

# 'Historic' surgery to affect '74-75 curriculum

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"Major surgery" has been done on the curriculum of the UNL History Dept., according to John Yost, department vice chairman.

Changes in the department, which will go into effect during the 1974-75 academic year, are being made to provide more general courses for the undergraduate, Yost said.

He explained that in the past, history courses basically were designed to train students to be historians. Now they will provide a historical perspective to students in any major.

Yost outlined the curriculum changes in the four levels of courses offered.

Beginning level courses next year will include History 101, "Shaping of the Western Tradition," and History 102, "Western Tradition in Crisis."

These two courses replace a series of four courses which dealt with ancient, medieval, early modern and modern history of Western Civilization.

For one semester, area culture civilization courses also will be taught, in an attempt to expose students to different civilizations, Yost said. Courses on Africa, Latin America, East Asia and the Slavic and Eastern European worlds will be offered.

Courses at the 200 level will include multinational

and national surveys. As in the past, English, Russian, Far Eastern, and Latin American history will be included.

Two courses in American History also are included at the 200-level. These are "America to 1877" and "American after 1877."

Students can take any combination of 100- and 200-level courses to fulfill group requirements, Yost said. There are no prerequisites for courses at these levels.

One of the most important curriculum changes is the addition of more 300-level courses, Yost said. These are offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Two categories of 300-level courses that are new or revised are topical courses and contemporary history courses.

Some courses included in the topical category deal with the military in American life, science and society, religion and society in the Western world, and women in history. Courses about American minority cultures also will be offered.

The contemporary history category includes courses in contemporary American and European, modern German, French and Mexican history. The *New York Times* or *Newsweek* magazine might serve as a text for one of these classes, Yost said.

Courses at the 400 level will continue to be specialized period and thematic courses.

"While we're gearing our curriculum to undergraduate needs, we're still maintaining the capability for offering and directing work at the advanced undergraduate and graduate levels," Yost said.

The new curriculum will permit a variety of instructional methods, Yost said. A number of introductory sections will be limited to 40 or 50 students, which will make more informality possible and provide an opportunity for discussion, he said.

The option of taking larger lecture classes also will be available. Some of these classes will meet for three lectures a week, some for two lectures and one discussion and some for one lecture and two discussions.

Though he hopes for more enrollment in history courses, Yost said the changes are not a gimmick to attract new students.

"We are concerned with the quality of education we present to students. We want to find out the interests of students and meet their needs."

Course description booklets for the fall semester 1974 are available at the History Dept. office, 610 Oldfather Hall.

## calendar

### Monday

12:30 p.m.—ASUN consumer aids film—Nebraska Union  
2 p.m.—Counseling Center miniworkshop—Union  
5:30 p.m.—Mortar Board—Union  
5:45 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi—Union  
5:45 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi pledges—Union  
6:30 p.m.—Towne Club dinner—Union  
7 p.m.—Lambda Chi Alpha—Union  
7:30 p.m.—math counselors—Union  
9 p.m.—Kappa Psi pledges—Union  
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## short stuff

Innocents Society, the senior men's honorary society at UNL, is accepting applicants for membership. Applications are available in the Daily Nebraskan office, Nebraska Union 34, or in the Union Program Office, Union 115. To be eligible for membership, a student must have accumulated 85 credit hours by the start of next school year. Applications are due March 22.

