

Gambling is a for-profit organization, expert says

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When in this financial trouble, "it's a very tense situation," Custer said. "They aren't sleeping, they're restless. They borrow money and can't pay it back. They lose friends and become isolated."

"I don't know how they can stand it

(being in debt). I don't see how you could go to class when you owe money to several people in the class."

This is not just a UNL problem, he said. It's an international problem and a human problem.

Custer was asked to speak about gambling to students at the University

of Hamburg in West Germany.

Male gamblers

Those who gamble in universities are generally male students between 18 and 22, he said. Women do not begin to gamble much until they are about 25, he said.

Currently, there is no explanation for this, he said.

Custer said gambling, however, is not wrong. A majority of people gamble for recreation. But five percent of the 75 percent of the population who do gamble are in trouble and need a place to turn for help, Custer said.

For help in Lincoln, Fishback said students can call the Health Center at 472-7440 (Alan Smith) or the local chapter of Gamblers anonymous at 476-4444.

Eventually, Fishback said, he would like to see UNL have its own chapter of Gamblers Anonymous.

Warning signs

Some signs that may indicate that a person has a problem with gambling:

- losing time from work because of gambling.
- neglecting studies because of gambling.

● gambling to get money with which to pay debts or otherwise solve financial difficulties.

● gambling until the last dollar is gone.

● having any strong urge to win more after winning.

● borrowing from friends and family to gamble.

● gambling affecting one's reputation.

● feeling remorse after gambling.

● losing ambition or efficiency because of gambling.

Need help

Neil's said that she and others at the Health Center are interested in finding out what's happening with gambling at UNL. She said if someone would call them and let them know what's happening, the person's identity will be kept anonymous.

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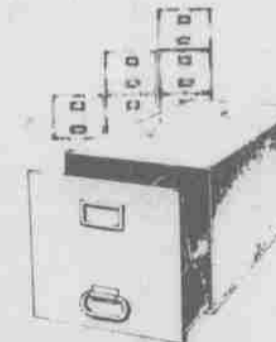
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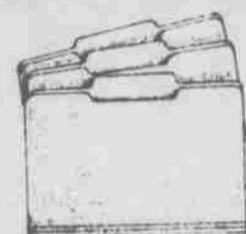
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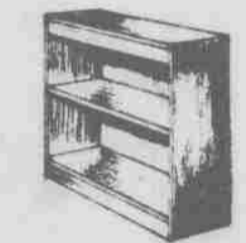
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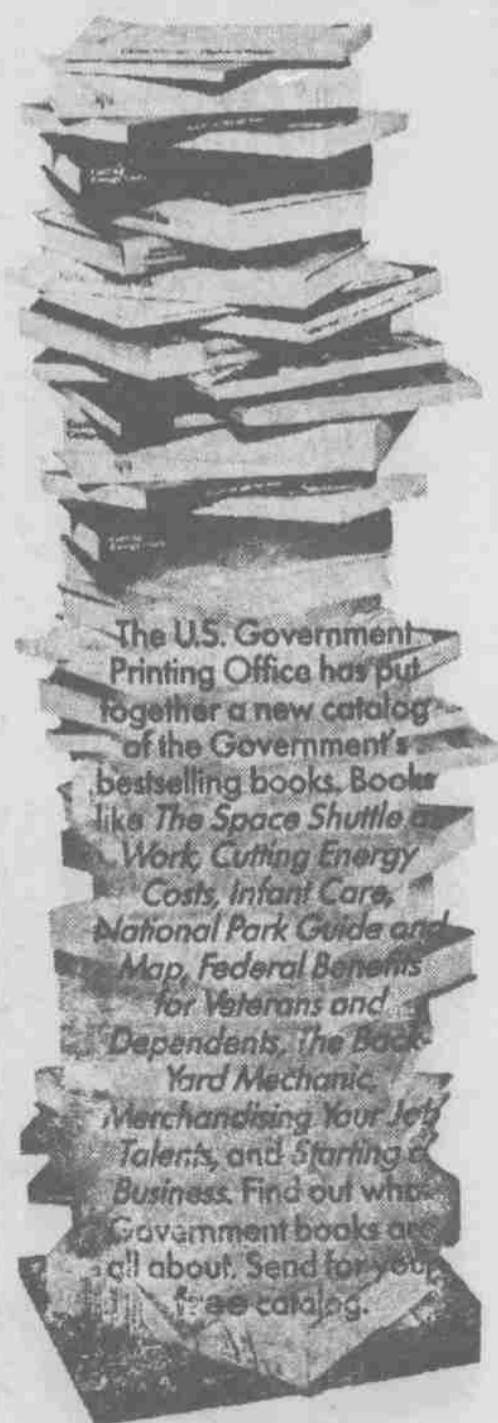


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