

Coed takes discrimination charges to court

by H.J. Cummins

Part-time employment for students is always hard to find, but a UNL coed said she believes it's hardest for women and is currently involved in two sex discrimination cases to change the status quo.

One complaint against the Hotel Lincoln will be heard in an open hearing December 13. Celeste Wiseblood said.

THE SECOND charge was heard in a private hearing recently, she said, which legally prohibits her from naming the respondent (business against whom she's complaining) at

this time.

Wiseblood said she applied at the Hotel Lincoln August 18 for the position of night clerk.

"And they can't claim I'm just an agitator," she said, "because I didn't even look in the 'Men Wanted' column. The State Employment Agency sent me."

Her formal charges read: "On August 18, 1971, I applied for the position of night hotel clerk at Hotel Lincoln. I was referred to this position by the Nebraska State Employment Service. Mr. James Rodney, manager of the hotel, advised me he wanted a man only.

"HE DID not ask for references or check my work history and I was denied the opportunity of filling out an application form.

"I feel I was discriminated against in hiring because of my sex."

Wiseblood pointed to Section 48-1104 of the 1969 Nebraska Civil Rights Act which makes it unlawful for most businesses to "fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual... because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin."

LEGALLY, the University

senior said, this applies to all businesses operating in Nebraska except the federal government, private clubs, Indian tribes and several other special cases.

The business must also employ at least 25 persons daily, she added.

A private hearing on her charges against the Hotel Lincoln was held October 19, Wiseblood said, but "they did not meet my demands."

This hearing followed her initial charges, an investigation by the Equal Opportunity Commission, and an opinion after the Commission studied the case that she had a "reasonable complaint," she said.

AFTER THE Hotel Lincoln failed to comply with all her demands, the Commission again decided in her favor and granted her a public hearing.

Wiseblood said she believes a final decision in her favor is important because, if she succeeds, the hotel's hiring and firing policies will be checked by the Commission for the following 18 months.

"That means if a black person or a woman is refused employment there, they'll have to have a very good reason why," she said.

WISEBLOOD, in her complaint, is asking for 1) compensation for lost wages from the time she applied at the hotel until she found a job (about three weeks); 2) and 3)

a clarification and emphatic reminder to employers, employment agencies and labor unions that jobs (unless "bonafide occupational qualifications" which is like hiring women to clean women's rest rooms during store hours) cannot be listed under the "Men Wanted" newspaper columns; and 4) all Hotel Lincoln employees are to be notified of their rights under the Civil Rights Act by posting it on the employees' bulletin board.

Wiseblood is a member of the Women's Rights Subcommittee of the UNL Faculty Senate's Human Rights Committee.

Maharishi trainee leads meditation

A course in Transcendental Meditation (TM) as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi will be offered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by Lisa Locke, a teacher of TM who has been personally trained and qualified by Maharishi.

A free introductory lecture concerning TM will be presented Tuesday, November 16 at 8:00 p.m. in Henzlik Hall Auditorium.

A SECOND lecture, also free, will be given shortly after this time, and those wishing to enroll in the course at this time will have an opportunity to do so.

The TM course involves four days, spending about two

hours each day to learn how to practice TM properly. The course fee for the 4 days of instruction and a two-year follow-up program is \$35 for students and \$75 for non-students.

Transcendental Meditation, as explained by instructor Locke, "is a simple, natural technique, involving no special skills, no change in diet, dress, moral codes, religion or philosophical beliefs. It is practiced a few minutes morning and evening, and as a result, allows the entire personality as a whole to unfold to its full potential.

"CREATIVITY, intelligence, energy and

happiness increase right from the beginning of the program, and through regular meditation full expression of mind and heart is quickly made available."

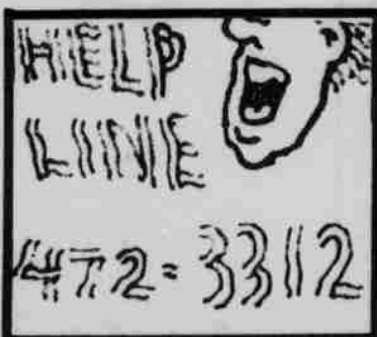
Locke stated that during meditation "the body gains a deep state of rest while simultaneously the mind expands in awareness, remaining alert."

The deep rest gained during meditation is unique and of great benefit to the entire system because it allows deep rooted stresses that have been inhibiting the normal functioning of the body to be naturally dissolved.

"TM INVOLVES turning inside, and quite naturally, the mind transcends, or experiences, beyond the finest level of thinking and directly experiences the source of thinking, a reservoir of unlimited energy creativity and intelligence," said Locke.

"TM involves no concentration, contemplation, control or effort," said Locke. It is a very simple automatic and spontaneous technique of direct experience rather than some intellectual analysis or manipulation.

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- 2 p.m. Nebraska Union-Rap with Dean Meyerson
- 3:30 p.m. Nebraska Union-Phi Chi Theta
- 3:30 p.m. Nebraska Union-Builders Tours
- 4 p.m. Brace Lab-Physics Dept. "Rosenberg"
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- 4:30 p.m. Nebraska Union-Council for Exceptional Children
- 6 p.m. Nebraska Union-Phi

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- 6 p.m. Nebraska Union-AUF Executive
- 6 p.m. Nebraska Union-Special Services Tutoring
- 6:30 p.m. Nebraska Union-Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Pledges
- 6:30 p.m. Nebraska Union-AUF
- 7 p.m. Nebraska Union-CSL
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