

# NU offers environmental course

A new interdisciplinary course highlighting the problems resulting from misuse of land, air and water will be offered to NU students during the spring semester, according to Prof. Mark Hammer.

Hammer, professor of civil engineering, explained the main purpose of the course is to present the technical aspects of ecosystems, pollution control and environmental planning. Attention will also be given to possible solutions for the current pollution problems.

Although technical in its outlook, Hammer stressed that the course is designed for all students.

"It's intended to be a survey course for all college students interested in this area," he said. "We don't just want engineers, zoologists and planners."

The course, entitled "Environmental Quality and Control — Land, Air, and Water," was offered on an experimental basis during the 1970 second summer session with good results, Hammer said.

Gary Hergenrader, assistant professor of zoology, and George Peng, professor of architecture, joined him in teaching the course. Each of

the three will teach in his own discipline; Hammer in pollution, Hergenrader in ecology, and Peng in planning.

"We were worried that with three very different disciplines the course would become disjointed," Hammer explained. "But the students had no trouble seeing the relationships."

This spring's course will be limited to 100 students, with a prerequisite of senior or graduate standing, Hammer said. It will be a lecture class with visual aids such as films and film strips used extensively.

ly. Field trips may be included.

One key criticism made by summer students was that the course didn't concentrate heavily enough on supplying answers for today's pollution problems, Hammer said. This area will be covered more thoroughly in the future.

Hammer maintains there is a significant need for education in the area of man's environment and that political scientists and sociologists in particular could benefit from the course.

"The decision makers

(political representatives) are rarely ecologists. Therefore, the businessman, the teacher, the journalist, the lawyer, the politician and others, including any responsible citizen, should have some notion of the physical environment with respect to land, air and water."

Some specific topics covered are ecosystems, urbanization, water and sewage, land environment including the ecological implications of land misuse, air environment and water environment.

## Protests planned for Westmoreland's visit

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honorable discharges most of whom fought in Vietnam," he said. "Our leaflet is going to say in part, 'Wouldn't it be beautiful if people stopped killing other people?'"

Chief of Campus Security Gail Gade said that "the usual precautions" will be taken at the football game Saturday. The entire Campus Security Police force will be on duty at the game, as they always are.

Gade said he "had no idea" if demonstrations or protests would occur.

Westmoreland, former commander of American military forces in Vietnam, will arrive in the Capitol city Friday.

Scheduled for Saturday night is a reunion with the men who served on his staff 25 years ago during World War II.

And, of course, he will view the football game: the first half with the Board of Regents in the press box, the second half with Gov. and Mrs. Norbert T. Tiemann.

Saturday, according to Leroy Shuster, a law student.

"We are all veterans with

## UWAG explores women's role

The University Women's Action Group (UWAG) this year will be taking aim at culturally imposed sexual definitions, according to Patti Kaminski, a UWAG organizer.

The group will attempt to hit two goals for women — awareness and commitment. The battle will begin with a strategy session Wednesday, 8 p.m., in the Nebraska Union.

"The first level (awareness) will be a consciousness-raising effort in which many aspects of women's roles will be expressed and explored," Miss Kaminski said.

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Talk groups and sensitivity sessions will offer students a chance to increase their understanding of societal roles, which are deeply ingrained in everyone," she continued. UWAG also plans to secure a national speaker and to hold a workshop during ASUN's Time Out program in October.

Foremost among the action-oriented projects, is the hopeful initiation of a Women's Studies

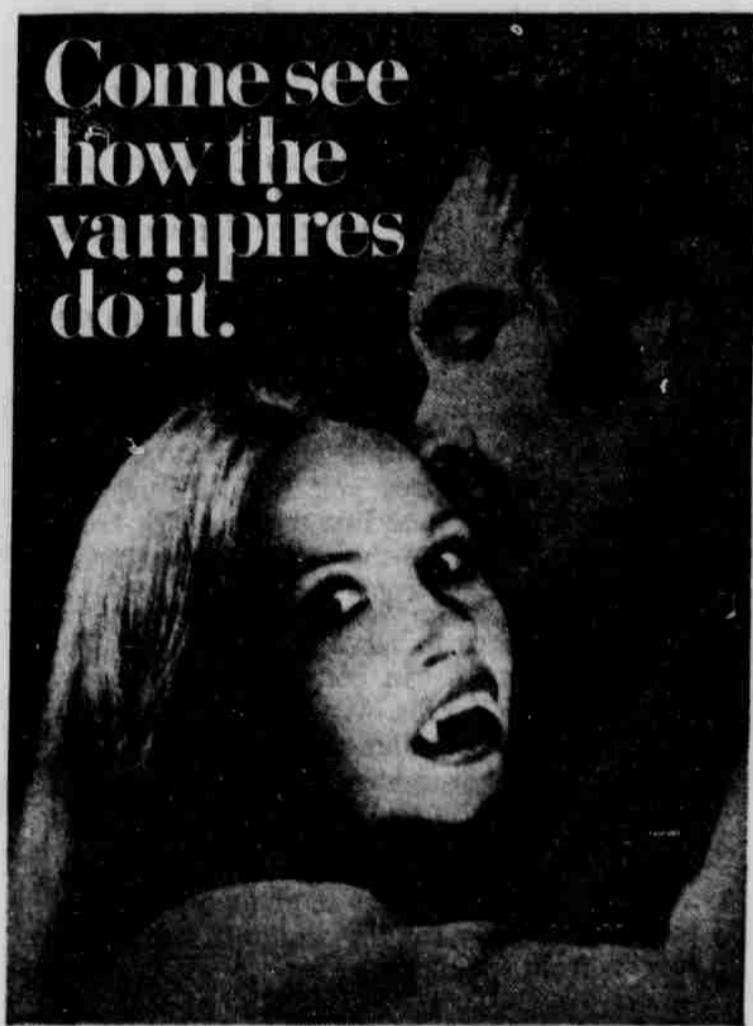
Program in the 1971 University curriculum.

"Obviously, much commitment will be needed here in recruiting interested faculty members, drawing up a suitable course syllabus and working out procedural matters," Miss Kaminski said.

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