

# Seven UMA courses depend on \$2.6 million grant

By Sue Kissack

The University of Mid-America (UMA) will operate on a re-authorization of funds until the National Institute of Education (NIE) and UMA agree on a budget increase, according to Milan Wall, UMA public relations director.

The two groups are bargaining for a proposed \$2.6 million grant, Wall said, so UMA will operate on remaining funds from last year's budget from NIE until the grant is finalized.

He said several proposals have been offered but none has been agreed upon.

The \$2.6 million grant, an increase from last year's \$1.5 million grant, would permit UMA to begin work on or complete seven different courses next year, he said.

"At the level they're (NIE) talking about, we could only complete two courses," Wall said.

Although he would not disclose the amount of NIE's proposal, he said UMA could complete two additional courses on \$1.5 million.

UMA's fiscal year began Oct. 1, 1977 and the grant extension was made for October and November of last year, according to Wall.

### Not unusual

He said it is not unusual to start a new fiscal year without a finalized grant.

UMA develops courses using various kinds of media that can be available to others for study at home, he said. Also, it researches home media uses and adult learning

patterns and distributes research results.

By adding two new schools seven weeks ago, Wall said, he believes UMA will have a larger geographical base with which to operate and increase the potential number of people to benefit from the study operations.

Former UNL Vice Chancellor C. Peter Magrath, now University of Minnesota president, and Sherwood O. Berg, South Dakota State University president, joined UMA's board of trustees membership to represent the two additions.

The two presidents join the presidents of seven other institutions including Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, the University of Missouri, Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, the University of South Dakota and UNL.

### Ability increased

The addition increases the number of states in which

UMA can experiment and involves different people in different types of employment, Wall said. This, he said, increases its ability to do research.

The nine universities develop courses, make them available to students and arrange for credit if approved, he said.

According to Wall, Ronald Roskens, NU interim president, replaced D. B. Varner as board member after Varner's resignation as president.

Wall said Varner will carry his UMA title as board chairman until June. However, after that time, he said, he doesn't know what role Varner will play. He said Varner devotes time to UMA now and believes he will continue his relationship with UMA.

W. Robert Parks of Iowa State has spoken of possibly changing the UMA by-laws to permit Varner to remain chairman of the board, Wall said.

## Fuller to speak in Centennial Room

R. Buckminster Fuller, "The Ambassador of Tomorrow," will open the second semester of the Talks and Topics series with a 7:30 p.m. speech today in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

Fuller is an author, architect, poet and environmentalist. He has written numerous books, among them *Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth* and *Synergetics: Explorations in the Geometry of Thinking*.

Fuller may be best known as designer of the geodesic dome. There are more than 100,000 domes around the world.

Fuller has received many gold medals from the American Institute of Architects and 39 honorary doctorates.

During the past 50 years, Fuller has served at more than 400 colleges and universities as a visiting professor. Since 1929, he has delivered nearly 2,000 lectures throughout the world, including a visit in the early 1960s to UNL.

The Talks and Topics committee of the Union Program Council and the UNL College of Architecture are sponsoring Fuller's campus appearance.

## short stuff

Applications from junior men and women for 1977-78 Mortar Board are due at 5 p.m. February 2. Forms are available from residence hall directors, Greek house presidents, Panhellenic office, ASUN office, Student Activities office and the Nebraska East Union.

The movies are entitled "Ramaurshyam" and "Baazi." Tickets are \$1.50 for members, \$2 for non-members.

## calendar

Today is the last day to turn in applications for New Student Orientation Host Positions.

The Union Program Council is taking applications for the Union Films Committee. Contact the Union Program Office, Nebraska Union 115 or call Jim Anderson at 472-8209.

Phi Chi Theta will meet at 4:30 p.m. today in the Union. All committee chairmen must present reports.

The Corn Cobs will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The Baptist Student Union is sponsoring a 6:59 Rally every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The Student Legal Services Center has free booklets of tips on renting apartments. Booklets are available in Union 334 and 335.

The India Association is sponsoring movies Saturday at 2 p.m. in Henzlik Hall.

8:30 a.m. - Student Affairs Staff, Nebraska Union 203.

8:30 a.m. - New Student Orientation, Union 216.

1:30 p.m. - Career Action Commission, Union 203.

2 p.m. - Nebraska Center for Health Education, Union 232.

3:30 p.m. - Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Union 202A.

4:30 p.m. - Phi Chi Theta, Union 242.

6 p.m. - Christian Science Organization, Union 203.

6:30 p.m. - Residence Hall Association, Union 232.

7 p.m. - Baptist Student Union, Union 242.

7 p.m. - Council on Student Life, Union 216.

7 p.m. - Student International Meditation Society, Union 337.

7:30 p.m. - Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Union 202A.

7:30 p.m. - UPC "Buckminster Fuller", Union Centennial Room.

9 p.m. - UPC, Fuller Rap Session, Union 202.

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. - ASUN Book Exchange, Union Conference Rooms.

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