

Speech curriculum emphasizes student involvement in community

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the community) can be effective," he continued, "in contributing to the development of esprit de corps, such as I believe our students in speech pathology and audiology have, and to the meaningfulness of the education the student receives here at the University."

APPLICATION AND academic



Apathy. Irrelevance. Meaningless memorization. These terms have no significance to students in the department of speech pathology and audiology (SPA).

ESPIRIT DE corps, involvement and direction mean more to these students, according to Herbert Schlessler, assistant professor in SPA. Schlessler attributes these attitude to one of the unique features of the department's curriculum, extensive community involvement.

Students are required to spend a total of at least 135 hours working in the department's speech and hearing clinic. The clinic serves students free of charge and provides service for the community at a nominal fee.

Students also participate in outstate testing and work with institutionalized and physically or mentally handicapped persons with speech problems, according to David Hamnett, clinic supervisor.

"I THINK it's very important that students in training at a university be able to relate their knowledge and academic skill to community affairs," said Schlessler, adding that he thinks every student should apply his learning to community affairs, no matter what his field of study.

"I think such a relationship (with

study are mutually supporting, he said. Learning is improved by one immediate need to apply it, and improved learning makes application more successful, he explained.

Linda Hoffman, a senior in SPA, put it another way. She referred to the theoretical training she received before beginning work in the clinic. "Once you start working in the

clinic everything starts falling into place," she said.

THUS, STUDY means more to her than a high grade point average. "I'd rather just stay in the clinic . . . than go to classes," she said, "but that wouldn't make a very good clinician."

Senate—'right to work free of intolerance, prejudice'

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The University Senate also unanimously approved a Declaration of Human Rights which says that human rights include "the right to participate in the processes of government and the right to work for a society free of intolerance or prejudice."

One faculty member remarked that he was not allowed to run for state office while a University staff member. The law says that a person cannot hold two state offices at one time, according to Acting Chancellor

Merk Hobson.

IN OTHER action, the Senate attempted a new voting procedure for selecting three members to the Liaison Committee. The new way caused many problems and confusion, however.

The chairman of the Library Committee commented that Love Memorial Library will be in "dire straits" if its proposed new addition is not approved. Without the addition, Love Library will not be the central library on campus, he said.

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'California grape boycott primarily aimed at city'

A boycott of California grapes on the University campus is being organized as a part of a city boycott in support of the Delano Grape Strike, Phil Medcalf said Tuesday.

Metcalf, who is a member of the Lincoln Committee of 1000, said that the boycott is aimed mainly at the city because the University does not buy large quantities of grapes.

"WE WILL ORGANIZE tonight (Tuesday) at the SDS meeting and select delegates to go to Lincoln grocers and urge them not to buy California grapes," he said. "If we get a poor response, we will choose five target stores to picket."

The national boycott on California grapes was begun in support of migrant farm workers in California who are seeking higher wages and the right to bargain collectively.

The boycott has received the support of numerous U.S. congressmen and Senators, among them Edward Kennedy, Jacob Javits, Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern.

"STUDENTS HAVE expressed an interest in the boycott vicariously by electing a student government which passed a resolution supporting the boycott," Medcalf continued. "It is such a widespread issue that everyone from SDS to Humphrey is behind it."

"I have approached Gary Bradford, food service manager for the Nebraska Union, and he said that the Union will comply with the Student Senate resolution and not purchase any California grapes," he said.

According to Medcalf, the food service department for the residence hall has not yet decided whether or not to join the boycott.

THE GRAPE BOYCOTT issue was prominent on most college campuses last fall.

"We are late on this issue because I am only one person trying to do many things," Medcalf said. "I have spent too much time organizing and not enough time involved in action." There has never been any organization behind an issue such as this in a rational manner before, he

continued. The reason is that there has been no research. On this issue the research has already been done.

MECALF SAID that the resolution passed by Student Senate is limited on this issue to the power of persuasion.

"The resolution was passed two weeks ago but the information has not filtered down to the students yet," he added. "There are no channels to express student concern."

Medcalf thinks that the resolution could be effective in that it expressed student interest and may even influence the buyers of grapes.

"THIS ISSUE affects Nebraskans in that it another example of big agricultural corporations forcing out the small farmers," he said. "The small Nebraska farmer would be affected positively by a successful strike in California because it would drive up the labor cost of the agricultural corporations."

Unskilled workers in other industries in California receive an average of \$3.05 per hour.

According to Medcalf, the federal government is trying to aid the agribusiness corporations.

"The Pentagon recently bought \$20 million worth of grapes," he said. "This is 15 times the amount they purchased prior to the strike."

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