

# Veterans urged to use expanded aid

A minority of the 5,200 veterans at UNL take advantage of the opportunities available through the Student Veterans Club and the Student Veteran's Representative, according to the Office of Veterans Affairs.

The Veteran's Club was "originally formed out of several necessities," said Brendon Moore, past president.

The Veterans' common interests and background and the need for political strength banded them together, he said.

The Veterans Club is active in intramural sports and has recently finished a veteran's handbook which informs veterans of available benefits and opportunities, he said.

### Bill passed

In 1967 the UNL Veterans' Club realized the need for political strength and lobbying to increase the benefits of the GI Bill, he said.

The bill was passed in the form of an educational assistance act for veterans who

wanted to continue their education but needed financial aid. In the past, veterans, received \$100 a month for education. This has been raised to \$270 a month as a result of the efforts of the Veterans Club, he said.

"With the passing of the last bill," Moore said, "veterans are allowed up to 36 months for undergraduate work." The new law makes it possible to get a nine-month extension, he added. If any benefits are left after undergraduate work, funds can be extended to the period needed to graduate, he said.

The Veterans Administration also has made available low-interest loans and tutorial assistance, he said.

### Payments on time

In addition, veterans have been receiving educational assistance money on time, Moore said. Two years ago checks were frequently late, he noted.

Moore cited the installation of computers at VA headquarters in Kansas City as the reason for the improved efficiency.

Nebraska-area veterans have some benefits other veterans don't have, he said.

"Instead of paying (tuition) in one lump sum," Moore said, "you can pay in three payments throughout the semester."

This is available only for those who were Nebraska residents before they entered the military, he added.

There are "a handful" of women veterans at UNL, according to Moore. The vice president of the Veteran's Club is a woman, he added.

### Hotline

Another service available to veterans is the Veterans Education Hotline instituted by the Special Veterans Talent Search Project in Seaton Hall 1211, he said. The Hotline, available from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 472-3947 or 472-3948, is a special program in the department of Minority Affairs, which is funded by HEW.

Velmo Holm, a Hotline outreach counselor, said he "seeks out veterans who have not begun postsecondary education

and provide assistance and information about veterans benefits, job and employe referrals". Alcohol and drug treatment programs also are available to the veterans, he said.

Holm said it is "low-income veterans which we primarily service." The service is not only provided to Lincoln veterans but also to veterans throughout the state.

"We go out into the community," Holm said, and contact veterans who are low income and could not otherwise have the opportunity for an education.

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# Campus groups' counseling expand

Two things have changed since the July 1st reorganization of the Development Center for Students and Organizations, an advisory office for campus clubs.

The name was changed to the Center for Students and Organizations (CSO) and the counseling of student organization members has been broadened, said Ely Meyerson, dean of student development.

Meyerson said the 15 CSO staff members will advise organization members about such things as establishing bylaws and getting publicity. The CSO will sponsor a series of workshops throughout the 1975-76 academic year to advise organization leaders about the mechanics of student organizations.

Under the old student development framework, members of clubs received aid in planning campus activities, Meyerson said. Now CSO staff members will work more closely to advise members of all groups.

Group leaders will be able to come to the center for individual instruction under a program called Leadership Development, he said. Other organization members will receive group instruction under another program called Organizational Development, he said.

A third program sponsored by CSO is the Campus Assistance Center, which will provide all students with bulletins, campus maps and other information about UNL, Meyerson said. The campus assistance program, which is co-sponsored by the

Office of University Information is tentatively scheduled to start in February and will be located in the main lobby of the Nebraska Union.

The CSO is divided into three areas:

-International Educational Services, which will coordinate programs for international students at UNL.

-Community Involvement Services and Program Development, which is a program to place students in volunteer activities.

-Business Management and Program Development, which coordinates the financing of campus organizations with student fees.

# Enrollment expected to reach 21,000

By Liz Crumley

UNL's enrollment is expected to reach more than 21,000 this year, according to Gerald Bowker, dean of academic services.

"The exact figures won't be ready for another two weeks, so we're just kind of waiting to see where we stand," he said. "However, we are going to be up from last year's enrollment."

According to Bowker, just less than 20,900 students were enrolled last year, including students in the Graduate College and Extension Division.

"We haven't had time to analyze it," he said. "However, we heard that there are quite a few students that could not find a job. So there are some who are going to school who would not normally."

### More preregister

According to Bowker, 16,400 people preregistered this year, 15,800 did last year.

Just fewer than 3,600 of these were new freshmen, Bowker said, adding that that

was an increase from last year's 3,374. The freshman class last year numbered 3,748.

If general registration goes on as it has, the freshman class should number about 4,000, he said.

### Costly process

The main cost of the \$2,000-a-day general registration cost is salaries, he said. It is very costly compared to the preregistration process.

Analysis was done to determine the percentage of students getting the classes

they wanted through early registration, Bowker said.

He said 58 per cent got the courses they wanted on their worksheets at the time they wanted it, 29 per cent got the courses they wanted at a different time, 1 per cent got at least one alternate and 12 per cent got at least one fewer course than they wanted.

The reason so few got alternates is that no one asks for them, Bowker said.

## short stuff

Tests required for admission to Oklahoma State University's College of Veterinary Medicine for fall 1976 will be given at the veterinary school Sept. 27, 1975. Applications must be postmarked on or before Aug. 29. For more information see Paul

Landolt in Oldfather 440 or 433.

May tests will be too late for OSU admission.

The first pre-veterinary meeting will be held Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Veterinary Science Bldg.

Tours of Love Library will be held Aug. 26-28, at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., starting at the circulation desk.

Many volunteer placements now are available at Community Involvement Services of the Nebraska Union 200.

Placement for volunteers include positions at the Nebraska Penal and Correctional Complex, tutors for the Lincoln Action Program and neighborhood services for the Lincoln Labor Co-op.

Phone 472-2486 for more information.

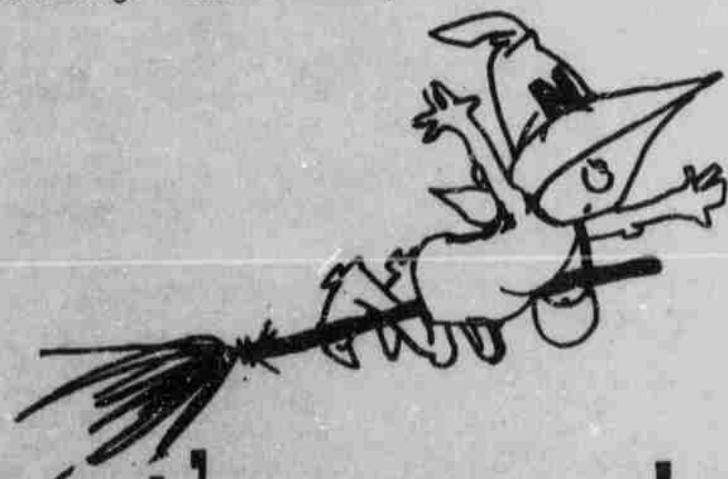
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