

Grace period requested

Records now open

After the Education Act of 1974 went into effect last Tuesday, students can now look into the previously confidential files.

Friday, the NU Board of Regents, meeting at the Milo Bail Student Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, will hear a request for a 45-day grace period to work out the necessary procedures to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Before President Gerald Ford signed the law this November, a student's files were confidential information, according to Anne Campbell, corporation secretary to the regents.

Universities across the country will be allowed 45 days to work out a system to make records accessible to students, she said.

In other business, two labor leaders will appear before the regents to propose that unionized university employes be allowed to deduct their union dues from their paychecks.

Roger Schulz, executive secretary of the Nebraska Assoc. of Public Employes (NAPE) and W.E. Brennan, president of the Nebraska State AFL-CIO, requested time earlier this month for a 15-minute presentation.

Union dues should be deducted from employes paychecks, Schult said, like income tax or insurance deductions.

In other action, the regents will discuss a retirement-policy uniform for the NU system. According to the NU Bylaws, a professional staff member is retired July 1 following the month of his 65th birthday, but a member of the office staff must retire the first day of the month after he reaches 65.

The proposed change eliminates discrimination between different types of university employes, Campbell said. According to the proposal, any university employe will retire on the July 1 following the month of his 65th birthday.

Sugar Bowl lottery

Sweet news for students who applied in the Sugar Bowl lottery—all applicants will receive tickets, according to a ticket office spokesman.

Tickets may be picked up Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at the Athletic Ticket Office. Each student must call for and sign his own ticket, presenting his ID. Students who do not receive tickets may also pick up their payment refund at this time.



SUN drafts new resolution

By Mary Shackelton

The SUN advisory council decided at its Thursday board meeting to draft a resolution supporting the SUN concept and continuing funding of the SUN project.

After the resolution is approved by the council, copies will be sent to NU President D.B. Varner, the regents and the Nebraska Legislature, council chairman Thomas Keating said.

Milton Hassel, SUN development director, said he was "very pleased" with the way the SUN has progressed thus far.

The SUN accounting course has been under way for four weeks, and the psychology course is in its third week.

Class withdrawal

Withdrawal from the two classes with full refund is allowed for the first four weeks, Hassel said. No one has dropped the psychology course.

Twelve persons dropped out of the accounting course, mainly for health reasons and reasons not related to dissatisfaction with the course, Hassel said.

The average SUN student is 41 years old, Hassel said. The youngest is 13 years old, and is taking the accounting course.

"He's an extremely gifted 8th grader who is doing 11th and 12th grade work. So far, he's doing very well in the accounting course," Hassel said.

There are no admission requirements, but in cases where the enrollee is very young, a statement saying the person is capable of doing well in the course is obtained from the principal and local superintendent, he said.

Study materials

SUN students use audio cassettes, World-Herald supplements, a study guide and a weekly half-hour ETV program shown on Monday and Tuesday evening, and Saturday afternoon in their courses.

Printing study guides in newspapers other than the World-Herald is being given a "wait-and-see" attitude, Hassel said.

Learning centers located in Omaha, Lincoln, Scottsbluff and Kearney are available to SUN students. There are also 75 "mini-centers" available, Hassel said.

Five-year development plans for SUN include determining locations for future learning centers, and "finding out how



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we can find out what courses persons in Nebraska want to take," Melvin George, SUN project provost said.

Insuring funds from the National Institute of Education (NIE) and establishing a variable tuition whereby some courses such as managerial courses, would have a higher tuition than introductory type courses. Also, audit fees would raise to three-fourths the cost of credit tuition, George said.

Information important

Establishing a good information network and reaching more persons with information about SUN is another goal for the next five years.

"Not everybody watches spot TV commercials. We want to make sure the SUN system is responding and available to minority groups and persons not normally reached by TV commercials," he said.

SUN is a member of the University of Mid America (UMA), which includes Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State and the University of Missouri. These universities are in the process of developing a project similar to the SUN, George said.

While UMA is "not a controlling agency in SUN," it does produce courses available to member states, and works on and evaluates delivery systems in each state, he said.

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Male queen winner refuses crown

A battle has been fought and won—but the victor will not accept his reward. The first male ever to win the UNL Homecoming Queen title has turned down the crown.

ASUN Student Court announced its decision Thursday that Gary Brantz, the candidate with the most votes, is the official winner of the 1974 Homecoming Queen election. But Brantz said he will decline the honor.

Chris Evans will remain queen for this year.

"It doesn't mean anything to me anymore," Brantz said, "it's just too late."

The court's unanimous ruling followed a public hearing Wednesday night in the Nebraska Union, when Brantz and his campaign manager, Dennis Onnen, challenged Brantz's previous disqualification.

The two-man team filed a petition against Jim Eiberger, Corncobs president, and Carolyn Grice, Tassels president. At the hearing, Grice cited complaints of unfair campaign practices as the major reason for disqualifying Brantz.

Along with the ruling, the court issued several reasons for their decision. The court stated neither the electoral commission nor the two

campus spirit groups have the authority to disqualify a homecoming queen candidate without allowing the candidate a self defense.

Additionally, the electoral commissioner admitted no official election rules had been written or approved by the ASUN Senate, only "guidelines." The court added they were not even convinced by the evidence presented at the hearing, that Brantz had violated these "guidelines."

The court also directed that an announcement of the official winner be made at the Oklahoma-Nebraska football game, Saturday, however Brantz said he will not accept.

Brantz said he only took his case to court, "in order to prove my point."

"I thought I was treated unfairly," he explained, "and although the ordeal was a pain for many people, I just couldn't let the matter drop."

Onnen said they had spent too much time and effort to give up.

"It was fun until they started taking the fun out of it," he said.

Brantz and Onnen agreed the experience had been worthwhile, but neither would go through the time and work again. (They've won their "Queen for a Day.")