

Women's ROTC enrollment increases

Director of the UNL Navy, Air Force, and Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) programs have said there

was little change in this year's male enrollment, but all said there was an enrollment increase in the women's ROTC programs.

The Army and Air Force ROTC programs had approximately the same male enrollment, and the Navy sustained a slight decrease in male enrollment.

Colonel Lyndy C. Gunderson, director of the Air Force ROTC program, said the number of men completing the ROTC program across the nation has decreased, but at UNL only the engineering division has shown a decrease.

One of the major reasons for the woman's ROTC enrollment increase is

that the programs have just been instituted within the last several years, Gunderson said. He said the UNL Air Force ROTC Program will graduate its first woman, Jan Joseph, in June.

Commander George Florence, director of the UNL Navy ROTC program, said the increase in women's enrollment is because women now realize they can enjoy professional equality in both wages and position, a good education, and a chance to compete and work with men in their field.

Florence attributed the decrease in the Navy ROTC program to the current attitude of many people toward the military following the Viet Nam war. He said the military has been considered inhumane, and that the numerous benefits offered aren't enough to counter

present opinions.

Gunderson said he has seen nothing at UNL to indicate that students don't respect the military. He attributed the enrollment stabilization to the fact that students don't want to commit themselves as fully as needed to join the service.

Colonel Lucien Rising, director of the Army ROTC program, said an increase in personal recruitment might increase enrollment. He said when the objectives, benefits, and alternatives are presented individually to interested students, they may consider the military and make an educated decision.

Rising also said he hasn't noticed any hostility toward the military on the UNL campus and said students are quite friendly to him.

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Legislation would provide funds for agriculture television series

Nebraskans may learn new farming and ranching techniques from viewing television if a bill is passed in this session of the State Legislature.

Introduced by the Agriculture Committee, LB405 would provide \$198,000 for the production of a new agriculture series on the Nebraska Educational Television Network (NETV). The funds would finance 48 weekly, half-hour programs on NETV.

John Klosterman, David City cattleman and chairman of an advisory committee studying the series, said the programs would be designed "to convey agricultural research and information to farmers and ranchers."

He said the information would not be written research but interpreted for the farmer for easier understanding.

According to Burnill Clark, assistant program manager for NETV, the series would allow this information and research to be quickly distributed to rural Nebraska.

"Because NETV reaches almost 99 per cent of the land area of Nebraska," he said, "part of the funds would be used to make people aware of the program."

Although one NETV survey indicated only one third of rural Nebraskans watch NETV programming at some time during the week, Clark said the network may not have had anything appealing for the rest.

Most of the information reaching the farmer would be provided by the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said Duane Acker, vice chancellor of the institute.

The institute includes the College of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Service, the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, the Agricultural Experiment Stations, the Conservation and Survey Division and the Water Resources Research Institute.

Acker said information from these six divisions would be combined and would be aimed at all farmers and ranchers and "whoever else is connected with agriculture."

The programs will have segments on long-term developments in agriculture, such as prospects in grain and beef exporting and commodity prices, he said.

"Special events, such as a tractor safety field-day, also will be shown," he added.

Interviews with prominent people in agriculture also will be shown, he said.

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