

Medical Center admits more Nebraska 'residents'

More Nebraska "residents" will attend the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) this year than last year, but not because of Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett's study of the school's admission practices, according to Pete Boughan, assistant to UNMC Chancellor Robert Sparks.

A July 30 article in the Lincoln Star cited the study, which is being conducted by the Legislature's Public Health and Welfare Committee, as reason for the increase.

Boughan said that although figures show that only one of the 145 students admitted is not a legal resident of the state, a recent law liberalizing residency requirements has increased the number of so-called Nebraskans. The law states that resident status can be obtained after six consecutive months of residency. Eighty-three per cent of the new class attended high school in Nebraska, he said.

Boughan also said that the fall class was chosen prior to Barnett's proposal.

The Public Health and Welfare Committee heard members of the UNMC

Admission's Examination Board Aug. 12. **Interviewing process**

"I wasn't satisfied with all their answers," Barnett said. He said he is concerned with the medical center's interviewing process.

"There may be personality clashes at the interviews," Barnett said. "The interviews carry a lot of weight, although they (the Board) won't tell us how much." Barnett suggested interviews be conducted by a panel of Nebraska doctors instead of UNMC faculty members.

Barnett said he would like to see more counseling for students who were both accepted and rejected.

Expansion of the medical school, which will accept 153 students next year, would help solve admission problems, he said.

Requirements Fair

Boughan said current admission requirements are "as fair as we can devise." To be considered for admission to UNMC, an applicant must take a national standard entrance exam and be interviewed by faculty members. A transcript of college

grades and letters of recommendations are also required.

Boughan said that LB571, a bill that increases the number of physician residencies placed in Nebraska from 233 to 283 in 1976 and 320 by July 1978, will

provide more doctors practicing rural medicine.

Emphasis will be placed on family practice residency which prepares a physician to work in small communities, he said.

Union College tuition rebate not expected this semester

A proposed tuition rebate for Union College students probably won't take effect this year, despite a five per cent increase in enrollment, according to Ron Bowes, director of College Relations.

Bowes said the California school's tuition rebate plan included a pay hike for faculty members to encourage them to recruit students. Some instructors quit when the additional responsibility was given to them, Bowes explained, and the program was dropped after one year.

The plan proposed a \$300 tuition rebate if enrollment reached 815 full-time students, Bowes said.

Registrar Anita Kiddwiler said 830 students had registered by Tuesday, 14 more than enrolled last year. But because only 780 will be full-time students, the rebate will not be paid, she said.

Bowes said college officials haven't given up, but hope enough students register so the tuition plan can be effected.

Union College, 3800 S. 48th St., became the second school in the nation to try the tuition rebate plan. The College of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. was the first, Bowes said.

Union College's plan, announced last year, included an eight per cent hike in tuition to cover a cost-of-living increase, Bowes said. He said the plan called for a slight increase in teachers' salaries.

"Our faculty wages are about those of a janitor at the university (UNL)," he said.

The cost of attending Union College is about \$3,500 for nine months, Bowes said.

Kenneth Bader, UNL vice-chancellor for Student Affairs, said a rebate plan could not be instituted at UNL unless passed by the Nebraska legislature.

"It (the plan) will bring in great flocks of students. If I were a private college, I'd be looking at things like that to cut costs."

"The idea caught the students' eye. At least they are convinced college officials are trying to hold down costs," said Myrl Manley, president of Union College.

The college is associated with the Seventh-Day Adventist church. It attracts students from a nine-state area, and primarily not from Lincoln, Bowes said.

The school has not given up the rebate idea, but will try the plan or a modification of it next year, he said.

Builders' calendar returns

The University of Nebraska Builders' school calendar is back after a four-year absence.

The calendar lists coming movies, plays, speakers, cultural events, sports schedules and frequently used campus phone numbers.

Fifteen thousand of the books were printed, courtesy of the Nebraska Bookstore, according to Clay Statmore,

chairman of Builder's Calendar and Directory Committee.

The calendars are free at Nebraska Bookstore and will be distributed by Builders to all residence halls, Greek houses, faculty and university staff members.

The calendars were last distributed in 1971, but were discontinued because of poor response, Statmore said.

