

Local

FORENSICS RESULTS

The Hastings College forensics team competed in Mankato, Minn., Oct. 15-16 at the Larry Schnoor Invitational, Minnesota River Swing. Senior Cadi Kadlecek placed third in individual sweeps in the Oct. 16 competition.

Results:

Oct. 15

- ◆ Junior Grant Bachman, second place in duo interpretation.
- ◆ Freshman Aaron Blackman, sixth place in dramatic interpretation.
- ◆ Kadlecek, first place in poetry, second place in duo, sixth place in prose interpretation.
- ◆ Freshman Sara Ninabuck, sixth place in poetry interpretation.

Oct. 16

- ◆ Bachman, third place in duo.
- ◆ Blackman, sixth place in program of oral interpretation, sixth place in dramatic interpretation.
- ◆ Kadlecek, second place in poetry, third place in duo, third place in program of oral interpretation, fifth place in impromptu.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Hastings Middle School administration has announced the students of the week for the week of Oct. 17.

- Sheldon Howard, Team 7A; Renea Sukup, Team 7B; Rebecca Fischer, Team 8A; Ciera Bank, Team 8B; Kyle Neugin, Exploratory Team.

PR COUNCIL

Thirteen Hastings College students have been appointed to the Public Relations Council.

Members of the council conduct campus tours and assist at college events throughout the year such as New Student Days in August and Commencement in May.

President of the organization for 2005-06 is senior Troy Worth.

New council members are: Brandi Benson, Mark DeBoer, Elizabeth Eager, Renee Faimon, Keith Fountain, Tiffany Mayland, Vanessa Tiell, Capri Timm, Margaret Vibas, Jillian Heiden, Kevin Prochaska, Aaron Rouse and Matt Watson.

State

CRANES AND BIRD FLU

The chairman of the Nebraska's Water Resources Committee said he is concerned that migrant birds could bring the bird flu to central Nebraska.

Carroll Sheldon called for a plan to address the issue in a meeting of the Central Platte Natural Resources District on Thursday.

The Platte River Valley, Sheldon said, is a natural stopover for hundreds of thousands of migratory birds, such as Sandhill cranes.

Officials need to find out how Nebraska's Health and Human Services is preparing for a possible outbreak, he said.

The Associated Press

Peace agreement brings hope to Southern Sudan

Editor's note: Information for the following primer on recent political events in Sudan has been gathered from various sites on the World Wide Web.

Hastings Tribune

In January, the government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army signed a comprehensive peace agreement at Nairobi, Kenya, bringing an end to the 21-year civil war between the north and the south.

Dozens of heads of states attended the formal signing ceremony. Colin Powell, then U.S. Secretary of State, was present, and urged both parties to work toward a successful implementation of the agreement.

Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir went on a tour of several Southern Sudanese towns to celebrate the signing. Thousands of people flocked to Juba, Malakal and other cities to celebrate with him. He said the ultimate goal of the peace agreement was a united Sudan, "which will not be built by war but by peace and development."

The peace agreement guarantees a six-year period of autonomy for Southern Sudan, followed by a referendum on secession. It also provides the South with its own army, government and constitution during the six-year interim period, which began July 9.

On Oct. 24, the Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), a humanitarian news agency, reported from Nairobi that Salva Kiir Mayardit, president of the new government of Southern Sudan and vice president of Sudan, had formed the first autonomous Southern cabinet. Of the 29 ministries, 16 remained in the hands of the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) of the north. Nine went to the SPLM/A, and the remaining four were divided among various other political parties in accordance with the wealth- and power-sharing quotas agreed to under the comprehensive peace agreement.

Rumbek has been chosen as the provisional capital of Southern Sudan. After Khartoum withdraws, Juba, a larger city, is slated to be capital of the South for the six-year period of autonomy.

The United Nations' envoy to Sudan, Jan Pronk, has indicated the Security Council likely will adopt a resolution authorizing a large-scale peacekeeping mission in mid-February 2006.

The civil war took 2 million lives, caused about 1 million people to become internally displaced within Sudan, and led more than 120,000 to flee across the border into neighboring Chad.

The health status of the Southern Sudanese is among the poorest globally. Poor nutri-

tion has exacerbated epidemics of illnesses such as malaria, diarrhea and respiratory infections.

The U.S. Agency for International Development is involved in Southern Sudan. It is an independent federal government agency that receives overall foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State.

USAID goals are to further America's foreign policy interests in expanding democracy and free markets while improving the lives of the citizens of the developing world. In Southern Sudan, the agency is active particularly in promoting agriculture and trade, global health, democracy, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance.

One of the projects of USAID and the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) is to compile a Sudanese North American Diaspora Database, or SNADD. Its motto is: "Building a nation, one skill and one person at a time."

