

# Accreditation team will review UNL, med center

UNL and the NU Medical Center will be reviewed next week by a North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accreditation team.

The team will examine both graduate and undergraduate programs for general accreditation, according to Eugene Trani, NU assistant vice president for academic affairs.

In addition, the 11-member accreditation team intends to meet with a group of students selected by the current and former ASUN presidents, Greg Johnson and Bill Mueller, respectively.

According to Ken Marienau, 11 students were chosen to meet with the team.

The meeting will be Monday in Chancellor Roy Young's office.

"As I understand it," he said, "and right now I do not, they (the accreditation team) are going to check to see that the information the university is feeding them is correct."

Marienau said the meeting was arranged by the chancellor.

The students who will meet with the team are Tony Williams, Carolyn Grice, Shari Patrick, Doug Crary, Scott Cook, Don Wesely, Eric Chapman, Rick Martin, Marienau, Ken Havelka and Dave Siegel. ASUN secretary Mary Johnson also will attend.

The accreditation team will be at UNL through Wednesday, Young said.

The purpose of the team's visit is to make recommendations, Young said. The team will give him an oral report of its findings before it leaves, and a written report a few weeks later, he said.

A similar accreditation team recently

gave the University of Nebraska at Omaha a full accreditation. In its written report, the team said UNO should be accredited at the specialist level and placed in a 10-year evaluation cycle. UNO had been on a five-year cycle. The specialist level is the highest level possible.

The accreditation team includes college educators from across the country.

## Prof. lends hand to wrist

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has contracted with a UNL professor to complete work on a mechanical wrist to be part of a tele-operated arm for collecting solar energy in space.

Leendert Kersten, associate professor of engineering mechanics, has completed Phase I of the project, the design development. Phase II, the design of the hardware, will be completed by the end of June, he said.

Phase III, the construction and testing of a workable prototype, will begin when the university receives the \$31,000 from

NASA needed to complete the project. Phase III should be completed by May 1978.

The arm will allow astronauts or ground control personnel to build and maintain machinery in space.

Kersten explained that it is dangerous for an astronaut to be outside his space capsule, so the tele-operated arm, mounted on a moveable pod, is a good alternative.

He added that the wrist must have the ability for the three movements—yaw, pitch and roll. To make something that complex and still strong enough for space work is complicated, he said.

## NPI would charge county

A bill introduced in the Nebraska Legislature proposes that the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute (NPI), a part of the NU Medical Center, charge Douglas County for the care of county residents.

The bill would authorize the NPI to charge the same fees for patient care as do state regional centers.

A 32-9 vote Wednesday favored the introduction of LB538, which will be referred to its sponsor, the Appropriations Committee.

The bill says NPI Director Merrill Eaton will determine patient care costs, which would be subject to approval by the NU Board of Regents.

The county would be immediately charged for costs of patient care, support, maintenance and prescribed treatments upon the bill's passage.

The charges would not include the cost of education nor the costs of capital construction, the bill states.

Lincoln Sen. Shirley Marsh said county residents elsewhere pay for the cost of patients in psychiatric institutions.

She said she thinks "residents of every county should be treated the same," endorsing that residents of Douglas County pay for patient costs of residents.

She said NPI proposes a charge of \$15 a day for the first 30 days of treatment and \$3 a day for treatment extending beyond that time.

Ulrich Sen. Douglas Bereuter also supported the bill. He said the medical center needs the cash funds to offset budget problems created by extinguished federal funds.

He said NPI needs some \$140,000 which patient fees could help offset.

Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly agreed that NU would be left short without the additional funds. He said a \$150,000 state reimbursement to the county for psychiatric services goes to Douglas County Hospital.

## Earthworks

Earthworks, a three piece folk group, will be at Oscar's this Friday and Saturday night. Do some listen'in and sippin this weekend at Oscar's.