Rap sessions begin soon

Gay action group activities organized

Gay Action Group rap sessions will start Sept. 4.

Groups will begin with the discussion of the novel *The Front Runner* by Patricia Nell Warren. Dave, a Gay Action Group member who prefers his last name withheld, says *The Front Runner* is "one of the few good books on gay affairs that isn't full of porno garbage."

The schedule for further sessions is flexible, Dave said. The group meets at 8 p.m. on Thursdays in the living room at UMHE-Commonplace, 333 N. 13th St. and will be shown video tapes and discuss "how to be gay in a straight world," he said. Sexual biases and prejudices against both males and females of the gay world also will be discussed.

The University's Gay Action Group is a

student organization.

The Lincoln Gay Action Group, different because it does not receive student fees, works toward the same goal.

The Gay Action Group provides the crisis Gay Rap Line and a Sunday evening Coffee House. They publish a monthly newsletter, *The Gayly Nebraskan*.

This summer the group ran an ad in *The Lincoln Journal* for the Gay Rap Line, after which the number of calls almost doubled.

Dave said Rap Line workers handle callers ranging from someone just wanting to talk, to suicide calls, medical and legal problems, and questions regarding Gay Activities in Lincoln.

The number for the Gay Rap Line is 475-5710. It is open from 8 p.m. until 1 or

2 p.m. nightly.

The Gay Coffee House is open Sundays from 9 p.m. until midnight at Commonplace. There is an admission charge of \$1 to help cover telephone expenses for the Gay Rap Line, music expenses for the Coffee House and publication of the newsletter, he said.

The Gay Action Group also has a resource center, which "has many pamphlets and gay newspapers that are not found elsewhere," he said. They can be checked out at the Gay Action Group office at Commonplace.

Flights to London, Paris

Study tours add Russia

Dreaming of Europe? Why not join the NU students who each year make that dream a reality.

During the 1975-76 winterim program, Dec. 26 to Jan. 11, NU students can take charter flights to London and Paris, said Evelyn Jacobsen, director of flights and study tours. From those two cities students will go to the countries of their choice, including, for the first time, Russia.

Registration for the tours, open to NU students, their immediate family and faculty members, began Monday, she said. Students may obtain three hours of credit by taking one of the 19 tour courses offered. The credit is obtained through the UNL extension division and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) College of Continuing Studies.

Each course will be taught by NU faculty members and most tours will have 10 students, she said.

Language requirements

The courses include studying art in Spain, economics in Paris and agronomy in Israel. Students may fulfill part of their language requirements by taking their fourth semesters of German or French. Other courses are offered in journalism, drama, English, architecture, psychology, social work, education and the physiology of aging.

Jacobsen said the class to be taught in Russia, *The Family in Cross Cultural Perspective*, has been planned for many years. The two instructors, Beth Smith and the Rev. Mel Lutchers, are hoping for 10 students.

The cost of the Russian tour, \$1,070 to \$1,120, is slightly more expensive than other tours, but includes meals and first-class accommodations not included in

others.

Tours are going to Spain, West Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, Denmark, Israel, Italy, Hungary, Holland and Belgium, in addition to those staying in London and Paris.

Round-trip fare

Round-trip fare from Lincoln to London and Paris is \$311 and \$327, \$50 more than last year's price because of a new contract with Trans World Airlines. Jacobsen said the air fare includes meals, but does not include open bar or headphone rental fees as previous flights have. These services would have cost students an additional \$6, she said.

Jacobsen said the charter flights will save students as much as 40 per cent of the cost of regular air fare.

She said fare includes a \$10 administration fee and can be increased if the planes are not filled.

Increased number

Jacobsen said the number of instructors wanting to take classes on the winterim tours has increased so much that she has asked some professors to wait until the summer of 1976.

Summer chartered courses will last two and one-half weeks between the end of second semester and the beginning of the first five-week summer session. Credit for summer flights will be announced later, Jacobsen said.

She said she has been discouraging students who want to pay for flights only. Students taking classes will have priority, she said.

Anyone interested in winterim flight-study tours can contact the Flight-Study Tour office, Nebraskan Union 204.

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