

Merger increases Home Ec offerings

By Susanne Schafer

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Department of Home Economics and the College of Home Economics at UNL extended their administrative arms to each other over the summer and produced a merger that has given a new identity to the UNO department.

The department at UNO is now a division of the College of Home Economics at UNL, according to Dr. Mary Hall, associate dean of the UNO department. The Board of Regents approved the merger in July.

Previously, the UNO department was affiliated with the College of Education at UNO.

Hall said the change focuses the attention of the UNO department on a metropolitan community. Because of the location of hospitals and welfare agencies, it will give the students at UNL an opportunity to use the UNO campus and Omaha for field work in community services.

"The emphasis in home economics is now on community service occupations," Hall explained, "and the change within the college reflects this."

Home economists are needed as advisers in welfare offices, counselors in community agencies, in child care centers and community food service programs, she said.

The department at UNO has initiated three majors to meet these vocations. UNO will offer a program for home economists in community services, another in community nutrition and a third program to train high school home economics teachers to teach vocation-oriented classes.

The home economics faculty of UNO will now be considered a part of the department staff at UNL, Hall said. She was chairman of the department at UNO before the merger.

"We have created our own strengths here, but we intend to operate as a unit," she added.

The only problem in the merger is the need to orient the students to their broadened opportunities, she said.

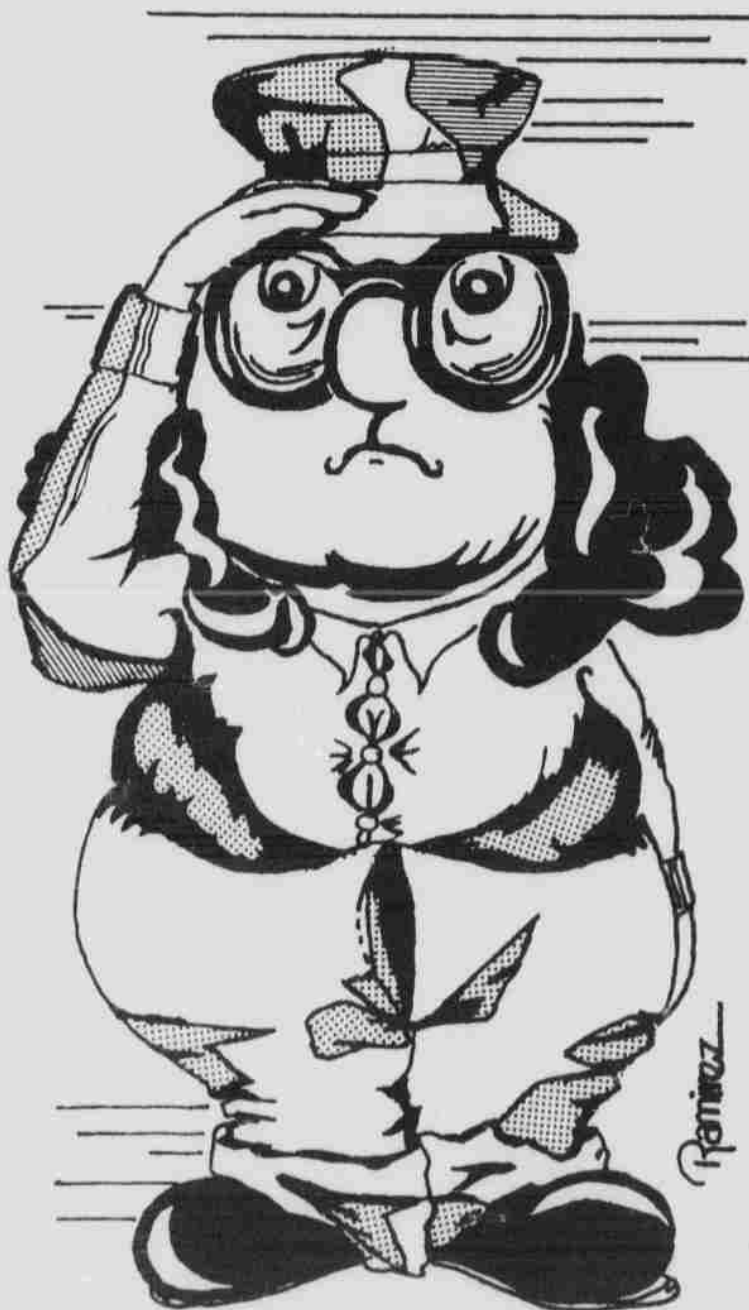
Omaha students who are interested in home economics but cannot financially afford to attend school in Lincoln will be able to begin many of the courses at UNO.

Lincoln students will be able to begin some majors on the Lincoln campus and receive their professional training at UNO, she said.

