

NATO officers optimistic for Kosovo

■ **The United States** needs to play a major role in enforcing peace in Yugoslavia, representatives said in a visit to UNL late last week.

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The conflict in Yugoslavia is not near an end although NATO representatives are optimistic for the future.

Four officers from North Atlantic Treaty Organization visited the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last Thursday to speak with Political Science Professor Bill Avery's Foreign Policy class.

They made five stops in Nebraska. Before arriving at the university they gave a briefing at the

U.S. Strategic Command near Omaha.

Avery's class was fortunate to have the visit on the morning the peace accord was reached.

On June 10, the Serbs agreed to pull their forces out of Kosovo and NATO would follow by occupying sections of Kosovo with peace keepers.

Their mission was focused on informing the class about the structure of NATO and the way the organization makes their decisions.

"Their perspective was clearly NATO and their main purpose in coming to Nebraska was to inform us of the NATO organization and viewpoint," Avery said.

The information briefing quickly turned to a question and answer session about the peace agreement and if the goals of NATO's mission were being achieved.

"At the end of the day, one million people (ethnic Albanians) have been displaced and we need to get them back home," said Peter Reynolds, section chief in the public information office of NATO's European Command in Brussels, Belgium.

Reynolds expressed that the goal of returning

these people back to their homeland and releasing involvement would not be soon.

"We need to be looking forward. This is long term" Reynolds said.

He expects that after the peace escorts have entered the country and made it safe for the ethnic Albanians there will be a stabilization period.

"(The goal is) giving them a secure environment to move back to" said Werner Schmitt German Navy commander deputy chief of public information for NATO's Atlantic command in Norfolk, Va.

Avery thought that the U.S. had a larger role to play in restoring peace to the area.

"The U.S. is the only country with the leadership capabilities to bring order there and to impose some discipline on the Serbs. It is an appropriate leadership role for the US," Avery said.

More is needed than just the military to help bring peace to the Yugoslavia.

"I don't think the military can do it itself," Schmitt said.

Although, some feel NATO has yet to show

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prosperity in the conflict others feel that NATO has already met a margin of success.

"Convincing NATO to take decisive action and keeping the alliance together and speaking with one voice," was the biggest success Avery said.

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Construction leads to parking shuffle

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More of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's green space has disappeared. Fortunately, it might only be temporary.

Parking has been expanded in Central Mall by Memorial Stadium to make up for the loss of the parking lot north of the Nebraska Union because of construction of the Coffman Residential Academic Center.

The Coffman Center is privately funded through the J. D. Edwards

program. Students concentrating in the areas of management information systems, computers and mathematical areas connected to computers will be able to live there, as well as take classes in the building.

"The parking lot was constructed as a way to ease the parking deficit as the construction of the center begins," said John Benson, Director of Institutional Research and Planning.

The money to pay for the construction and deconstruction of the new parking area is being funded through the parking service's auxiliary funds.

"All of the parking in the Central Mall was classified as a temporary location," said Tad McDowell, Director of University Parking and Transit Services. "It was planned that it would change back to green space several years from now."

The return of green space in the Central Mall area is supposed to take place soon after the completion of the parking garage on 17th and R streets.

The completion of that project is set to be during the spring or summer of 2001.

Completion of the Coffman Center has been set for January 2001.

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Haymarket gets in gear for its Heydays

From staff reports

Once considered a desolate area of the city, Lincoln's Haymarket District was the last place people wanted to go for a jubilant time. But since its inception in the mid-1980s, the annual Haymarket Heydays Festival June 18-19 has seen the warehouse district of Lincoln grow from a place ignored by residents to a place that captivates the city.

The Festival, which boasts entertainment for all ages, will feature numerous bands and dancing and will also provide food and comic relief. This year, an old-fashioned fiddling contest will be added to the list of events.

Festivities begin Friday at 4 p.m. and will last until 10 p.m. Saturday's events will kick off with a pancake feed at 7:30 a.m., and the Festival will rap up at 9:30 p.m.