

Study plan adopts integrated approach

By Nancy Stohs

It won't be quite like Centennial College. The group of 25 students will be freshmen with majors in the area of social service. They probably won't live together, but will have an old house near campus or a suite in a UNL building as a social and academic "home base."

But on the surface, the freer classroom, integrated-study idea behind the learning set-up proposed by Vernon Williams, UNL counseling service director, seems similar to Centennial. At the least, it's a different way to learn.

Williams is proposing the program on a one-year trial basis starting in fall 1974, provided funds are available.

Students will receive nine hours credit from an integrated course planned by three instructors in common freshmen areas: English, science, and social science or education.

It would be offered either through teachers college or the social work department.

Williams said combining the courses should answer questions such as, "What does physics or biology contribute to what I'm going to be doing in teaching or social work?"

Williams said by keeping the class small and centering it around a common major, he hopes to offer advantages of a small community college on a large university campus.

Much of the classwork will be community-based—visiting public classrooms or sitting in on city council meetings.

He said he hopes students and faculty will interact outside the classroom too attending plays and concerts together as a group and discovering the many University resources open to students.

"We can't be effective in helping students until we look at all that affects them, not just in terms of the classes they're taking," Williams said.

Selection of the 25 freshmen students will probably be on a first come, first-serve basis, he said.

Williams said details of the program, such as grading and class assignments, will be left up to the students and instructors themselves.

He said the program would be connected with the counseling center and a counselor that can answer questions about careers will be part of the staff.



Vernon Williams



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