

Program for study in homes gets grant

The State University of Nebraska (SUN) project has received notification of a \$297,909

continuation grant from the National Institute of Education (NIE), according to Jack McBride, SUN executive director.

The grant will be used to continue research activities of the SUN project through December 1973, while SUN's application for actual operational support from NIE is being evaluated, McBride said. He said he is confident the application for funds will be approved.

The SUN project is a multi-media approach to providing college courses at home, said Milton Hassel, director of development for the SUN project. The grant will provide for additional research into the use of television for formal adult education, he said.

Hassel said the research began two years ago at the suggestion of NU President D.B. Varner.

He said Nebraska is the only state researching such a program and will probably serve as a model for the rest of the nation.

According to Hassel, there are 20,000 to 25,000 people in the state who want to take college courses but for a variety of reasons find it impossible to attend classes on a university campus. He said these people include working mothers and fathers and the disabled.

Hassel said that besides setting up the multi-media program for the project, support from NIE will help build and staff resource centers at various places around Nebraska.

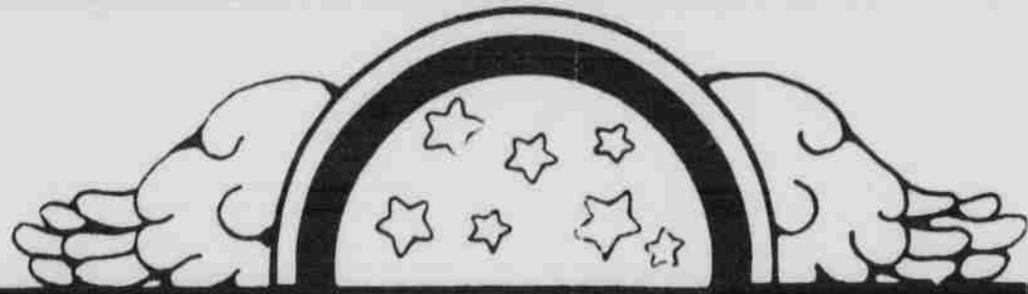
There will be a tuition charge for the courses offered, Hassel said. The charge will be comparable to regular tuition, or slightly lower, he said.

CSL to meet in dormitory

The Council on Student Life (CSL) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Schramm Hall. The meeting is open to all interested students.

Agronomy talk

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A non-credit study tour of London and Russia is also scheduled. If interested, contact Mel Luetchens, Wesley House, 432-0355.

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Overweight students figure in research

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This old adage will take on a new meaning for several UNL students during the next six months, according to Henry Balters, graduate student in psychology.

Balters is beginning a research program designed for persons who are at least 20 per cent overweight. If the program is successful, students will learn to lose weight and keep it off, he said.

According to Balters, the program involves counseling students on individual weight problems. He said the research should prove to be an "educational experience" for all involved.

Students who participate in the research first must get a doctor's permission, Balters said. The student also must submit to several psychological tests as well as pay a \$10 fee.

The fee, which will be returned after the six months of research, serves as an incentive toward completion of the program, he said.

Balters said he got the idea for the research after studying similar programs at Stanford University and the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif.

"The basic premise behind the program is that many people are overweight because of bad eating habits," he said. "If they (the participants in the research) can be made to change those habits, they should logically lose weight."

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