

## UNL professor gets \$31,100 for mini-computer

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$31,000 to a UNL computer science professor for development of an integrated mini-computer learning center.

UNL Assistant Computer Science Professor Sharad Seth said he is going to integrate a newly purchased micro-computer to a mini-computer and its peripheral devices already in the department.

The system will be used in two courses in the fall for computer science students and electrical engineering, physics and chemistry students.

The courses will deal with designing products that use a micro-computer. These products include micro-wave ovens, ignition control in cars and computer games.

"In the long range, I am hoping to use the lab as part of a joint lab with electrical engineers and physics students. We're exploring the possibility of sharing with departments, so that the micro-computer could be used as one facet of electrical engineering and physics," Seth said.

## Little do grad students know...

There will be a change in the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Aptitude Test next fall, according to Don Sutton, assistant director of the Career Planning and Placement Center.

The revised GRE test will include a section on analytical skills, as well as sections on verbal and quantitative skills.

The change was a result of research initiated by the GRE board, which included the consultation of administrators, faculty members and students from schools across the country. The study concluded that analytical skills were related to academic success.

UNL was not involved in the change, said Frank Hallgren, placement director.

"We have nothing to do with the contents of the test, we just give it," he said.

There have been no inquiries by UNL students con-

cerning the change, Sutton said.

"They're probably not even aware of it," he said. "There is little they can do about it, and there is no way to study for this test."

Sutton said UNL was notified about the change but he did not know specifically what it would include.

"Strange as it sounds, we never see the contents of the test," he said.

According to Janis Somerville, GRE program director at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N. J., the new section will include questions concerning the analysis of explanations, logical diagrams and analytical reasoning.

Not all UNL students planning to attend graduate school take the GRE, Sutton said. Different colleges require different tests. Most of those taking the GRE at UNL are in education or liberal arts.

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