



Sarah Hoagland, who teaches "Moral and Political Issues in Feminism," calls the first semester of the philosophy course a success.

Photo by Ted Kirk

## Feminist class — 'success'

A new philosophy course concerned with feminist issues and women in society was added to the UNL curriculum this semester.

"Moral and Political Issues in Feminism," taught by Sarah Hoagland, was designed to analyze the women's movement and to investigate methods of changing women's roles.

As the first semester of hew new class draws to a close Hoagland describes it as a success.

"I've really enjoyed it," Hoagland said. "It's been good for sorting out a lot of things in my own mind." She said she is waiting for her students' journals to find out what their reactions to the course have been.

Hoagland described her approach in the course as an attempt to examine "different camps of feminist thought." After presenting a series of ideas throughout the semester, Hoagland ended the course with a criticism of the various ideas and a statement of her own thoughts and convictions.

### Core group

While about 30 people are registered for the class, Hoagland said 20 to 25 have been regular and active in their attendance. The class is mainly women, she noted, who came to the class with strong feminist backgrounds and a desire to learn more.

Hoagland called the group "my favorite class," adding that the people in the group made it possible to do "a lot of exciting things." Students working on final projects include one

woman who made her own film and two others who created a "celebration of womanhood" which they performed for the class.

The class began in a rather amusing way, Hoagland said, when she discovered it was scheduled to meet in the Military and Naval Science Building.

### Room a joke


"At first I tried to get it changed," she said. "I thought someone must have gotten a good laugh, and I was afraid that it could've been oppressive to meet there."

But the class adopted the room as a sort of running joke, and Hoagland decided not to move.

Having taught a similar course at Vassar, Hoagland noted that the present class is "more comprehensive and exciting." She said she plans to teach the course again next fall and also is working on plans for a class concerning the concept of femininity.

Hoagland spoke at one of the Women/Speak programs and recently spoke to a group of Naval wives and their husbands.

Hoagland emphasized that she doesn't want to see a Women's Studies Department created at UNL. By setting such courses aside in a special corner, Hoagland said she feared the program would "not be taken seriously." Instead, she said she would prefer to see women's courses remain in their present departments, integrated in regular university curriculum.



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