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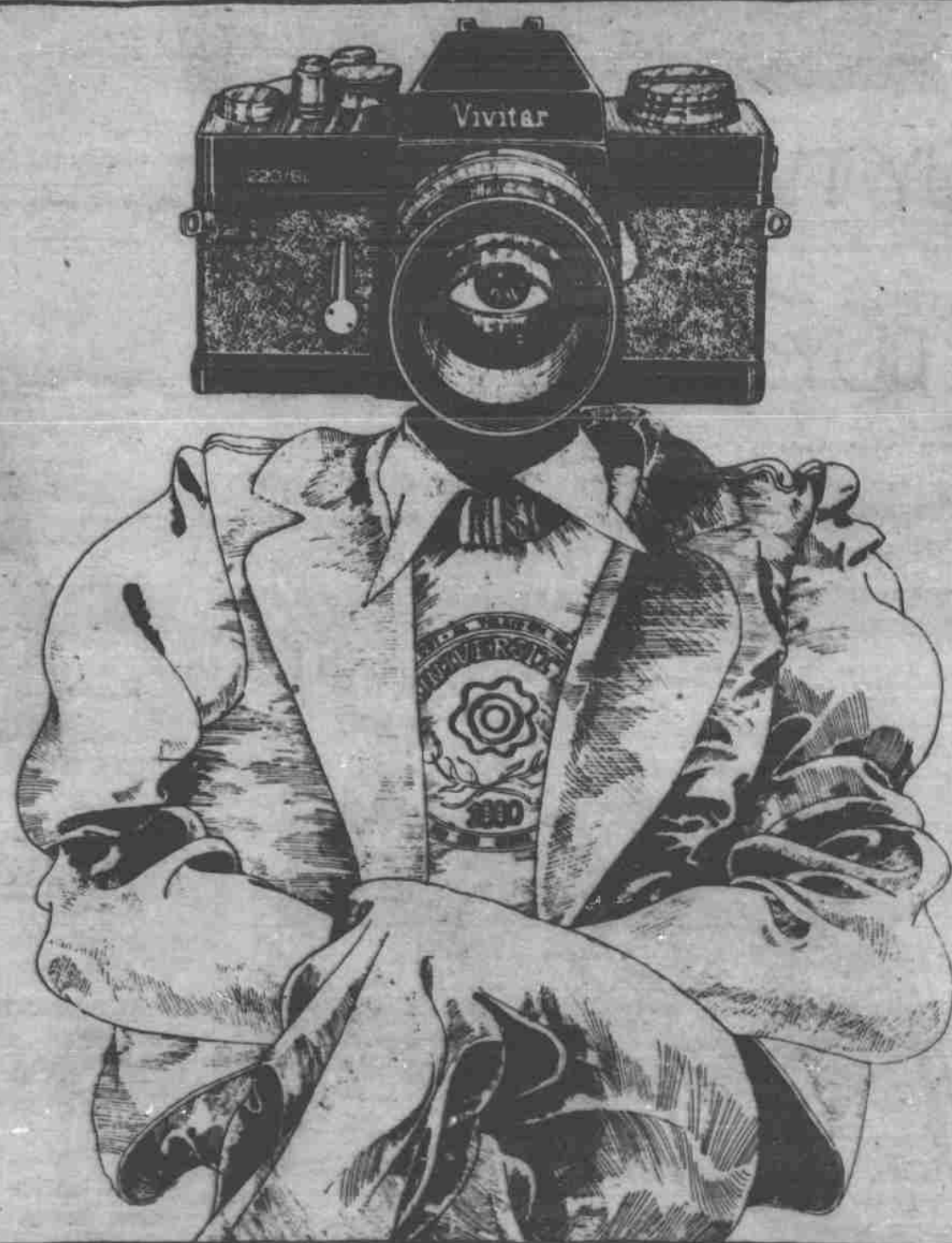
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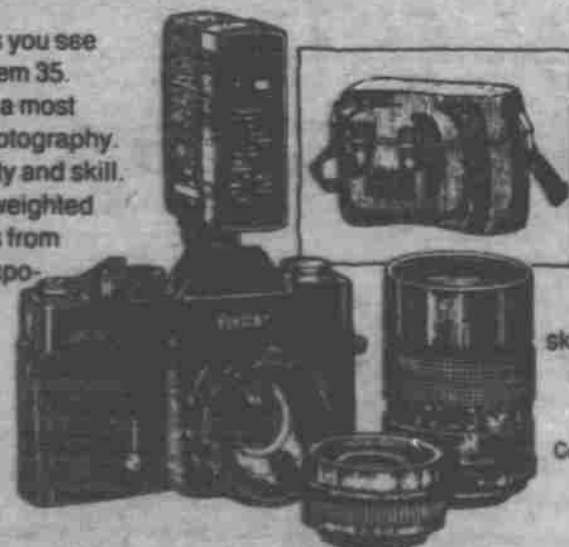
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