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Students, senior citizens dance at Valentine's weekend Senior Prom

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The Nebraska East Union moved to the sounds of swing and big band Sunday afternoon.

About 100 senior citizens danced at the Nebraska East Union for a Senior Prom organized by UNL's Pepsi Service Scholars and the Lincoln Area Agency for Aging.

It was a chance for Lincoln-area senior citizens to dance and socialize with college students, said Jason Dubs, a senior Spanish, international studies and economics major.

About 35 students volunteered to help, said Dubs, a teaching assistant for the Pepsi Scholars.

The students had been planning the event since

November, he said, but had received dance lessons only an hour before the dance started.

"A little training is better than none. I think they're doing a great job," Dubs said.

"I'm very, very impressed with the Scholars class this year.'

Volunteers did not spend the whole afternoon dancing. They were also in charge of setting up, cleaning up and videotaping the event.

They served refreshments and greeted guests. Volunteers also took photos of the guests under a terrace draped with lights and lace.

Freshman Adrieene Foley, a Pepsi Scholar, volunteered for the event. "Everyone seems to enjoy it a lot," she said.

Etta Natalie was one of the senior citizens attending the free event. She said she heard about

"I've done the Waltz, the Jitterbug. A little of everything, as long as you've got someone to

the event through a local senior center.

Service Scholars and Alpha Phi Omega.

swing you," Natalie said. The event was funded by the Nebraska Consortium for Service Learning.

Diane Podolske, Pepsi Scholars sponsor, said the consortium wanted the event to serve as a model for other volunteer organizations.

The Pepsi Scholars is a service learning organization that met weekly during the fall semester to learn about community service.

Service learning is a form of volunteering. The idea is to use what is learned in coursework through hands-on experiences.

For example, an English class is learning about literacy this semester and plans to see its placement Dubs said.

in the real world by working with Lincoln Literacy, a group that teaches others how to read, Dubs said. Pepsi Service Scholars have volunteered at the Children's Museum, University Child Care,

Habitat for Humanity and the Humane Society. The Pepsi Scholars also invited members of

Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, to volunteer for the Senior Prom.

"They're helping us a lot," Foley said.

This was the second Senior Prom at UNL, and Dubs said he hoped it would become an annual event. He said he enjoyed watching the Scholars use what they had learned during the fall semester about volunteering to plan the event.

"It's an opportunity for the Scholars to put some of the things they learned into practice,"

California college laptop computers Hackers traced to two

major commercial Web sites say a computer and an Internet device used by vandals as weapons have been traced to two California universities.

The vandals used a desktop computer at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an Internet router - a device that can amplify data traffic from Stanford University, officials at both schools acknowledged Friday.

There was no indication that anyone at either university was involved direct-

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Experts ly, only that their equipment was used. investigating recent attacks against Experts believe dozens of computers nationwide were hacked and had electronic attack software secretly installed.

"They've attacked us in a way that hurts what we do as a university and hurts all universities," said Robert Sugar, chairman of the information technology board in Santa Barbara. The school's computer was believed used in the attack against CNN's Web site Tuesday

Stanford said one of its routers located at a remote wildlife preserve

was used to transmit some of the data aimed against the Web site of auction operator, eBay for about 30 minutes before engineers blocked hackers from using it.

"It's really out in the middle of nowhere," said Dave Brumley, assistant computer security officer at the university. He said engineers have checked Stanford's other routers to prevent their similar misuse.

Meanwhile, investigators suggested that the vandals in Monday's attack against the Yahoo! Web site - the first to

be shut down for hours - may have been planned this large-scale attack in far more sophisticated than originally advance," and that other companies hit believed.

Ronald Dick, a senior official with hurts the most." the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center, said earlier this week that automated hacker tools widely available on the Internet mean that "a 15-year-old kid could launch these attacks."

But e-mail from engineers for search engine Yahoo! describing the attack in detail said the vandals apparently "knew about our topology and

this week also were targeted "where it : 1)

This e-mail, sent as a warning to some Internet providers and obtained by The Associated Press, also described the Yahoo! attackers as "smart and above your average script-kiddie," a derisive term for an unskilled hacker. It said the vandals "probably know both Unix and networking ... pretty well and learn about site topology to find weak spots.'





BOB SOUKUP and Romona Rhoades dance the afternoon away at the Senior Prom in the

Nebraska East Union on Sunday. The prom was held by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Pepsi

