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Lifelong education meets many needs

While many students are coming back to school for their college degrees, non-college credit courses provide instruction for those wishing to broaden their general knowledge, Harold Allen said.

Enrollment has increased in all areas of non-traditional education, said Allen, information officer for UNL's Extension Division.

Goals of unlimited, life-long education programs include development of background study in order to receive a promotion, relicensing or recertification for professionals and personal gratification, he said.

Continuing education serves the basic need of many adults for a high school diploma, said W.C. Meierhenry, chairman of UNL's adult and continuing education dept.

Meierhenry noted that over 384,000 adult Nebraskans do not have a high school education. This represents a larger group than all those currently enrolled in elementary and secondary education in the state's public schools, he said.

Allen attributes the increased interest in continuing education to students recognizing the need for more education and to the larger variety of continuing education programs available at UNL.

The university held 181 conferences at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in fiscal year 1975, said Allen. These conferences, for which participants receive no credit, usually last two or three days and are held for the benefit of companies or special groups who wish to keep up on the latest developments in their areas of work.

Lectures and discussions at the conferences are headed by university instructors and professionals or by guest speakers. Attendance at conferences was up 7,000 over fiscal year 1974's attendance.

Informal instruction throughout the state last year included 19,571 Nebraskans in 182 non-credit courses. Length of instruction varies according to the needs of the particular group or community receiving the instruction, Allen noted.

Training in fighting arson, for example, might be a course for community police and fire departments.

Last year, the university extension division provided part-time college credit instruction for more than 15,000 adults. Courses for credit may be taken at night or by correspondence.

Allen noted that Nebraska continues to operate the largest university-based independent correspondence study for high school and college degrees.

Individual colleges provide

In addition to the extension division, many individual colleges provide continuing education for those who have graduated from or are working in the college's area of interest.

John Lagerstrom, director of extension programs for the engineering college, said the college offers short courses and workshops in the field of technology.

He said the courses are offered either on campus or at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education. The college booked 14 such programs last year, he said.

Ronald Joekel, associate dean of Teacher's College, said relicensing and recertification law provide a demand for continuing education for teachers.

Former teachers enroll

He said many adults taking courses in the college are former teachers who have let their certification lapse and now wish to resume teaching.

Quentin Gessner, dean of continuing education college, said there is a national trend toward relicensing and updating requirements for professionals.

Lifelong education programs are a large part of the State University of Nebraska (SUN) instruction.

Any Nebraskan who has access to a television set or newspaper can benefit from SUN courses, he said. In order to take courses for either high school or college credit, students must formally enroll in the program.

Students participate in few activities

Part of a total college education is participation in activities not directly related to academics. Many of these are organizations, clubs and associations which are funded by student fees.

These groups are usually made up of traditional age university students. But what of the older, non-traditional age student?

According to Don Wesely, acting chairman for the Fees Association Board, older students have begun to complain that they should not have to pay the same amount of student fees because they don't use the facilities and clubs funded by the fees.

"We have begun to get feedback from older students about student fees," Wesely said. "It was apparent, from what they said, that they were not getting their money's worth."

Wesely said all students have the opportunity to benefit from fee-supported programs, even though they might not use them.

"It's unfortunate that older students feel they're being cheated," he added. "But, I consider their request to adjust student fees a reasonable one."

Currently, all students taking seven or more hours, pay \$61.50 in student fees per semester. Students taking four to six hours pay \$47 and a \$22 charge is made for loads

between one and three credit hours.

Students earning college credit through extension or correspondence courses do not pay student fees.

W.C. Meierhenry, chairman of the adult and continuing education dept., said one of the greatest complaints is the inaccessibility of student services to the older student.

Other non-traditional age students said they pay no attention to fee charges made on tuition statements. One of these was Mary Nordstrom, 46, who will graduate from the NU Teacher's College in May.

"I wasn't aware of where student fees were going," she said. "I'm just so happy with my education that it doesn't really bother me."

According to Irene Johnson, extension division counselor, older students usually aren't active in student organizations because they have full-time jobs, and family and community obligations.

Jean Costigan, assistant coordinator for Community Involvement Services, said several older students have done volunteer work with the group, but now there are only two older women and a few graduate students.

Jim Say, ASUN president and student regent, said there aren't any older senators in ASUN, but knows there is a 40-year-old student senator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

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