

Free University opens Wednesday

The Nebraska Free University (NFU), slated to open Monday has been postponed until Wednesday because of the snow, according to Steve Fowler, NFU chairman.

Wednesday the *Daily Nebraskan* will run a four-page supplement listing all NFU courses, meeting times and places. Offerings run the gamut from winemaking to Nietzsche to fashions.

Courses slated to begin Monday and Tuesday have been pushed back to March 1 and 2.

Student vets pass budget resolution

The Student Veterans Organization has urged Gov. J. J. Exon to reconsider his budget proposal for the University.

In a resolution passed at a recent meeting, the Vets decided: "Any downgrading of the University constitutes a downgrading of the state and nation. Any such degradation is contrary to the principles for which we served."

NU organizations set activities mart

An activities mart, a way for students of the University to become acquainted with the various campus organizations, will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

HEP helps end migrant cycle

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Tina . . . I won't stand going back to the fields.

"I was scared", said Tina Salazar. "I didn't even know this town. I just wanted to get my education".

Next week 22-year-old Tina will graduate from the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) operated by the Nebraska Human Resources and Research Foundation.

FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL Office of Economic Opportunity, HEP is designed for the children of migrant or seasonal farm laborers who have dropped out of school, according to Gale Muller, director.

The program's goal is to take a young person from the migration stream or poor rural background, allow him to participate in college life and gain his High School Equivalency certificate, said Muller.

Most of HEP's 48 students are Mexican-American, although there're some from other minority groups, said Muller. The HEP student must be between the ages of 17 and 22.

ALTHOUGH RECRUITED from different states, most of the students have similar background said Muller. For the Mexican-Americans, childhood meant winters in Texas and summers spent migrating to the midwest to find work in the fields, he said.

Tina said she always liked traveling. "I was happy to get out of school around May and go somewhere else, she said.

When she was small her family would travel to Colorado, Nebraska or New Mexico to find work. Since only those over 16 were allowed to work in the fields, the children were sent to summer school in the nearest town.

MOST OF THE HEP STUDENTS dropped out of junior high although some left school earlier, said Muller. Tina dropped out of school in Zapata, Texas—in the tenth grade—because she wanted to help out at home.

It's hard to find work in the small rural towns, said Muller, so the young people become farm laborers.

In the summer only the old people are left in town, said Tina. Wanting to travel, she spent the next two summers with the migrant workers.

In Idaho, she and her relatives lived in an old military camp. Although the buildings had no running water, they were kept very clean, she said.

Last summer Tina came to Nebraska with her uncle's family to hoe beets in Gering, close to Scottsbluff. The buildings, provided by the farmers, had no running water and the roof leaked, she said.

THE FIELD WORKERS are paid at most \$20 for an acre, which takes about a day, Tina said.

Through the efforts of a priest and a VISTA volunteer, Salazar said she was accepted for the HEP program.

Tutoring lasts about 6-8 weeks, said Muller. Each student must pass a General Education Development Examination before graduation, he said.

"As long as the student is making a genuine effort both inside and outside the classroom, we'll work with him until he passes," said the director.

CLASSES IN math, reading and science are held in the basement of Love library. The program has five teachers and NU student counselors matched on a one-to-one basis with the HEP student, said Muller.

Most of the students live in the dorms although a few are living in Greek houses this semester on an experimental basis, he said.

In the almost three years of operation, HEP has graduated 130 students, said Muller. A third was placed in jobs by the program, about 25 per cent went on to college, 15 per cent to vocational schools and 5 per cent to the military, he said.

"We could play the numbers game," said Muller and concentrate on turning out a lot of graduates. Instead, the program concentrates on developing the potential of each individual, he said.

Tina will enter Lincoln Technical School March 1 for secretarial training. She said she intends to return to Texas to find a job.

"I won't stand going back to the fields," she stated.

CSL investigates police actions

The Council on Student Life has decided to investigate police and security activities on the University campus.

Dean for Student Development Russell H. Brown said at the Friday CSL meeting that he was "concerned" about actions of police at the University.

Brown introduced a motion calling for review of policies governing campus security forces and if necessary, the establishment of new guidelines.

THE MOTION also provides for the inclusion of students and faculty members on the groups which review and establish policy, and that the policies must be made public. The plan was tabled until next week.

In other actions CSL member Kristi Chappelle, noting a recent tendency for individuals and groups to "circumvent established and recognized" channels, presented a motion urging the Administration and Regents to "reaffirm their commitment" to the established channels of procedure.

CHAPPELL SAID several persons and organizations have recently presented concerns directly to the Board of

Regents and high administrative personnel. The Regents and Administration have, according to Chappelle, "reaffirmed this tendency by a reluctance to refer these matters to the appropriate University bodies".

Her motion, which will be considered next week, states that the failure to utilize proper channels has threatened the "purposes and effectiveness" of groups like CSL.

TWO MOTIONS concerning the University discipline code were presented for consideration next week.

The first, introduced by Council member Jim Pederson, provides for a committee charged with writing a new student discipline code. It would include a faculty member from the College of Law, a representative from the Administration, a CSL member, and one student to be appointed by ASUN.

Ken Wald presented a similar proposal calling for a committee to "design a process or processes for dealing with

violation of the student discipline code".

Ron Gierhan of Student Affairs, chairman of the ASUN Legal Rights Committee, Jim Gordon, associate professor of law, Harvey Perlman and CSL members Chappelle and Roy Arnold would be asked to serve on the committee.

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