## UNL studies dietary habits

By Dick Hovorka
Those few people who carry funny bags around campus all day are providing an important service. UNL is one of "very few schools to do food diet study," said Constance Kies, professor of food and nutrition.

The bags are used to collect urine experiments.
"We have been doing food studies since the '30s," said Hazel Fox, chairman of the Food and Nutrition Dept.

Volunteers are recruited through advertisements and placed on a special diet for certain lengths of time, she said. Fox said volunteers have been students and
others, including prisoners from the State Penitentiary in Lincoln.
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The program is financed, with $\$ 10,000$,
dirn hrough the Nebraska Experimental Agriculture Station, which is part of the UNL budget. The department also receives grants from the federal government and businesses, Kies said.
The current experiment is testing the effect of fiber on zinc, Fox said.
"We think zinc may be low in our diet," she said.
Kies said the results will be published and levels of zinc in food will be recommended.

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