

# Science Day 2000 gives teens UNL experience

■ Students from area schools learn from UNL professors at event.

By Jackie Blair  
Staff writer

High school and middle school students got a taste of college Saturday when they attended various science classes on UNL's campus.

Science Day 2000 was held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The students went to hour-long sessions taught by UNL science professors and other professionals.

Scott Josiah, state extension forester, held a session titled, "The Forest: It's What's for Breakfast."

Josiah said there are many foods

and materials humans receive from trees that people often take for granted.

At the session, students tasted papayas, mangos and various jellies, which all came from trees.

Josiah awarded prizes - Nebraska calendars, magazines and hats - to the students who knew the most about natural resources.

Another session was titled "DNA Isolation from Food," which was taught by George Veomett, a UNL professor of biology.

There, the students were able to extract and see DNA from strawberries and onions.

Veomett also quizzed the students on how well they knew the subject.

The students answered questions that some UNL students said

they didn't know.

Kathleen Anthofer, a junior pre-nursing major, said she was surprised at the students' knowledge.

"These little middle-schoolers know more than I do about this stuff," she said. "How embarrassing."

Other activities throughout the day included cockroach races, sea-urchin in-vitro fertilization and paper chromatography.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Eugenie Scott, spoke in the Nebraska Union's auditorium about "Creationism & Evolution: The Problem That Won't Go Away."

Science Day activities were held in conjunction with the state Science Olympiad.

The Olympiad is a competition in which middle-school and high-

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school students compete by creating science projects.

The awards ceremony for the Science Olympiad was held at 5 p.m.

Awards of \$150 were given to the first-place team's school science program and medals were awarded to the top five competitors in each of the 36 events.

Also, winners in six of the Science Olympiad events are eligible

for \$500 UNL scholarships.

They will get the scholarships if they enroll at UNL and register with a science department major.

All the winning Olympiad teams will be supported with money from the University of Nebraska Math and Science Area of Strength to compete in the National Science Olympiad competition in Spokane, Wash.

## —CAMPUS BRIEFS—

### Vice president of Aboriginal tribe cancels speech

What would have been the first visit to Nebraska by someone from Canada's Nunavut Tunngavik region was canceled Sunday.

James Eetoolook was scheduled to speak at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Monday afternoon but was unable to make it because of happenings at home.

English professors Fran Kaye and George Wolf both said Eetoolook's visit would have shed light on a region most people don't know about.

"(Eetoolook) comes from this new government," Wolf said. "(His visit would have given) people here a chance to have an understanding of what's going on north of us in the government."

Eetoolook is the first vice president of Nunavut Tunngavik, the largest self-governing Aboriginal community in the world.

Because it takes two days to travel to Nebraska from the eastern arctic of Canada, English Professor Fran Kaye said Eetoolook did not have time to make the trip.

Kaye said she hoped Eetoolook's visit would be rescheduled for September or October.

### Honors convocation recognizes students, faculty

More than 3,300 students and 26

faculty members were recognized for outstanding achievement Friday at the 72nd annual all-university honors convocation.

Students who were honored included 33 Chancellor's Scholars. These students will graduate in May with perfect 4.0 GPAs.

An additional 402 seniors were named Superior Scholars for finishing in the top 3 percent of their colleges or for being on the honors list since their freshman years.

Another 2,875 students were recognized for GPAs above 3.6.

Faculty members received awards for outstanding teaching, research, student advising or service.

### Bull Fry raises \$3,500 despite rainy weather

Sheri Ramirez and her daughter, Amber, will soon see almost \$3,500, thanks to the annual Bull Fry at East Campus.

The Bull Fry was held Saturday at Burr Residence Hall and featured hamburgers, bull fries and carnival games.

After expenses, the rest of the \$3,500 will go to Amber Ramirez, who had the left half of her brain removed last summer because of severe seizures.

Tracey Orsburn, a freshman agricultural sciences and natural resources major, said 468 people were served food Saturday at the

### Bull Fry.

Brad Robertson, a freshman agribusiness major, said the Bull Fry was moved inside Saturday because of bad weather.

"I don't think that we had as many people because of the rain, but we still had a good turn-out," Robertson said.

### Meat Animal Evaluation Team gets second place in contest

The UNL Meat Animal Evaluation Team placed second overall at the Northwestern Meat Animal Evaluation Contest at the University of Wyoming earlier this month.

The UNL team placed first in breeding, first in carcass and third in the market division.

Team member David Wilke placed second overall, with a second-place finish in the breeding division and a seventh-place finish in the carcass division. Bart Deterding was fifth overall, with a second-place finish in the carcass division.

Dallas Choat was third in breeding and third in carcass. Greg Koinzan was seventh in breeding. Troy Fletcher was 10th in the market division.

Coach Keith Gilster said the contest is educational because students evaluate breeding and market livestock and meats.

Compiled by staff writer Veronica Daehn

## Creativity used after plane's stairs break

GRAND ISLAND (AP) - Airport staff used a bit of creativity to help 113 passengers and six crew members get off a chartered plane with broken stairs.

After four hours of trying to fix a broken drive mechanism and a snapped electric cable, airport staff unloaded the passengers and crew into the snow bucket of a front-end loader.

The heavy bucket was specially equipped Saturday with a bit of carpet to soften the ride.

It took about 45 minutes to get everyone out of the Sierra Pacific 737, which was chartered for a 4 p.m. takeoff to take passengers to Nevada for a five-day gambling trip.

The stairs could not be closed to allow takeoff, but they finally were fixed at about 9 p.m., and the plane departed.

"This is the first stair episode I have had," said airport manager Bill Stovall.



**AG & NATURAL RESOURCES WEEK**

## Agriculture and Natural Resources Week

**April 15 - 22, 2000**


EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

<p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Lil' Tuggers Tractor Pull" 5 p.m.</li> <li>• Chili Feed 6 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CASNR Kids Day 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.</li> <li>• Ag Olympics 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Appreciation Breakfast 6:30 - 8 a.m.</li> <li>• R.P. Smith - Cowboy Poet 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alpha Gamma Rho Philanthropy BBQ 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</li> <li>• AZ Quiz Bowl 5 p.m.</li> <li>• Rodeo Queen Contest 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNL Rodeo 7 p.m. at Saunders County Fairgrounds</li> <li>• Rodeo Dance 9:30 p.m. at Starlite Ballroom in Wahoo</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNL Rodeo 1 p.m. at Saunders County Fairgrounds</li> <li>• UNL Rodeo Dance 9:30 p.m.</li> </ul>
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## GREEK WEEK 2000

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<p><b>Monday, April 17th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30--Triad Banner Judging</li> <li>5:30--Triad Dinner Exchanges</li> <li>7:00--Speaker Don "Dipper" DiPaolo at the Lied</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Tuesday, April 18th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30-9:00 am--Chapter Advisor/House Director Breakfast at the Wick Center</li> <li>1:00-4:00--Ice Cream Social, Union Greenspace</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Wednesday, April 19th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear your Greek letters day!</li> <li>7:00--Triad Feud in the Union</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Thursday, April 19th</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00--Greek Week Award Banquet</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Friday, April 21st</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00-9:00--FAC at Knickerbocker's</li> </ul>	