

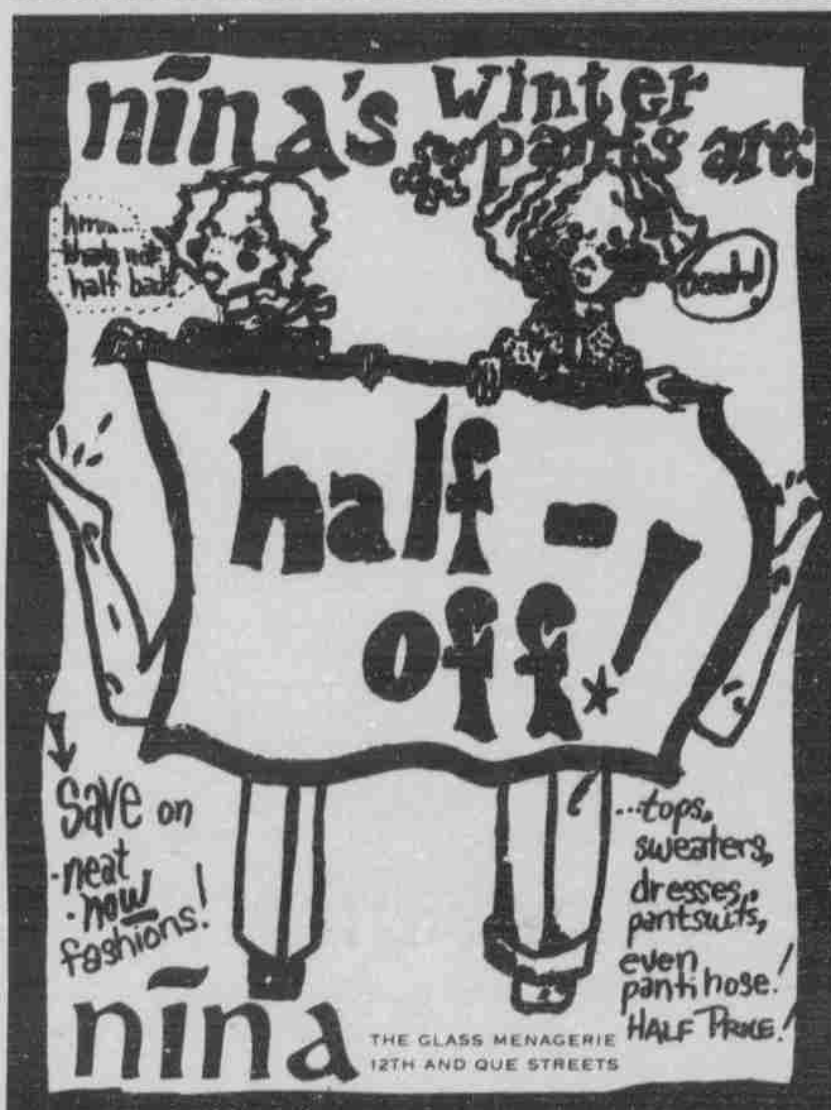
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Budget forms to request student fees from Fees Allocation Board are available in Rm. 200 Nebraska Union.

Forms are due Feb. 17th

Workshop to explain forms will be held Feb. 9th, 7:00 p.m. in Union.

Room will be posted.



Curtis farm students in demand

Four or five job opportunities is a dream for any college graduate, but for students at one Nebraska school it's reality.

The School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, located in the rolling farmland of southwest Nebraska, 230 miles from Lincoln, has an enrollment of 177 men and 78 women. It also has a waiting list for three of the six programs offered at the school.

The Curtis school was established in 1965 by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the State Legislature. It is now under the administration of the UNL College of Agriculture and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The Curtis school offers associate degrees in agri-business technology, machinery mechanics, production agriculture and commercial horticulture. Land and water and veterinary technology degrees also are offered.

Bill Siminoe, superintendent at Curtis, attributed the heavy demand for the school's graduates on the available agricultural positions in Nebraska.

"Agriculture is the primary industry in the state," he said, "and a higher number of technical-related agricultural jobs are opening up."

There has been an increase in the average age of Nebraska farmers, Siminoe said, which makes it possible for the graduates to go into farming when these farmers retire. About 40 per cent of the graduates go back to the farm, he said.

Employers seeking these graduates are farm equipment dealers, nurseries and other farm-related industries.

"The primary purpose of the school is occupational," he said. Curtis maintains a job listing for its graduates, which Siminoe said is successful. Of the school's 630 graduates, all but 30 are working in their respective fields, he added.

Siminoe said the school maintains an "open-door entrance policy" for anyone 16 years of age and older. Instruction is evenly divided at Curtis, with 50 per cent classroom theory and 50 per cent applied work experience.

To meet growing enrollment pressure at the 640-acre campus, construction is now in process on a horticulture greenhouse and buildings for production agriculture and veterinary technology.

Siminoe said the majority of students are from Nebraska, with 15 from out-of-state.

Life for students in this community of 1,000 persons is far from dull, according to Siminoe. Many have part-time jobs in Curtis and others work on neighboring farms, he said.

A full range of intramural sports is offered at Curtis. The school also has traveling basketball, baseball and volleyball teams. Faculty and students compete together in several sports, Siminoe said, which is good for morale. A rodeo club also sponsors spring and autumn rodeos.

Tuition is \$125 per quarter. During their third quarter, students work in jobs outside of school for internships, he said.

The 150 students living on campus pay \$305 per quarter for housing.

The Curtis school is funded through the general fund of the University of Nebraska and also receives some federal assistance. The budget for the 1974 school-year was \$670,000.

Opinions sought on health center

A study on students' images of the University Health Center is being conducted by telephone interviews.

The Student Council on Health, an advisory group, is coordinating the survey. John Huscher, a UNL student and co-chairman of the group, said the council is randomly calling students listed in the Builders Buzz Book and questioning them on their experiences at the health center.

"Many students have heard negative reports about the health center through the student grapevine," Huscher said, "and the council would like to dispel false notions and relay positive suggestions."

"We would just like to get across some truth," Huscher said. Another co-chairman, Steve Williams said the group's suggestions would be given to the Health Center Board. He said the board is usually receptive to ideas the student group proposes.

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