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period. Subject matter and examinations might be compressed into too short a time.

A less drastic calendar change, but one that would solve several pro-blems, is the Modified Semester Plan. Under this idea, the first semester rian. Would be pushed back, beginning early in September. Classes and finals would conclude before Christmas. The second semester could begin right after the first of the year, or could be de-layed until the traditional late January beginning.

IN THE latter case, nearly a month's vacation would be available. Hastings College, which utilizes this plan, conducts independent study projects during the "free month."

One month may be too short a time to conduct any real project however. Also, political considerations, because of the one month institutional shutdown, might impair the plan.

A final theoretical alternative is a change to the trimester system, which appears highly unlikely. Widely publicized some years ago, the plan seems to have fallen into disfavor.

Basically, the trimester plan would divide the year into three learning periods of about 14 weeks each. The system coincides with few other institutions of higher learning and no secondary and elementary schools.

MOST TEACHERS seem to share the opinion of Dr. Adrian R. Legault, professor of civil engineering. "I know very little about the trimester plan, but from rumors I understand that it is not very successful."

## Registration open for 8 **NFU** classes

Currently, eight Nebraska Free Uni-versity classes have been organized for this semester, according to Jim Humlicek, NFU committee chairman. Registration for these courses is conducted in the ASUN office.

SKY DIVING. Meetings scheduled Wednesday evenings in Room 20, Mor-rill Hall. Contact Marv Helman at Schram Hall for information. Helman, secretary of the Lincoln Sport Parachute Club, is one of the course leaders.

FOLK GUITAR. Meetings held every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Selleck Quadrangle Music Room.

MONEY AND INVESTMENTS. First meeting to be held about March 20. Contact the ASUN office for inforThe Faculty Senate Committee circulated questionnaires to the faculty about the calendar last spring. Out of 456 returns, only seven people indicated a preference for the trimester.

If the Faculty Senate followed ASUN Senate's proposal, and modified the current system, relatively little work would be required.

A more radical change, such as to a quarter plan, could involve quite an undertaking.

"THERE WOULD have to be a drastic overhaul of the curriculum,' speculated Dr. Lawrence S. Poston, who worked in the ad hoc study com-

mittee last spring. Course material would have to be redivided and essentially the entire catalogue rewritten. This would not. he said, be an impossible task.

(Tomorrow, an in-depth considera-tion of the quarter plan.)

## **IFC tables** new contract

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cases the contract has been effective, but on the whole it has not.

"With enforcement and a renewed sense of importance, this year's contract can be effective," he said. "If we can get houses to examine the merits and fauults of their pledge training programs and do away with the faults, the contract will have been effective.'

IFC President Joe Voboril feels the effectiveness of the contract will be determined by how hard the Ex-ecutive and Pledge Education committees work to get houses to sign the contract and enforce it. . . .

"THERE SHOULD be positive goals in a pledge training program," he said, "We have to come up with constructive alternatives."

"When you take away the negative aspect of pledge training, all you have left is zero," Voboril continued, "We want to come up with some good ideas to replace the negative." Voboril stressed that the contract will be emphasized by the IFC orientation teams in June and in rush week.

"The contract wasn't pushed hard enough last year in rush week," he said. "Any house not signing the con tract this year had better be confident that their program will be convincing to rushees

Voboril feels that, for the contract to be really successful, more houses than the 16 which now have the contract must sign the new version.

"There should be at least 20 22

# **Mental Health Service enlargement** to include improved student service

Plans are under way for expansion of the University Mental Health Service, according to Dr. Louis Martin, newly appointed acting director of the service.

The development program is to include three major areas, he said. First, plans are being made to in-

crease the student service function of the mental health program.

THIS HAS been the area of greatest concern in the past, Dr. Martin said. At present the Service has one fulltime psychiatrist, a full-time psychologist, and an "almost full-time psychologist," he continued. Also in-cluded is a staff of over half a dozen

local consulting psychiatrists. Dr. Martin said that the present Mental Health Service compares well with other University health services. However, mental health is a weak area in most university health

A second focus of the development plan is the expansion of the mental health research program. Research is planned as an impor-

tant part of the development program, Dr. Martin said. The principal study will be an analysis of psychiatric problems in the college years.

