

# Students, teachers: adviser time short

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles examining UNL's advising system.

By Lynn Roberts

Although advising procedures vary from college to college, most deans agree there are problems.

The most common problem cited is that students can't find an adviser when they need one.

Joan Wadlow, associate dean of arts and sciences, said she recently talked with 25 chief advisers and the lack of adviser availability was their most common complaint.

The lack of contact with advisers can be blamed on both the adviser and the student in most cases, Wadlow said.

#### Advisers teach, too

Hazel Anthony, dean of home economics, agreed that availability is a problem. She said she knows students often have trouble finding their adviser.

Part of the problem, she said, is that advisers usually teach a full load so they often are in class.

Ronald Joekel, associate dean of Teacher's College, said his department is criticized because students can't locate their advisers. But part of the blame, he said, belongs to students, who won't go out of their way to meet with advisers.

Although problems were cited by deans of professional schools, they agreed their problems were not great.

Richard Bradley, dean of dentistry, said that because of the small classes and close faculty-student contacts in class there were not too many communication problems.

"I think if there are problems we get to them," Bradley said. "If a problem is detected we try to do something about it."

#### Law advisers 'good'

Henry Grether, law college dean, said although no system is ever perfect, their system is "quite good."

Because all law classes are in the same building students spend most of the day there, Grether said, which gives students more time to contact their professors.

W. Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture, said there generally is good faculty-student communication in architecture because of the extensive contact in classes.

There are about 40 students for every adviser, which he said is an overload. He added that they are considering giving advanced students an advising role because of this.

#### Graduate advising

James Drew, UNL dean of graduate studies, said he thinks advising is more important for graduate students than at any other level, because of the close work on curriculum that must be done between adviser and student.

Their largest problem is with part-time students who work all day and don't have time to see their advisers as often as they should, Drew said.

Many colleges are working on programs to improve advising.

The College of Business Administration started an advising center this year to help with students' advising questions. Sue Warren, director of the advising center, said they try to handle paper work and general questions.

#### Student advisers

Student advisers gave information to freshmen this fall, she said.

The colleges of Arts and Sciences and Agriculture also use student advisers. Student advisers are used for transfer students and freshmen with undeclared majors, said Max Larsen, interim arts and sciences dean.

Agriculture juniors and seniors may advise younger students if they are asked to do so by the adviser they will assist. They receive one hour of credit for their work, said Dean T. E. Hartung.

The College of Engineering and Technology has an adviser's handbook which includes samples of registration forms and check lists for registration and drop and add processes.

"We have tried to outline what we feel are important points on advising," said Dean George Hanna. He added that advisers have an open door policy and encourage students to come in if they have problems or questions.

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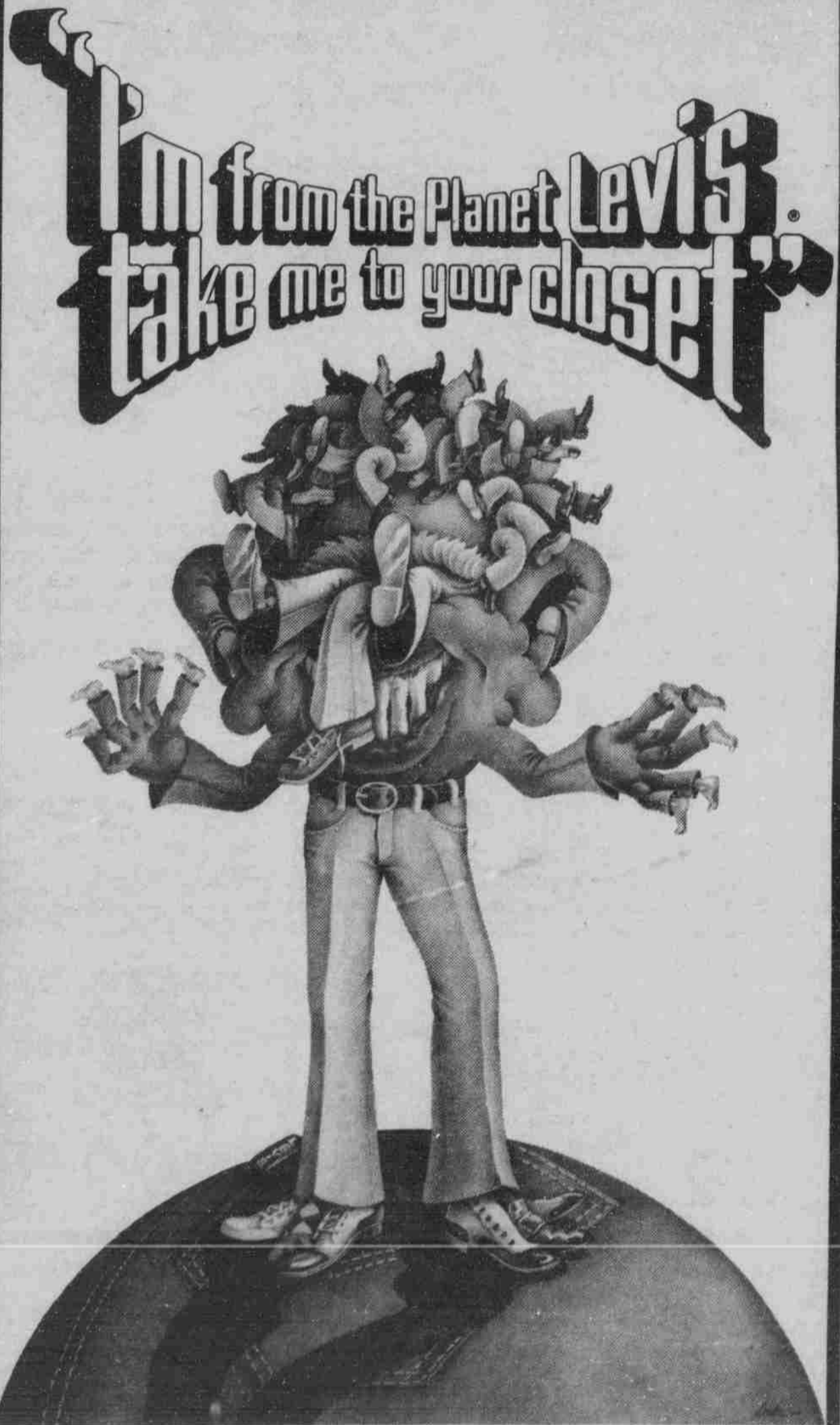
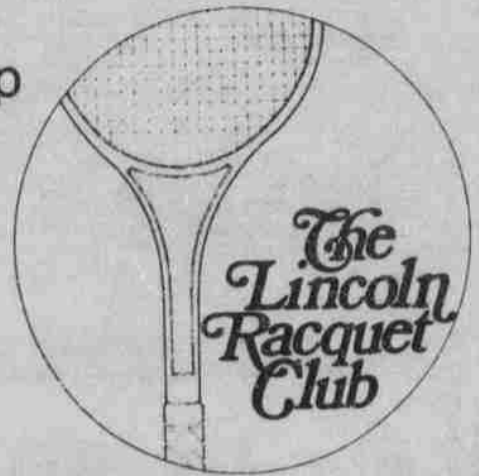
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