

# Home Ec. chief sees misconceptions

By Betsie Ammons

Home Economics is "a dynamic field in tune with what is taking place in society," according to Gwendolyn Newkirk, newly-elected president of the American Home Economics Association (AHEA).

Newkirk, chairwoman and professor of UNL's Education and Family Resources Dept., said she thinks it is "somewhat of a public misconception" that home economics is "just cooking and sewing."

She cited a study made for AHEA by a national research firm which showed what she called "polarization" of public opinion on home economics. An equal

number of those surveyed either viewed home economics in what she termed the "traditional stereotyped role" (cooking and sewing) and had no understanding of the profession, or understood the purpose of home economics.

The AHEA, an organization for professional home economists, tries to improve the identity of the home economics field, Newkirk said.

The original focus of the profession was on "man and his environment and his nature as a social being," she said.

Newkirk said the AHEA programs include family planning education, publishing a newsletter for home economists and

work on passage of legislative acts beneficial to the profession.

As president of AHEA, Newkirk said her duties will be to "represent the association in any capacity."

She said that presidents serve as president-elect for a year before assuming duties. She said she previously was treasurer and vice president of program development for the association.

Newkirk said her election could benefit "any time any member of a university staff gets national recognition it improves its academic climate and shows that the university does have persons in its body who are recognized by their peers."



Gwendolyn Newkirk

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### Largest bequest ever

## NU Foundation beneficiary of estate

The NU Foundation will receive approximately \$339,000 this year for scholarships and research as the beneficiary of a \$3.3 million residual estate, Chancellor James Zumberge announced Saturday at the NU Board of Regents meeting.

Adrian David, a 1908 UNL law college graduate, died in 1973, leaving the John C. and Nettie V. David Memorial Trust, named in honor of David's parents, past Lincoln residents.

A \$200,000 annual income is expected from the trust, Zumberge said.

One-half of the yearly income will be used to establish David scholarships, Zum-

berge said, which will go to academically top-ranked high-school seniors from Nebraska who attend UNL. These David scholarships will be selected each spring, beginning in 1976, by UNL's Scholarships and Financial Aids Committee.

The money also will provide scholarships for high-ranking upperclassmen, support scholastic programs of the faculty, and provide funds for an annual David Memorial Lecture, Zumberge said.

He said the annual lecture probably will be given each spring in conjunction with Ivy Day, when UNL traditionally honors top-ranking students.

Calling the trust "one of the greatest things that has happened in my four years here," Zumberge said the bequest was the largest ever received by the university.

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