, Kuebler Rippeteau said, and Isacovici's emigration to Ecuador during World War II makes the book important to increasing knowledge of the Holocaust.

"There are very few writings from Jews who ended up in South America,"

she said. "It really contributes to the body of knowledge of the Holocaust."

While many of the books the University of Nebraska Press puts out are aimed at a scholarly audience, Kuebler Rippeteau said, "Man of Ashes" will appeal to a wide audience.

"The book can be read and enjoyed by any lay person," she said.

The book can be ordered through the University of Nebraska Press or local bookstores. While orders can be made, the book will not be available to readers until February, she said.

The University of Nebraska Press made the decision to go ahead with the assembling of the books last year.

Earlier, Rodriguez threatened to take action if Isacovici published the book in the United States.

The decision came after the university's lawyers said they had a strong case if sued by Rodriguez, who claimed co-authorship of the book, Herb Howe, press adviser for the University of Nebraska Press, said in September.

Ross said minor changes were made to the book to appease Rodriguez.

In the University of Nebraska Press' catalog, the book is advertised as being authored by Isacovici and Rodriguez. Dick Gerdes, a professor of Spanish literature at George Mason University in Washington, D.C., is credited with translating the book into English.

Ross and the lawyer representing the University of Nebraska Press said they would not comment on whether legal action had been taken on the book.

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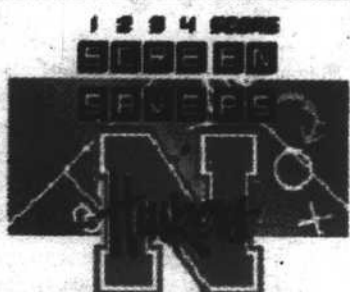


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