

Free U: alternative to tradition

Too often classroom education is tied to tradition. Departments are sometimes reluctant to offer new classes dealing with topics of immediate concern or popularity. They also hesitate to offer students new methods of learning, such as on-the-job experience.

For the student who wants a learning situation different from the 50-minute class, one alternative is the Nebraska Free University.

Beginning its fourth year, the Free University sponsors noncredit courses, lectures, workshops and discussions groups, open to anyone in the Lincoln community.

By taking a Free University course, one has a chance to meet persons and hear viewpoints he normally might not encounter on a college campus. Courses are being taught by UNL students and faculty members, businessmen, a minister and persons in the community.

Free University course topics also differ from those offered by UNL. Courses include prayer, rape prevention, rural women, silversmithing, Lamaze childbirth and more.

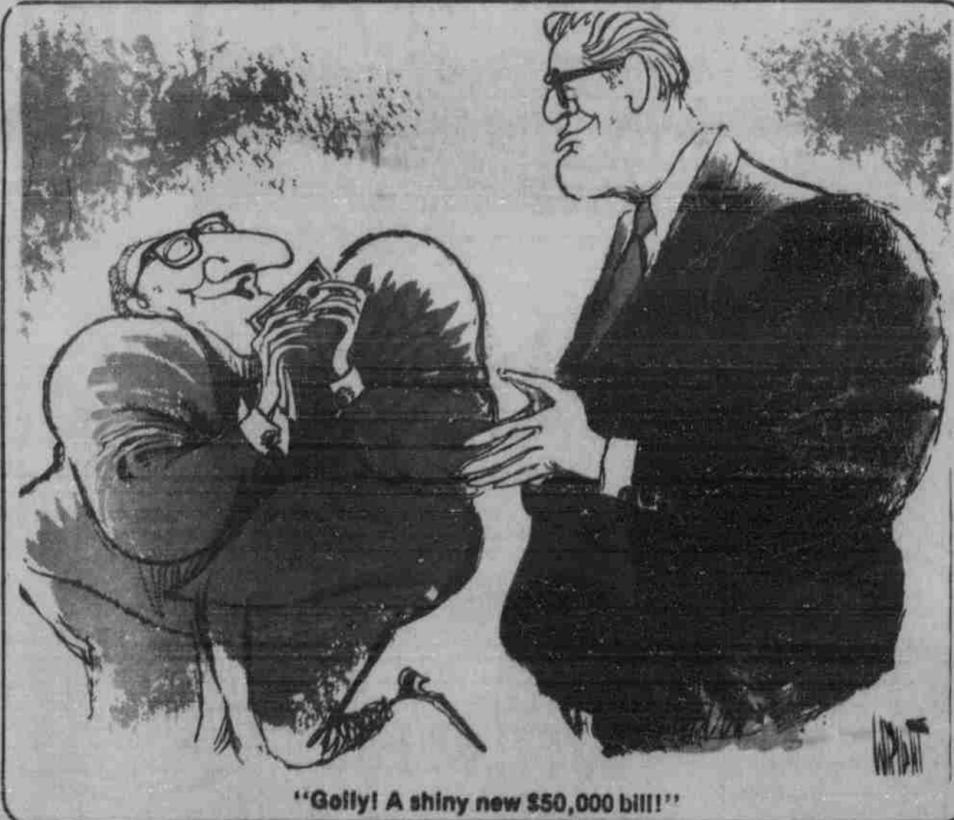
The groups plan to make films, organize on FM radio station, produce a newspaper, make jewelry and learn yoga steps.

Registration continues until Friday in the North Lobby of the Nebraska Union and on the Mall at Gateway Shopping Center.

For a \$1 registration fee, Free University students can enroll in as many courses as they wish.

At that price, any student can afford to supplement the lecture-test-term paper syndrome with another form of learning.

Jane Owens



"Golly! A shiny new \$50,000 bill!"

to the editor

Dear Editor,

The Studio Theater's production "Tiny Alice" was probably the strongest one I've seen done by the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts in two years.

I was impressed not only by the portrayal of the characters, but also by the way the cast members seemed to work with each other.

The whole production used Albee's already powerful work and, with expert directing and acting, surpassed what I had expected to see.

Kathy Connell

Suggestions solicited

Dear Editor,

I currently am working on a revision of the Judicial Code of the ASUN Student Court.

I would appreciate any suggestions and comments on this matter from any student or member of the university community.