Group seeks volunteers

Student Volunteer Services is looking for groups of volunteers for activities ranging from painting a house to driving mental health patients to a social get-together club, according to Lynn Silhasek of Student Volunteer Services.

She said they also need volunteers to work as tutors for Indian children. Anyone interested should contact Silhasek at Nebraska Union 200 or call 472-2486.



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ASK adds new businesses

By Bob Ralston

After a shaky start last January, the Associated Student Ko-op (ASK) appears to be off and running.

ASK, which offers its members discounts at 24 Lincoln businesses, has doubled its membership since Aug. 13, according to manager Ken Kirk.

Kirk attributed the increase to work done by ASK's staff in soliciting new businesses. He said six businesses have been added since Aug. 13.

"Our success rate for soliciting businesses is about 50 per cent," Kirk said. "We have a master list of approximately 70 businesses we would like to see in the Ko-op."

The \$5 membership cards give UNL students, faculty and staff 10 to 25 per cent discounts at participating Lincoln businesses.

One of the criticisms leveled at ASK by former manager John Burg has been that students are not interested in the participating businesses.

Mark Hoeger, ASUN first vice president and ASK board member, said ASK is trying to improve this situation, but faces limitations.

"We've gotten more and better places," Hoeger said, "but we'll never be able to get someone like Valentino's because he's

making enough as it is." Kirk said he is trying to add more businesses to ASK.

"I feel that if we have 50 to 60 businesses in ASK, then anyone who shops in Lincoln will get his money's worth," Kirk said.

ASK is interested in getting grocery stores to participate, according to Kirk. "We've contacted five groceries but managers say they're working with a one per cent profit margin and can't afford to offer discounts," Kirk said. "I feel that a discount on food is essential to students. I'd like to see ASK start a food co-op," he added.

Kirk said \$2.50 of the \$5 membership fee is used to pay off ASK expenses, \$1.25 goes for advertising of ASK sales and member businesses and remaining \$1.25 pays for the cards themselves and staff salaries, he said.

ASK needs 1,000 new members to eliminate all debts, according to Kirk. He said ASK is currently averaging 30 sales a day.

Kirk said he will try to sell cards to ASUN senators. He said he is also planning a sales campaign for the Greek houses and dormitories.

ASK will continue to sell cards in the Nebraska Union from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Sept. 10 according to Kirk. He said cards would then be sold in the Union from 1 to 4 p.m.

Six women enrolled in ROTC

Mary Stroughton, UNL sophomore, was looking for better job opportunities and more financial security than what she thought was offered in civilian life. As a result she is enrolled in Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at UNL.

Majoring in criminal justice, Stroughton said that choosing the Air Force as a career would enable her to get equal pay with men, while having the same opportunities for promotion. Unlike civilian employment, she would not lose her seniority if she decided to change jobs.

Capt. Thomas Phillips, assistant professor of aerospace studies at UNL, said that the Air Force opened its ROTC program to girls three years ago. Two women participated in the program last year and Phillips estimated there are five more this year.

"This is something that gets them out of the female stereotype," he said.

Attracting the women to the military service is also the travel aspect and 200 areas of employment, ranging from cartography to meteorology, Phillips said.

The wide variety of jobs was also listed by Army Col. Robert Pazderka, UNL professor of military science, as being a major factor in attracting women to ROTC. In addition he said that the scholarship and physical fitness programs are drawing women to the program.

This fall marks the first semester that Army ROTC will be open to women. Pazderka said that in making the decision, the Army reviewed the Air Force program. "The Army ran ten schools on a trial basis for one year, and found it to be so successful that we opened our ROTC

programs on all the campuses to women," he said.

He noted, however, that a maximum of 20 women were to be accepted. Enrollment rosters for this fall list six women, two returnees. Upon graduation as commissioned second lieutenants, they will be able to draw \$1,000 a month, including medical aid, housing and food.

Another Air Force ROTC member, UNL freshman Sue Huff, said she first read about the women's ROTC program in *Seventeen* magazine. She later learned that both the Air Force and the Army had opened the college military training to women.

Debating whether to join Air Force or Army, she settled for the former "because my father was in the Air Force and it has a more established program." Majoring in history, she hopes to go on to law school. The Air Force will help pay her tuition or give her a leave of absence, she said.

However, Huff said that the military limits the rank that women can attain. "Military schools are closed to women, because if they opened up everything at once the shock of change would be too great." Instead, they are proceeding gradually to open areas to women, she said.

Stroughton noted that all career fields are now open to women except flying but she said she hopes this will change. Since the navigational schools are now open to women and commercial flights are hiring female pilots, both students think that the change will come.

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