# news shorts

### Solar system study subject

Kam-Ching Leung, director of Behlen Observatory and UN-L associate professor of physics has been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant to complete a study of NSF-funded astronomy programs.

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Lueng will conduct the study over the next two months in Washington, D.C. The programs which he will study include solar system astronomy programs, stars and stellar evolution programs, stellar systems and motion programs, glactic and extragalactic programs, astronomical instrumentation and development programs, and the national astronomical observatories programs.

Specifically, Dr. Leung will be responsible for reviewing the objectives of the various programs, including recent accomplishments and planning for the future. Dr. Leung said he is hopeful that the study will be published by NSF in the fall.

#### Group honors UN-L prof

Leora Horning, associate professor of education and family resources at UN-L was installed as president of the national Home Economics Education Association (HEEA) at the group's annual meeting here Monday.

The UN-L College of Home Economics staff member was served this past year as president-elect of the national organization. She will serve a two-year term as president.

HEEA is composed primarily of secondary teachers in home economics. The main purpose of the organization is to provide assistance to home economics teachers in

secondary education. Each year the group publishes educational materials for its members. This year's publications deal with family life education and co-ed home economics at the secondary level.

Miss Horning is a past state membership chairman for the Home Economics Education Association. She is also a past president of the Nebraska Home Economics Association.



Gwendolyn Newkirk

### Office goes to Newkirk

Gwendolyn Newkirk, chairman and professor of the Department of Education and Family Resources at UN-L will be installed this week as president of the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) here at the group's annual convention.

In assuming the top leadership position of the 52,000-member AHEA, she becomes the first black to head the 66-year old organization.

The home economist said she is dedicated to a profession which "helps people to improve their environment by teaching them the skills needed to cope with the basic day to day problems of living."

In addition to her AHEA involvement, Dr. Newkirk is also a member of the Nebraska Home Economics Association.

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Dr. Newkirk's work in home economics has brought her recognition from many professional groups such as the American Vocational Association, the Nebraska Better Business Bureau and the American Business Women's Association.

#### Society elects Psych faculty

Two members of the UN-L Psychology Department faculty have been elected to posts in the American Psychology-Law Society.

Bruce Dennis Sales, director of the Law-Psychology Graduate Training Program at UN-L, was elected president.

David Levine, professor of psychology, was elected to the organization's board of directors.

The American Psychology-Law Society was formed nine years ago to promote effective relationships between psychology and law. The organization encourages exchanges between the disciplines in teaching, research, the administration of justice, and jurisprudence, as well as research which relates psychological knowledge and methods to legal problems.



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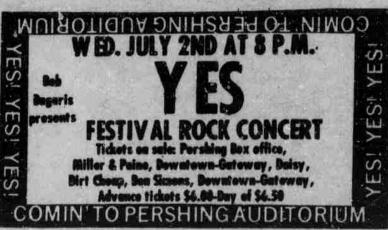
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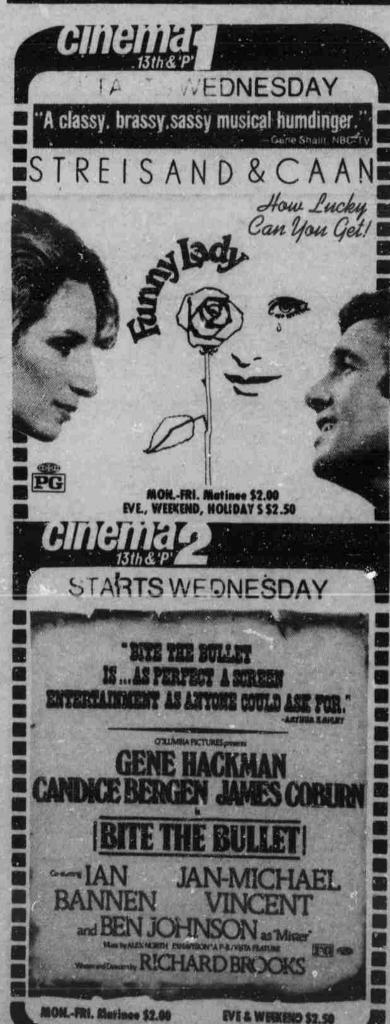
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