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Girls perform a fan dance to a fisherman's song at the 10th annual Chinese New Year celebration Saturday night. The fan dance was one of many performances at the event at the Nebraska Union, which celebrated the year of the snake.

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## University celebrates year of the snake

Chinese and non-Chinese alike gathered to honor the new year with a celebration complete with acts, performances and fireworks.

BY ANGIE SCHAFFER

Fireworks filled up the sky as about 700 people gathered to celebrate the year of the snake at UNL's 10th annual celebration of the Chinese New Year Saturday.

Inside, flickering candles lit the stage while a mystical rendition of "Tonight Will Stay in Our Memory" was performed by the children from the Lincoln Chinese Language School.

The celebration, which came three days after the official Chinese holiday, was put on by the Chinese Student & Scholar Association Saturday night.

The crowd was mixed, with as many Chinese as not gathering at the Centennial Ballroom in the Nebraska Union.

Beginning with a buffet-style dinner featuring traditional Chinese dishes such as kung pao chicken and teriyaki beef, the event ended with a variety of performers who entertained the audience for nearly three hours.

Entertainment included a little of something for everyone: children and adults, Chinese and non-Chinese, those looking for a glimpse of traditional Chinese culture and those looking for a laugh.

A favorite was the Chinese martial arts demonstration.

Audience members saw examples of Eight Trigrams, a popular type of Kung Fu, Wudang-Taiji Sword, and the humorous Zui Quan, or drunkard boxing.

A host of actors performed a satirical representation of the CSSA presidential election, borrowing material from the one involving Al Gore and George W. Bush. Two candidates, inspired to run to gain the approval of a girl, squabbled over which was more handsome, and, thus, more deserving of the office.

Many acts were musical, such as the solo on the Yang-Qin, a traditional Chinese instrument resembling a xylophone, creating tranquil tones.

Popular folk and rock songs, and even a duet praising Nebraska's prairie history, followed the traditional fan dance and a Beijing Opera.

Audience members enjoyed both the performances and the chance to gather with so many Chinese together at once.

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"I liked the program and the people, especially since there aren't any other Chinese in Wayne," said Taixi Xu, a graduate student at Wayne State College who drove to Lincoln just for the celebration.

The night ended in celebration behind the Cather-Pound residence halls, where fireworks lit the sky.

Festivities were planned beginning in October to commemorate the year of the snake, or "small dragon."

Although it's the 10th year the CSSA has held such a celebration, it's only the fifth year that the celebration has been open to the public.

"It's getting bigger and better every year," said Many Guo, event coordinator.

## Mentoring program offers Latino youth chance at a brighter future

BY VICTORIA RIIIS

Several Latino youth are finding it is conceivable to go to college with the help of some UNL students.

Every week, nearly 15 college students meet one-on-one with Latino students, ages 9 to 18, from Lincoln Public Schools.

The students were matched up by a program called the Latino Achievement Mentoring Program, started by two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

The college students serve as mentors, helping the younger ones with homework, participating in social activities, listening to their problems and giving them a tour of UNL's campus.

Lora Carpenter, a senior environmental studies major, said she mentors two sisters who are in fourth and sixth grade.

She said both sisters were intelligent, but because no one in their family went to college, the sisters needed role models to show them that higher education was possible.

"We went to a university fashion display," Carpenter said. She said it was exciting to hear one of the sisters say she wanted to be a

fashion designer.

Mandy Snyder, program director for the Latino Achievement Mentoring Program and UNL student, said the program had one aim.

"The goal is to make the university more accessible," she said.

The program was established last fall by the Hispanic Community Center, 2300 O St., and university faculty members of the Latino Research Initiative.

The mentors and the Latino students met for the first time in September at their respective schools.

The students are from Elliott Elementary, Everett Elementary, Park Middle School and Lincoln High School.

Snyder, an English and Spanish major, said the program was about more than going to the movies and just hanging out.

"(The school setting) sets in their mind that the program really focuses on education," Snyder said.

The students were matched up at the schools, but now they are free to choose where they meet and what they want to do, making the program individualized for each student's needs.

Laura Roy, activities coordi-

nator for the mentoring program, said mentors were required to participate in a weekly two-hour workshop to improve mentoring skills and gain support from other mentors.

The mentors meet with the students at least two hours a week to help with school work, meet with family members or go out to have a good time.

Eryn Vaughn, a sophomore Spanish and communications major, said she had been a mentor for a month. She volunteered her time without any incentive of college credit because she enjoyed being a volunteer.

"My mentee is 10 years old and is really smart," Vaughn said.

"She comes from a large family with a lot of younger brothers and sisters," she said. "So we go out and do new things like ice skating."

"It is refreshing to have a relationship that is not about you, but someone else."

J.W. Novotny, a secondary education major, said he had been a mentor since September. He's getting college credit for it, but that's not what motivated

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## Attorneys to decide on pending suit

BY JILL CONNER

A UNL professor has two weeks to amend his case against the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Instead of arguing the case in court, Thom Cope, attorney for associate professor Karl Reinhard, agreed to the dismissal of the case against the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Now Reinhard and Cope have two weeks to decide whether they will continue fighting and amend the defama-

tion suit against the University of Nebraska.

Reinhard filed the suit against the NU Board of Regents because he was accused of mishandling American Indian remains in a story that appeared in a 1998 issue of the UNL's College of Journalism laboratory paper, The Journalist.

Alan Peterson, who represents the university, argued that the statute of limitations had run out on the allegations for the suit filed last November.

He also argued that the regents cannot be held respon-

sible for the defamation.

Peterson asked for a demurrer, or a dismissal of the case on the basis that it doesn't have enough evidence to support a lawsuit.

Peterson said he, Cope, and Judge Karen Flowers came to an agreement Friday that the demurrer should be sustained.

Cope has two weeks to try to amend his case, Peterson said.

"If he doesn't amend, then the case will get dismissed in

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Kelly William of Lincoln lets out a laugh seconds after tripping over her duck at the annual "Quack Off" in Avoca, Neb. on Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of people descended on the small town to watch the races, which were followed by a dance at Town Hall.

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