"WE WANT to make progress in analyzing and then making available the best procedures for handling student problems," Dr. Martin said. This will be a process of finding which types of emotional problems are best handled by what division of the University, he continued.

The service also plans to become involved in basic research, Dr. Martin said. Problems concerning maturation in the college years will be of particular interest.

The third part of the development scheme is an increased program of mental health education. This is to be accomplished through programs of class instruction, informal meetings in dormitories and houses, and meetings with faculty and administration personnel, Dr. Martin said.

**PSYCHIATRY IS** important in understanding the problems facing a modern University, he continued.

Problems dealt with by the service usually stem from the stresses in-volved in passing from adolesence to mature living, Dr. Martin said. This is especially true in modern society, where unrest is prevalent, he continued.

"One of the largest problems is the case of identity crisis," he continued. This is the case of the person who loses his direction and asks very basic questions about life. This can lead

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Newly appointed Mental Health Service acting director Dr. Louis Martin explains the three areas which the center hopes to develop for better service to the student.

to a great confusion in value systems, Dr. Martin said.

He added that sexual problems are

another large source of problems during college years.

"THE COLLEGE years are the time when people, by and large, lay down the foundation for what their sexual behavior will be the rest of their lives," Dr. Martin said. "Many go through a shock period when they find that this aspect of life is not what they thought it would be," he continued.

About half of the service's patients refer themselves for treatment, Dr. Martin said. The remainder are referred to the service by someone in the structure of the University. Other physicians in the Student Health Center also refer cases to the Mental Health Service, he said.

The clinic now has both in and outpatient care available. It has a solid operating base but is not really ade-

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quate for the size of the University, Dr. Martin said.

"We hope to increase the staff in the future," he continued.

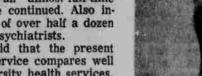
THE NEXT two or three years will be a "tooling-up period," he said. The basic goal of the development program is to establish a long-range, comprehensive mental health service. However, the exact structure is not firmly established, he continued. "Psychology today is, hopefully,

emerging from its adolescence and

deeply questioning its basic conceptions and ideas," Dr. Martin said. It is attempting to relate the work: of classical psychiatrists to more broadly based concepts of human behavior, he continued.

"We are trying to use these new concepts to evaluate behavior in the University community."





services, he noted.

AFRICAN KINSHIP AND POLITI-CAL SYSTEMS. Meets Wednesday, March 12 in Burnett Hall, Room 223. Kjartan Magnassun, a graduate student, is the course leader.

LONG DISTANCE RUNNING. Has already begun, although registration is still being accepted. Contact English instructor Lawrence Wolfley, the course leader, for information. CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL

THEORY. First meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. John Wagstaffe, as sophomore in arts and sci-ences, is the course leader.

IMAGE OF WOMAN. First meeting scheduled for March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Smith Hall lounge. Twig Daniels of the Lincoln YWCA and Teri Fisk, a senior at NU, are the course leaders. MASS PARTICIPATION IN THE **POLITICAL PROCESS.** First meeting scheduled for March 11 at 7 p.m. in UMHE. Dan Schlitt is the course leader.

houses sign the contract," he added. There are that many who, with a few minor changes in their programs, could comply with the contract."

## **3M** company announces grants-in-aid

The University will receive \$11,900 as part of 3M Company's annual aid-to-education program, 3M has announced.

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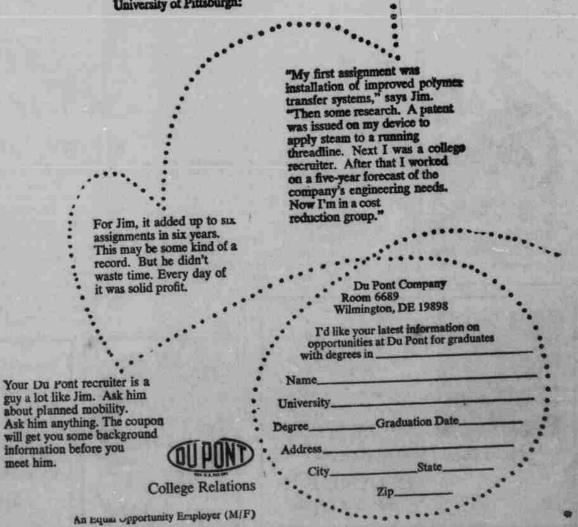
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