

Research may aid epileptics in sports

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"No."

That has been the traditional answer to persons with epilepsy who want to participate in sports.

But research being done at the UNL Physical Fitness Research Center supports a hypothesis that persons with epilepsy participate in a regular, systematic program of physical activity.

Epilepsy is a disorder of the nervous system characterized by repeatedly occurring seizures, or convulsions, resulting from uncontrolled electrical discharges in the brain. Seizures may vary in form and intensity.

The UNL research study was funded by a grant from the Epilepsy Foundation of America (EFA). Dr. Kenneth Rose developed the research proposal and received one of seven research grants given by the EFA.

Rose, primary investigator of the study, is former director of the research laboratory. He does not work full time in the laboratory since his resignation from the University Health Center last year. The research project began in 1972 and funding for it ends next January. The study deals with the effect of exercise on persons with epilepsy or related convulsive disorders, in an attempt to solve some practical problems, according to Dr. Robert Robertson, present director of the laboratory.

Sixteen epileptic UNL students between the ages of 18 and 24 volunteered to participate in the study. The research basically was designed to determine the effect of exercise on the electroencephalogram (EEG) and blood chemistry of epileptics.

The study should provide the medical profession with information to help them decide whether an epileptic individual should participate in physical activities, Robertson said. It also should help people understand that epileptics can participate in physical activities, he added.

ASUN to request budget of \$38,000

ASUN's proposed budget of \$38,195.27 for the 1974-75 fiscal year will be presented to the Fees Allocation Board today, after its revision and approval by the ASUN Senate Wednesday night.

David Howlett, ASUN second vice president, explained that the senate usually has until the end of the fiscal year before having to provide a proposed budget, but because of the newly formed Fees Allocation Board the senate had to provide a budget a few months early.

In other business, ASUN President Ron Clingenpeel said that consideration of LB783, a bill that would allow the sale and consumption of alcohol on campus, has only been postponed for this legislative session. "The bill can be reintroduced next year," he said.

A resolution, submitted by ASUN Sen. Chuck Schuster advocating the support of Residence Hall Association Pres. Tim Evensen, also an ASUN Senator, for regent was referred to a committee headed by ASUN Sen. Jim Macomber. The matter will be discussed again at next week's meeting.

The resolution, also called for a \$100 contribution to the Evensen's campaign. ASUN Sen. Art Alexander said any political donation by ASUN may lead to trouble because the association is a nonprofit organization.

Clingenpeel introduced two government bills that may be voted on next week.

It is ASUN policy to introduce a government bill a week prior to voting.

The bills propose a payment of a Record Store tax debt from senate expenses and the contingency fund, and a proposal to pay a \$50 membership fee for the senate to join the National Institute of Student Government.

Policy on visas revised

Foreign students will find it more difficult to attend schools in the United States next year, according to U.S. State Dept. officials.

The department has tightened its policy on granting visas, and is restricting entrance for foreign students who cannot prove sufficient financial resources to pay for their education. It also is administering more stringent English language tests.

Currently about 146,000 foreign students attend college in the United States, according to Rowena Boykin, UNL foreign student adviser. The University has 508 foreign students enrolled. Since the more rigid policy was passed just last September, its effects are not yet visible on the Lincoln campus. Boykin, said there is no way of telling what the outcome of the new policy will be here.