SNADD explains that the Government of Southern Sudan is in great need of all levels and types of skilled Sudanese to rebuild Southern Sudan.

The database will be a primary resource for identifying Sudanese in the North American Diaspora who are interested in participating in skills transfer programs to contribute to the development of Southern Sudan.

Sudan: Man works to help

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Meanwhile in Tulsa, Okla., Don Singleton, who provides the Image Machines used to program SPCS's computers, is working on an African model. It will contain medical support programs that would allow doctors to check their diagnoses and find recommended treatments without ever accessing the Internet. Special programs for office and government functions also will be included.

Moses Kong of Omaha is planning a trip to Tulsa to advise about what should be on the African Image Machine. Like many of the young Sudanese, Kong has a degree in computer science.

He will be director of the program to refurbish the SPCS computers and prepare them for shipment to Nairobi, Kenya. Eventually he will set up a refurbishing center in Africa, probably in Nairobi.

The reason the USAID offices are in Nairobi and the computers will be shipped there is that despite the comprehensive peace agreement signed in January, southern Sudan still is not considered a safe place. Eventually, the SPCS refurbishing will be done in Juba, one of the larger cities in southern Sudan.

The computer language will be English, which is the official language of southern Sudan.

According to Yost, the tribal

situation in southern Sudan is much like it was with the American Indians. There was warning among the tribes in the not-too-distant past, and they spoke 86 different languages, just in the southern part.

Computer specialists who go to Sudan to help rebuild will have the ability to translate the programs if that becomes necessary.

Yost said some of the 225 computers SPCS has promised to send to three training camps in southern Sudan will come through the National Cristina Foundation, and others will come from government sources. Kong will designate a site along the East Coast where the machines will be refurbished and shipped.

Group asks to maintain water levels

The Associated Press

OMAHA — The Nebraska Wildlife Federation wants the National Park Service to protect a certain amount of water in the Niobrara River for recreation and other uses.

The group said the Park Service should protect what are called "instream flow rights" on

the river. Those rights would ensure that a certain water level be maintained on the river. And the federation said they are the only way to protect water levels on the river under Nebraska's new water law.

The state's water law "basically says you can dry up a river as long

as you're not interfering with other water rights," said Duane Hovorka, who is executive director of the Wildlife Federation. He was also on the task force that drafted the water law.

A Park Service official said the federal government will make it a priority to preserve water flows in the Niobrara.

Indian Health Service needs more funding

The Associated Press
RAPID CITY, S.D.

Representatives of American Indian tribes want more funding for the Indian Health Service after hearing of patients who bypass medical attention or get bills for services because the agency runs out of money.

Officials estimate the Indian Health Service budget covers only 40 percent of medical need in Indian Country and runs out of money for medical procedures about halfway through the budget year.

The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Consumer Conference this week drew 100 health and tribal officials from South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa.

Jesse Taken Alive, a Standing Rock Sioux representative to the board, said people who seek health care at the IHS hospital often have received services without understanding they could be responsible for a medical bill if there's no money left.

Taken Alive worries about those who lack resources, patient advocates or money to

pay the bills. "The reality on the reservation is that people decide it's easier not to get medical treatment," he said.

John Blackhawk, chairman of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, said it's obvious the Indian Health Services is underfunded, yet the IHS budget has remained the same for a decade.

Blackhawk said it is crucial that the tribes lobby the congressional delegations from Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa for more funding for their IHS health service units.

Terrance Veo, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe health committee member and council representative, agreed.

"The fight is in Washington with budget appropriations," Veo said.

Not only should the delegations support legislation for more funding, but Veo said the money received doesn't go as far because of inflation and grant money is scarce.

"We have a lot of lobbying to do," Veo said.

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United Way Agencies 2005

The United Way of South Central Nebraska's annual campaign is under way. The goal for the 2005 campaign is to raise \$385,000. United Way contributions fund 19 agencies. This is one of those agencies and how it uses United Way funds.

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Volunteers: 45
Volunteer hours per year: about 5,700
Services or program provided: Provide court advocacy by trained volunteers for children who have been abused or neglected.

Who is eligible: Children ages birth to 18 who are currently in court for abuse or neglect reasons.

How United Way funds are used: Volunteer training, public awareness.
Amount of funding received from United Way in 2004: \$9,582
Percent of total operating budget: 8 percent



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CONGRATULATIONS

Hastings High Boy's Tennis State Qualifiers

L-R: Charlie Lainson, Jeremy Jank, Michael Brooks, Peter Laegreid, Kelly Light, Felix Sham, Matt Kern

Hastings High Boy's Tennis Class B #2 Doubles Runner Up
Jeremy Jank and Kelly Light

Hastings High Boy's Cross Country State Qualifier
Andrew Palmblade

From the Hastings Tigers Booster Club