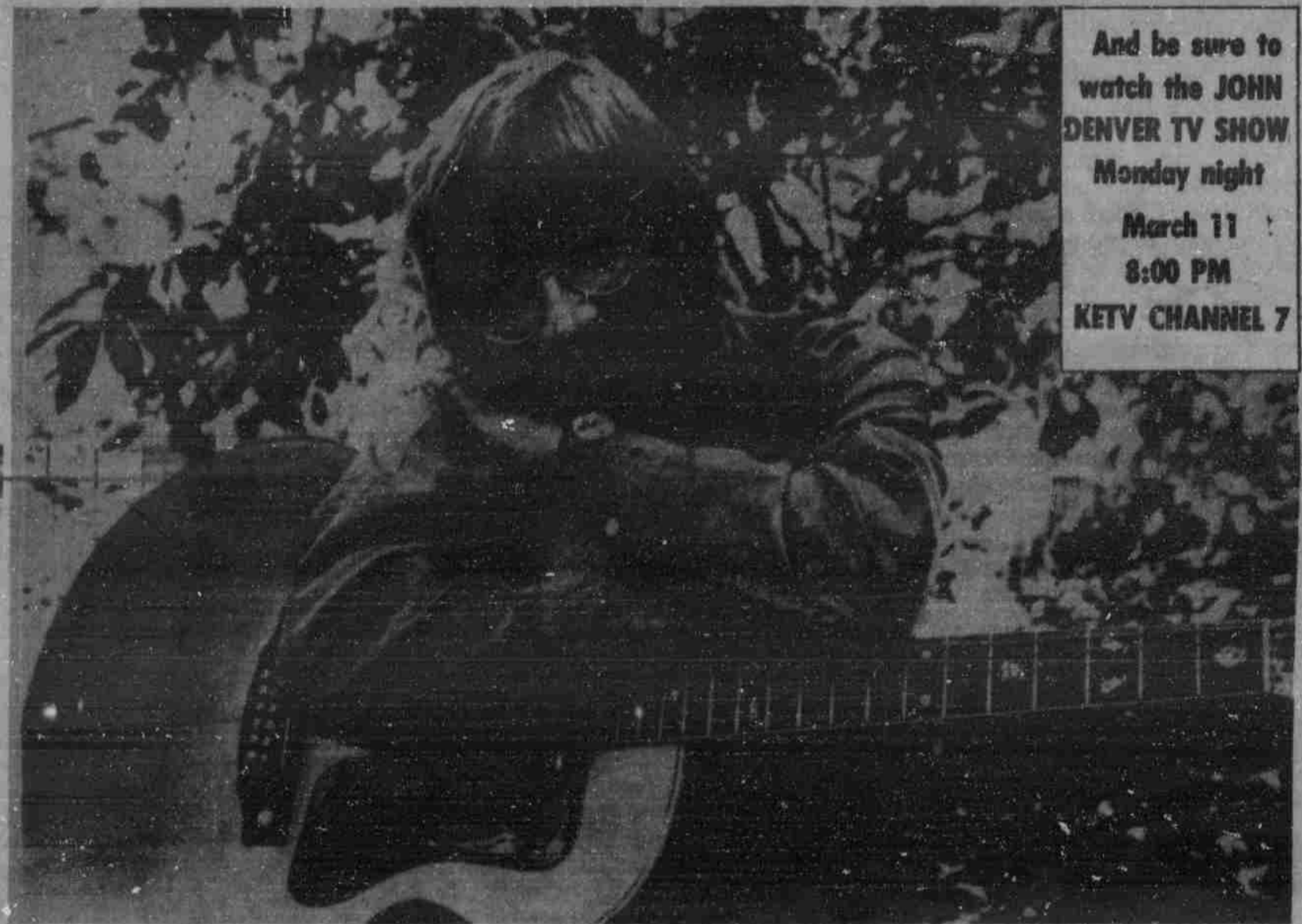
The UNL Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, freshmen women's honorary society, now is taking applications for two \$100 scholarships to be awarded April 17. These scholarships are open to junior and senior women who are members of Alpha Lambda Delta, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and presently have no full tuition scholarships. Application forms are available in Administration Bldg. 108. Deadline for applying is April 10.

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids would like to start a work study program in students' home towns. Interested students should contact Doug Sayers in Administration Bldg. 113.

Harper Hall and the Centennial Education Program will host two ASUN election debates. The first debate is at 10:30 p.m. Monday in the Harper Hall lounge; the second is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Commons Room in Centennial, Nelhardt Residential Center.

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