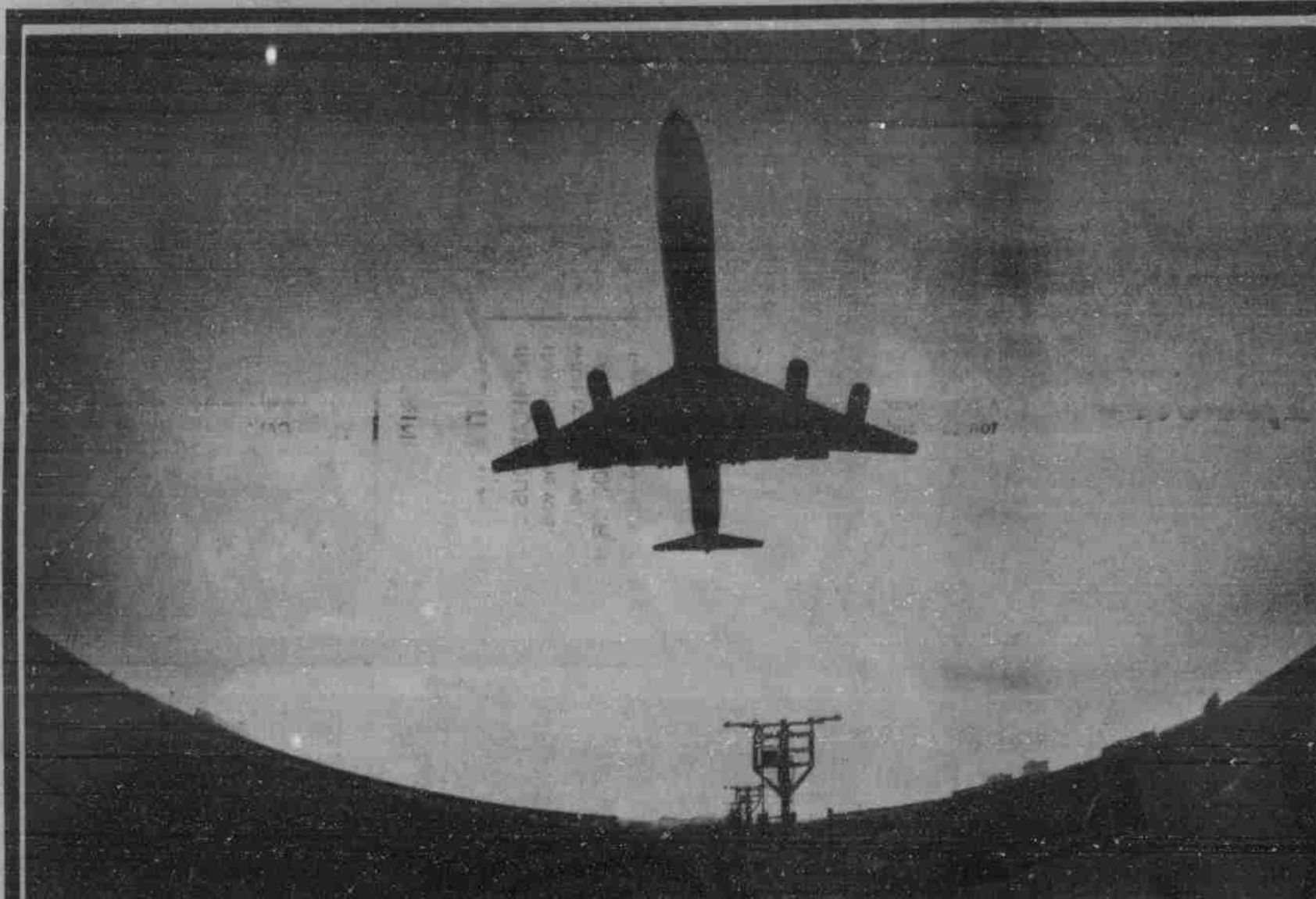
"I believe strongly in the one world idea, and the only way we'll get that is if we expose students to different types of people and different lifestyles. And we need foreign students for that," she said.

The new visa regulations stem from government concern about "illegal aliens" in the United States, according to a recent article in *The Omaha World Herald*.

However, Cornelius Scully, chief of the Visa Regulations Office and Legislative Division, said, in the article, that the number of students who are illegal immigrants is not rank high.

Students who are able to get visas or already have them also will have trouble getting wives, husbands and families into the United States, Boykin noted. "We at the Foreign Student Office believe this is an unhealthy situation to have families separated."

"America has always been a leader in international education," she continued. "This new regulation could change our whole image."



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