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# Potatoes...potatoes...potatoes

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Eat potatoes for 42 days. Eat them for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Prepare the potatoes in the same manner for each meal. Add only water and prescribed nutrients. Keep a collection of the "products" of these digestive adventures.

The research division of the University Food and Nutrition Department on East Campus is conducting a study of cereal plant protein using these techniques under the direction of Dr. Constance Kies.

Potatoes, algae, alfalfa, corn, oatmeal and prepared breakfast foods are used by voluntary subjects in controlled food diets.

"We use the results of the studies to make recommendations for improving the nutritional value of certain foods," Kies said.

Pre-school children through

college students take part in the experiments. Prisoners at the Nebraska State Penal Complex have also volunteered to aid in the research.

The subjects are fed a measured amount of protein in the form of a plant product such as potatoes. Various nutrients, nitrogen sources, vitamins and minerals are added to the meal, Kies said.

The form of the food may not be changed throughout the term of the diet, which may last from 30 to 100 days.

"If the form of the food were changed, a non-controlled variation would be introduced and spoil the experiment," Kies explained.

"A few fruits and vegetables may be added to the standard diet and the adequate calorie count is always maintained," she added.

The participant should not gain or lose any weight on the

diet. Excretory material is measured to determine the diet's nutritional balance.

Kies works with groups of approximately 10 subjects.

"These are not easy diets and they demand a great deal of cooperation by the subject," she said.

Few participants quit the experiments. Most are highly motivated and concerned for the outcome of the study, Kies said.

Some of the students who take part in the studies are nutrition students and may gain credit for working with the program. All participants are paid.

"The University of Nebraska is part of a very small group of schools doing studies on human nutritional research," Kies said. "I believe that we conduct more experiments on a twelve month basis than any other research group dealing in diet studies."

## Union Board ties up Davis

Although 75% of 95 students polled Thursday want to bring Michael Davis to speak on the University campus, the Union Board stalled a proposed speaking invitation.

In a four hour session Thursday night, the Board passed a resolution calling for the Program Council "to reconsider its proposed invitation to Michael Davis."

The invitation to the Michigan graduate student whose appointment to the NU philosophy department was rejected by the Board of Regents had been passed by the Talks and Topics Committee and the Program Council. Because of the Board action, the proposal will go back to the Council.

In a poll, students responded by a margin of 74-14 that Davis should be a part of the Union

Speaker Series funded with student fees.

David Ratliff, a student in social work who took the poll, said before the meeting, "If the board doesn't vote to have Davis come, it is not going along with the wishes of students. It is just following its own biases."

Ron Alexander, a student board member, questioned whether Davis could speak at this time on student power (the topic Davis chose) without getting into the area of the Regents' decision to deny his appointment.

"All kinds of legal possibilities could arise," Alexander said. "I don't think the Board should irresponsibly allow Davis to stab into this area."

Dennis Berkheim, another

student board member sharply disagreed. "Personally, wouldn't you want to hear what he has to say? You're denying an educational experience to a large percentage of students who would like to hear him."

John Janovy Jr., a faculty board member, expressed the fear that Davis' appearance on campus at a time near consideration of the University's budget could cause the legislature to "whack and whack."

"I don't intend to be party to a situation which would cause the University to suffer," Janovy proclaimed.

"Some of us are going to face the charge that this is a fascist action, denying a man a forum," Alexander said. "That's very false. I think that I represent students as much as anyone."

## Court holds legality of lower voting age

A Federal District Court in Washington recently upheld the constitutionality of the 1970 Voting Rights Act which includes a provision lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

The court acted in a suit brought by five New Yorkers against U.S. Atty. General John Mitchell and the New York City Board of Elections.

The three-judge panel held that denying 18-year-olds the right to vote would constitute "invidious discrimination" in violation of the equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment.

In affirming the right of Congress to change the voting age by simple act rather than a constitutional amendment the court resolved a conflict between two sections of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

The judges favored the section guaranteeing all citizens equal protection of the laws

### PES certificates

Membership certificates for about 140 men initiated last spring into Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic honorary, are now available in Burnett Hall 204 or 232, according to Leslie Hewes, faculty adviser.

over another section which specifies 21 as the voting age.

In Hastings Friday night Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann said he "was pleased" with the decision.

"I've always supported the 18-year-old vote," Tiemann said. "And if the U.S. Supreme Court sustains the decision, Nebraska will certainly comply with the law."

The high court is scheduled to hear the Voting Rights act suit Oct. 19. A decision is expected sometime during the fall term of the Court which starts Oct. 5.

### Everyone invited to look for Dean

The chairman of the student-faculty-administrator committee in charge of finding a new Executive Dean of Students is looking for help.

Wallace M. Rudolph, professor of law and head of the thirteen-member committee, welcomes nominations from any student, teacher, administrator or alum.

Suggestions should be sent to Room 314, College of Law Building.

A public hearing to discuss the nature of the position will be held Oct. 15 in the Nebraska Union.

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