

Feminist newspaper judged a success on UN-L campus

By Deb Gray

Two years ago, the first issue appeared.

Its purpose: to bring some basic issues of feminism into the dormitories and to make UN-L women—especially freshmen—aware of the services offered by the Women's Resource Center in the Nebraska Union.

The students' reaction to the publication — called the *Women's Pages* — has been favorable, said Mary Heppner, who has worked for the paper since it began.

Hard to see

"It's hard to see how far this thing reaches," she said. "But sometimes I'll be someplace — at a party or something — and people will come up to me and comment on some article and say they liked it."

The publication lacks staff positions associated with other newspapers. It is a cooperative product from a group interested in feminism.

"We can use anyone who can write a little, type a little, do layouts. . . anyone can work on it," Heppner said.

Explains services

Women's Pages comes out twice a semester. The first issue

explains services available at the Women's Resource Center.

Since its first issue, the paper has become more sophisticated, Heppner said. Production difficulties have been ironed out, and, Heppner said, "the typing and spelling have improved."

This summer, the center is preparing a pamphlet dealing with specific issues freshman women may face.

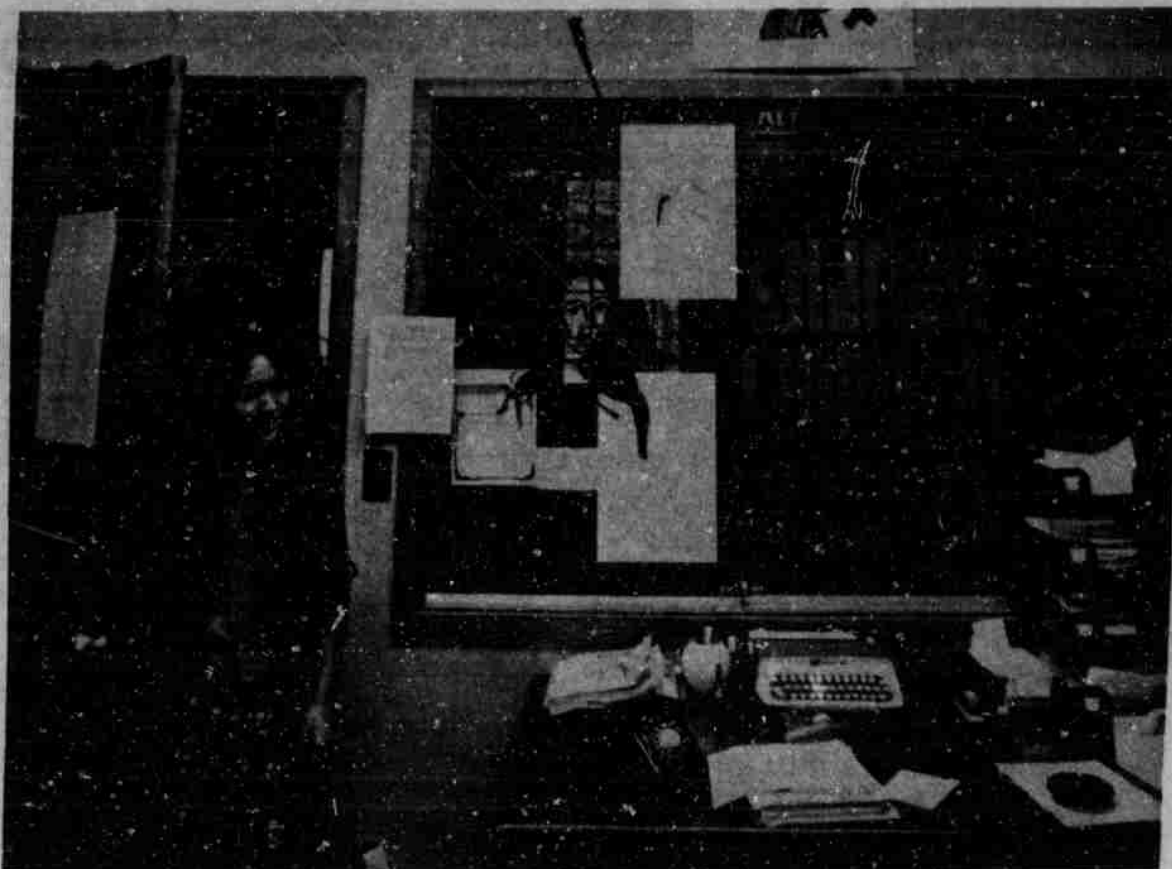
Health information

"We're interested in telling women about the services offered at the health and counseling centers, but we decided this information would be presented better if we put it in pamphlet form," Heppner said.

Heppner said she hasn't decided about plans for next year's issue of *Women's Pages*.

"It kind of depends on donations," she said. "The paper is supported by a 'free-or-donation' basis. Whether we can expand the paper next year depends on if we'll have the same amount of money."

"It also depends upon how much time we'll have during the semester with classes and everything to work on making a bigger paper."



Women's Resource Center, the publishing home of *Women's Pages*.

Czech collection sought for university archives

The preservation of Nebraska's Czech heritage through books, diaries, documents, and taped interviews will be the objective of a project to be undertaken by the UN-L Libraries.

The Nebraska Foundation provided \$7,739 to initiate this effort to develop a special Czech Collection in Love Library.

Seeks assistance

The director of the project will be Joseph Svoboda, UN-L

Archivist, and a native of Czechoslovakia who wants the assistance of individuals of Czech background in acquiring materials for the collection.

Svoboda said interested persons should contact him at Love Library (472-2539).

"I am particularly interested in talking to older members of Czech communities," Svoboda said. "Much of what remains of early Czech life in Nebraska is in the memories of a few elderly citizens."

Plans interviews

Svoboda plans to tape interviews with these citizens. The transcribed tapes will become part of the Czech ethnic collection housed at the library.

Svoboda added that he would also like to acquire books, pamphlets, diaries, letters, photographs, or other materials that will shed light on the life of Czech Nebraskans.

In cases where persons have a sentimental attachment to such items, Svoboda said the library would be able to reproduce materials submitted and return the originals to the

owners.

"Czech immigrants were important to the early settlement of Nebraska," Svoboda said. "For several decades between the 1880's and the 1920's, they made up a very substantial portion of the state's population."

He described the early Czechs as "a determined, proud people" who didn't "submit easily to the melting pot." They imported their own customs and traditions from the Old World. For many years Czech communities flourished in Nebraska.

Svoboda said that since the 1920's, the preservation of traditions passed along from parents and grandparents has diminished.

Systematic effort

Svoboda said that the Czech history project may eventually be expanded to include Czech materials from other regions of the United States. The acquired experience and skills could lead to the development of similar programs dealing with the German and Scandinavian Nebraska settlers.

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