Doug Voegler
ASUN Senator

Moot members missed

Dear Editor,

Your article concerning Kelley Baker (*Daily Nebraskan*, Oct. 10) may have left the impression that Kelley and I are the only law students participating in the Regional Moot Court Competition. Our team will also include Penny Berger, who was named the Outstanding Oral Advocate in Nebraska's 1974 Senior Moot Court Competition. In addition, a second team consisting of Dick Cummings, Becky Ross and Terry Wightman will represent the University.

These people also deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preparing for the appellate competition.

David Buntain

Band bubble burst

Dear Editor:

Were you there Oct. 5? Did you see the Nebraska football team win 54-0? Did you happen to see the Nebraska band lose 54-0? Tsk-Tsk.

Big band, little imagination. Who is selecting the routines "Big Band" does at half-time? Methinks they are bound and gagged by the very thing Nebraskans hold dear to their vegetable beef hearts—tradition.

They look so nice in their fur-phallic-lord Shiva hats. They did a fantastic tribute to Duke Ellington. Why the retreat? If they have to wait for somebody important in the music world to die, in order to slip away from the usual boom-ta, boom-ta, marchy-marchy music, interesting routines may not happen very often.

Band, pop that boola-boola bubble; stir up the dust in the cobwebbed recesses of your unimaginative minds. Hair won't grow on your lips if you do something different.

Remember, you can be replaced by a punt, pass and kick contest or a drunken Shriner quartet.

Another Abel Fable

A paragraph from the letter to the editor by Joe Julian and Bob Haller (*Daily Nebraskan*, Oct. 16) was omitted. It should have read: "We would also like to commend you paper for advocating the need for a standard salary policy. The step system used for many years by the University of California represents one of the few really viable solutions to the problem of inequity."

American finds 'me' most worthy cause of year

In 200 years, Americans have learned to respect and revere one thing almost as much as mom, apple pie and George Washington. That's the all-American virtue of supporting a "cause."

It could be world hunger, women's rights or prohibition. You might want to stamp out birth defects, spread the Gospel to the Aborigines or save the bald eagle from extinction. Then there are always the more nebulous efforts such as the "War on Poverty" or movements for world peace.

The cause never really mattered, just as long as you had an impressive list of "needy" causes to put behind your name on job applications.

That way, people in Africa keep from starving; you get your \$50,000 job. Even Steven, right?

Well, not anymore. The other day as I was thumbing through the directory of the Better Cause and Charity Bureau, I ran across a new organization—LUCAM—nestled between the Lancaster Office of Mental Retardation and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

I gave Harry Hardtimes, listed as president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and publicity chairman, a call.

"Hello? Local United Coalition for the Advancement of Me headquarters, Hardtimes speaking. 'Don't hedge—make a pledge.'"

"You really run a charity organization just for yourself?" I asked, shocked.

"Oh, no, not completely. It's actually a coalition—me, myself and I."

"Mr. Hardtimes, I don't mean to question the value of the individual, but isn't that just a little selfish?"

nancy stohs second thoughts

"Oh, no! I made my annual evaluation of all the causes available and decided this time around I was the most worthy. You have heard of inflation, haven't you?"

"After all, I've been giving to the Red Cross, CARE, the Salvation Army, Easter Seals and the college of my choice for 20 years; now I deserve to support myself."

That sounded reasonable.

"But what about people that are starving in India and Africa? What about your fellow

human beings sitting in the hospitals next door hooked up to a kidney machine? Aren't they worse off than you?"

"What about keeping myself from starving?" he asked. "Have you seen the price of steaks lately? Then there are my electric bills, the price of gasoline, my home mortgage, the loan on my car . . . I couldn't make ends meet with my job anymore, so I quit; this way I can deduct my entire income from taxes."

"How do you plan to raise money?"

Well, next week I'm going trick or treating for LUCAM, and around Christmas time I'm sponsoring a fund-raising carnival. For that I'm bringing in Ayn Rand, author of the 'Virtue of Selfishness.' This is all besides door-to-door soliciting and a 48-hour telethon.

"My real campaign drive will be in January, though, when I turn 40. Who's going to turn a poor, undernourished decent middle-class man out into the streets at the prime of his life?"

"It still sounds selfish, Mr. Hardtimes..."

"Yes, but at least I know myself personally. After all, how many drunks do you suppose the Women's Christian Temperance Union knew?"