



# Chemist-veteran finds road to jobs blocked by Phase II

by Duane Leibhart

After years of struggling down what appeared to be the road to success, a young chemist has found the road blocked. Ken Lanka, a graduating senior at UNL, has found the job market closed for the winter.

According to the 27 year-old student, none of his colleagues have found jobs in chemistry. "Apparently the job market is closed right now; companies are probably waiting to see how President Nixon's Phase Two works out," Lanka said.

Marge, his 24-year-old wife, graduated from UNL's College of Home Economics last January, but she too has had difficulty finding work in her field. She has been out of a teaching job since graduation, even though she has had a year's experience teaching high school on an emergency certificate at Polk.

Ken and Marge, married 16 months ago, make ends meet with the \$205 a month he gets in veteran's benefits from the G.I. Bill and \$110 as a captain in the active Army Reserve. He pedals his aging 3-speed bicycle the 27 blocks to City Campus to save his automobile's gas when weather permits.

The UNL student spent two years and 10 months in the active army from Oct. 1966 until Aug. 1969. He now commands Company B, Third Battalion, 355th Regiment, an armor unit based in Fairbury, which he calls together three times a month.

Required to meet 16 hours a month for training sessions, the captain said the company

also spends two weeks of tank training during the summer at Fort Knox, Ky.

Lanka attended UNL before he was drafted in the fall of 1966. Offered a place in Officers Candidate School, he made the decision to extend an extra 10 months for the school and was graduated as a second lieutenant.

Released from active duty in 1969, he toured Europe and parts of North Africa before returning to his parents' home in Broken Bow. He then returned to the University and took up his studies again.

"Actually I consider my military career as important as my degree," said the chemist. "It would be impossible for me to get in on extended active military duty right now, though, because of the enormous military cutbacks.

"The Army is so terribly top-heavy that they are booting out officers like crazy," the reserve captain said.

"The military has given me experience in leadership and qualifications many employers look for when they are hiring," he said. Lanka said all prospective employers to whom he has written or has been interviewed by have sent him letters saying his qualifications are excellent but they can't use him right now.

Since chemists are not being hired now, he is hoping to outlast the job drought by getting into a 10-month Army artillery course for reserve officers. "My application for admittance to the school hasn't been approved yet," he said. "If I don't get into that school, I don't know what I'll do."

## Short Stuff

Five vacancies in the ASUN Senate must be filled by the end of first semester. One vacant seat is in Graduate and Professional Colleges, and four vacancies exist in Teacher College. Anyone wishing to interview for one of the seats should pick up an application at the ASUN office, 335 Nebraska Union, before next Tuesday.

KRNU will broadcast two basketball games Friday. At 5:15 p.m. Nebr. Frosh meet Platte College and at 7:30 p.m. the varsity squad plays San Diego State.

The Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship will sponsor a meeting with the Rev. Mr. Buker, Jr. in the Nebraska Union Friday at 7:30 p.m. He

will speak about Christianity, the Devil, and Eastern Religions.

Approximately 120 Student Assistants will be appointed in the University Residence Halls for the 1972-73 school year. Students interested should file an application with the Office of University Housing by noon on Friday, January 21, 1972. Applications may be obtained from the Office of University Housing, Seaton Hall or Selleck Quadrangle. Students living in a residence hall may obtain them from their Residence Director.

General responsibilities of Student Assistants include living with a group of students in a residence hall, advising student groups and assisting in the administration of the living unit.

## Twenty receive PBK honor

Twenty UNL students have been named as members of Phi Beta Kappa, an Arts and Sciences honorary. The students are all either summer school graduates or first semester seniors. The new members are:

John M. Adams, Lincoln, zoology.

Nancy Jean Armstrong, Lincoln, English.

James H. Berglund, Lincoln, law freshman.

Elizabeth L. Davidson, Lincoln, grad school at University of British Columbia.

Theresa Foreman, David City, psychology.

Carolyn Theresa Haar, Lincoln, Spanish.

Douglas E. Henslee, Bellevue, grad school at Johns Hopkins University.

Phyllis Arnold Hergenrader, Oakdale, zoology.

William H. Lyons, Tunis, Tunisia, now attending Dallas Theological Seminary.

Curtis Micka, Omaha, grad school in New Hampshire.

David E. Paas, grad school in philosophy at NU.

Rhoda E. Paas, Lincoln, grad school at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Gary Dean Penner, Aurora, sophomore at NU Med School.

Richard C. Reier, Lincoln, grad school at NU.

Stephanie F. Scholtes, Omaha, speech and English.

Gayle Ann Tweeton, Omaha, psychology and sociology.

Sandra Joe Uridil, Chadron, anthropology and Spanish.

Julia M. Vierk, Cairo, grad school at NU.

Rebecca Wesely, Waverly, history.

Patricia J. Winter, Lincoln, French.

## Nebraskans plan parade float

The Nebraska Association of Commerce and Industry (NACI) and the UNL Corn Cobs and Tassels are raising funds to enter a Nebraska float in the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami on Jan. 1.

The assistance of the local Chamber of Commerce, trade organizations, University groups and anyone else interested will be sought and welcomed to insure that the

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