

## short stuff

Lawrence Meyers from the Equal Opportunity Center will speak at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Nebraska Union. The address, which is open to all interested persons, is being sponsored by Phi Chi Theta, the women's professional sorority in business administration.

The Builders request that students with new on-campus phone numbers complete a change-of-address form by Sept. 16 to record their new phone number. Forms are available at the information desk in the Administration Bldg.

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph student telephone list will be compiled after the Builder's Buzzbook, the student telephone directory, must go to press. The Builder's expect the Buzzbook to arrive in mid-October.

The Sunrise Radio Project will hold weekly Sunday meetings at 4:30 p.m. at Commonplace, 333 North 14th St. The Sunrise Radio Project has filed for an FCC broadcasting license for a nonprofit 10 watt, free form, community service, educational FM radio station.

The Media Access Project (M.A.P.), a group seeking to develop public access community television over the local cable TV company, meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Wesley Foundation, 640 N. 16th St.

Students wishing to campaign to elect Sen. Richard Marvel for governor will have an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Union.

Students may obtain applications for the Fulbright Hays Scholarship at Oldfather 1033. The deadline for returning them to the office is Oct. 1.

The Alpha Lambda Delta Regent's Scholarship Tea will be from 4-5 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Union. Persons given Regent's Scholarships this year have been invited to attend.



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## Director helped fight diseases in Asia

By Greg Wees

Representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO) asked Dr. Ian Newman to accept a job in New Delhi more than two years ago to improve health education programs in southeast Asia.

Since then, Newman has helped to douse a cholera epidemic in Ceylon and a smallpox outbreak in India.

"There are many health problems and diseases that we have conquered here in the West which are still very much a problem in Asia," said Newman, now director of the UNL Community Health Education Dept.

In India, for example, 75 per cent of the health problems are still related to poor sewage facilities and cholera, typhus and other intestinal diseases abound, he said.

Newman moved from New Zealand 15 years ago to the United States where he completed his doctoral work at Harvard.

"Technically we (the WHO team members) were in Asia just to give advice to local governments. But we actually worked side by side helping them get funds," he said.

Newman worked in Ceylon, Nepal, Thailand and India conducting workshops and teaching health education classes sponsored by WHO.

The WHO is an agency of the United Nations and in 1973 had a worldwide budget of \$100 million distributed among more than 120 countries, he said.

In Ceylon, Newman helped the government teach the people about immunization before any headway was made against cholera.

"When this information was distributed," he said, "we got some good results. People were coming in for immunization and the number of children who were immunized increased."

A contaminated water supply, aggravated by a drought that further reduced the supply, caused the outbreak, he said.

In some cases there was one water source for every 20,000 people. And it was often unfit to drink, he said.

In Thailand, Newman developed requests for funds to support medical programs. Workshops were held to train people about health education, he said.

In Nepal, he said he was exposed to cultural habits which adversely affected mother-child relationships. He said new born babies were handled too often by family members, didn't get sufficient solid foods and were sometimes improperly weaned.

"Western medicine and health techniques can't always be plugged into different cultures easily.

"You have to try to understand their basis for health education because, while the methods are different, they are sometimes as effective (as western methods)," he said.

Newman said his wife and three children suffered some culture shock during their two-year stay in New Delhi. Adjusting to the food was difficult because "by American standards it was poor," he said.

Matching western philosophies and logic with Buddhist systems of thought also was difficult, he said.

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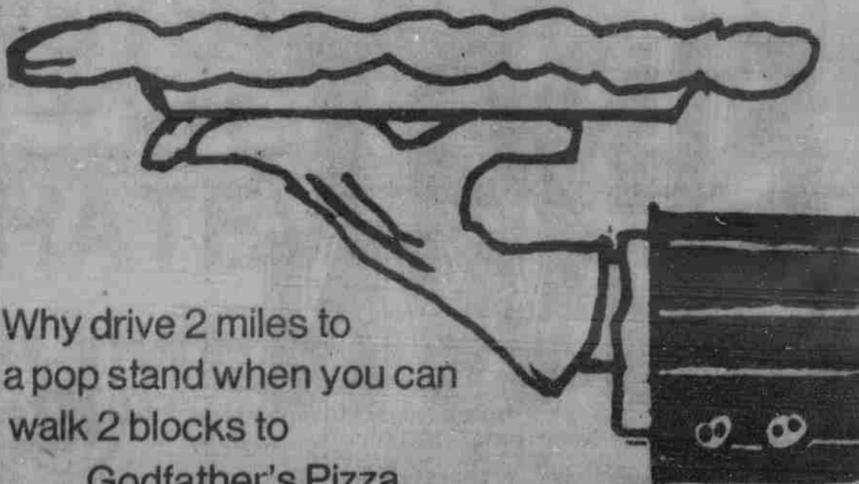
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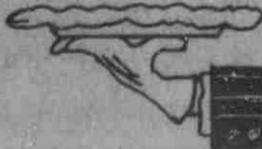
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