

# World's largest high school has no classrooms

By Marjie Lundstrom

Squeezing the world's largest high school into one small room is not as impossible as it sounds.

The Independent Study High School, housed at the UNL Division of Continuing Studies in Nebraska Hall, has a student enrollment of more than 13,000.

Only about 1,200 enrolled are Nebraskans, Principal Larry Hubka said. Students from every state as well as foreign countries also take courses, he added.

Alaska has the largest enrollment, with more than 1,700, Hubka said. The large number primarily is due to the Alaska pipeline, he said.

### Accredited diplomas

Out of state students are attracted to the Nebraska Independent High School because of its high accreditation level and the extensive curriculum offering, Hubka said.

"Most other correspondence study programs do not have the curriculum we have," he said. "Their programs are good,

but they are not as extensive."

The Nebraska Independent Study High School also can issue accredited diplomas, something most correspondence schools can not do, he added.

Most out of state students learn about the program by "word of mouth," he said, because it has existed for many years.

The program began in 1929 to expand the curriculum offering in small high schools in Nebraska; Hubka said.

"The creators found that rural schools needed assistance in developing curricula they were not able to have because of the size of school or economic reasons," he said.

The founders soon discovered that those problems were not unique to Nebraska and decided to expand the program worldwide, he said.

Although most of the program is based on "enrichment of existing curricula," Hubka said, many students receive their entire high school education by correspondence.

Students who must travel or who are institutionalized often enroll in the program to "maintain the continuity of their education," he said.

Olympic skater Dorothy Hamill and members of the Ice Capades have taken courses in the program, he said.

### Variety of courses

The school offers 145 courses that are periodically revised and updated. The range of courses is wide, offering everything from trigonometry to beginning piano.

Hubka said that 23 certified teachers provided the "individualized instruction through the written media."

All staff members maintain offices in Nebraska Hall where they plan courses and evaluate the incoming lesson material.

Hubka added that the teachers are not just paper-graders.

"They provide much more in-depth comments than a regular classroom teacher who can augment his instruction with verbal comments," he said.

In addition to a correspondence teacher, Hubka said, a student must obtain a local

supervisor who "monitors exams so they are administered under proper conditions."

Any approved adult other than the student's parents may qualify as a supervisor, he said.

### Exceptions

Although students have one year from the date of registration to complete a course, exceptions are made, he said.

"Since we are an alternative school, we try to make sure every student is successful in completing his courses," he said.

Courses completed and credit earned through the Independent Study High School is accepted by employers and other schools, Hubka said.

"We have not had any kind of difficulty with other schools accepting our credit," he said.

Hubka added that students also may receive indirect benefits from the program. Through the program, a student learns to discipline himself to study, he said.

"In a public school, a student is dictated by a bell system and a clock," he said. "In independent study, the student can procrastinate or get busy and study."

**Inventory Reduction Sale**

**40-70% off Many Items**

Overstocked books, giftbooks, music, poster and Bibles. Miscellaneous Mistakes, BooBoos, Dead Dogs and BARGAINS.

**Albums**

Mathews, Taylor and Johnson and John Michael Talbot

reg. \$5.98

**now 40% off**

Sale Downtown  
13th & P  
April 14, 15  
& 16 only  
475-4156

Sale at  
Clocktower  
70th & A  
April 27-30  
489-7533

Logos

book store

## Going buggy with bugs? Ag extension could help

A pesticide-use training session is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 26 in the Nebraska East Union Great Plains Room.

UNL agricultural extension Prof. Emery Nelson will be pesticide training coordinator.

Tom Helms, assistant dean of the College of Agriculture, said federal law requires that all pesticide applicators, both private and commercial, be certified.

Bob Roselle, UNL professor of entomology, said the law was passed Oct. 21, 1976, and was amended to extend to Oct. 21, 1977, but "the Environmental

Protection Agency is way behind in complying."

Helms said agriculture production requires restrictive use of insecticides that are highly toxic and environmentally hazardous.

The intent (of the session) is to provide a program for the undergraduate and graduate students who wish to return to the home farm and have a certified applicant on the home farm," he said.

Helms said the trainers are requesting pre-registration in Veterinary Science Bldg. 142.

## FAST CASH

**"Want it and can't get it?"**

Your answer is with  
The Lincoln Plasma People.

Earn easily \$60 per month -  
Become a Blood Plasma Donor

For further information  
Call  
**Lincoln Plasma Corp.**  
**2021 'O' St.**  
**474-2335**

**Monday - Friday 8-4**

1st Donation earns extra \$2.00 with this ad.  
One per person.

## MAURICES

GUNNY'S COMPLEX  
245 North 13th St.



### THE GOOD SPORT TOPS

...hooded 'n playful  
in summer stripes!

Whatever your game, they're easy 'n casual. Knockabouts that can bike, boat, run here, there, everywhere! Striped up, down, diagonal, this way 'n that in bright Red, Navy, Green 'n Blue. Washable poly/cotton. Sizes S-M-L. Slip into one today!

**\$10 and \$12**

Mon. - Sat. 10-6  
Thurs. 10-0

Fashion doesn't cost a fortune at MAURICES!