



this time was a financial deficiency. Most of the allocated \$480 had been spent the first semester, so the committee was working with a tight budget.

NFU made a surprising comeback in the fall of 1969. From the previous semester of eight classes and few participants sprang 34 courses and 700 registrants.

The rebirth of NFU was partially due to increased ASUN backing. For that year, ASUN appropriated \$2,500 for the NFU program.

A small amount of the increased NFU budget went for advertising, an innovation of the 1969 NFU committee. Ads were run in the *Lincoln Star* and *Lincoln Journal*, as well as on local radio station KLMS.

The balance was put into a resource fund to be used by NFU classes for special projects. The fund wasn't used much, however, because the idea was a new one and persons were hesitant to take advantage of it, officials said.

Although some of the courses were repeated from other semesters, many were new to NFU. The new courses included beginning bridge, judo, and glass blowing.

The fall 1969 edition of NFU had spent \$480 of its \$2,500 budget. This gave the spring 1970 committee a strong financial base on which to offer 26 courses.

Six hundred persons were expected to attend the classes, some of which were to be on East Campus for the first time.

One thing set that semester's program apart from any other. Almost 300 persons, about one-half the total registration, were enrolled in one course, skydiving.

Other courses that semester included civil liberties in the 1970's and revolutionary Christianity.

During fall 1970, 1,000 students registered for one or more of the 45 classes available.

NFU classes that semester dealt with everything from astrology to prison reform.

The NFU committee abolished the registration process for the spring of 1971. Instead of signing a registration list for a desired class, the student went to the first meeting of a class and was considered registered. This non-registration method simplified paper work.

Approximately 30 courses, such as fashion for the 1970's and geodesic domes, were included in the course description catalogue.

In the fall of 1971 and the spring of 1972, NFU was active, although registration had dropped from previous years.

Approximately 500 people attended the more than twenty classes provided that fall.

During that year, NFU actively supported the Lincoln Free School. The NFU committee organized several dances and sponsored what they called an alternative homecoming to raise money to support the free school.

The alternative homecoming consisted of the election of a NFU king and queen. The crowning

ceremony took place at a special dance. All of the proceeds went to the free school.

It was during this semester that the request for University credit was again made. The fight for credit resulted in the request finally being granted, as part of independent studies, for 12 NFU courses in the spring of 1972.

NFU tried to detach itself from ASUN and go community-wide, but financial problems forced them to stay with ASUN.

That year, ASUN budgeted \$1,890 for the NFU program, but actual expenses totaled \$2,300 for the two semesters.

The NFU program in the spring of 1972 was almost a carbon copy of the first semester, as far as supporting the Lincoln Free School and other activities.

That semester, 450 persons registered for the 40 classes offered.

During the 1971-72 year, NFU sponsored a teach-in on prison reform with State Sen. Ernest Chambers as speaker. NFU also arranged for a resource library of the tapes of the Time Out Conferences from the year before.

When planning for the 1972-73 year NFU program, NFU officials were dealt a blow when ASUN cut the NFU budget to \$600 plus \$460 for advertising. For this reason, a \$1 registration charge was assessed for both sessions.

The budget cut seriously hurt the advertising capabilities of NFU, which might explain the low turnout. Only 250 persons enrolled in the 35 courses available in fall 1972.

Last semester 22 courses were offered, but only about 50 persons enrolled. No reason for the drastic decline was offered, but a previous NFU committee chairman suggested, "Eliminate it (NFU). It has outlived its usefulness."

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