

Career advising helps smooth path for incoming 'exploring' freshmen

By John Ortmann

UNL students are explorers in the world of knowledge, according to Lawrence Bundy, director of Undergraduate Advising.

"With 4,000 freshmen you will get some variety," Bundy said. He added that many freshmen are here to sort things out at first.

He said that while there is no discernable movement from one field to another, he has noticed shifts over time related to what fields have received a lot of publicity.

Bundy said this often results in students entering fields they have no real interest or aptitude in.

"A lot of the students we deal with are frustrated, haven't planned or taken advantage of career-planning help," Bundy said.

In this respect, UNL is typical of large land grant universities, Bundy said, but added that UNL draws a capable group of students. Bundy said that while UNL has an "open door policy" on admissions, 80 per cent of freshmen come from the top half of their graduating classes.

Career booklet

Bundy said career advising is a growing concern at the college level. UNL conducted an 18-month study that resulted in a Career Assistance Resource Handbook. Bundy said the handbook covers career opportunities in most college and department majors.

The handbook is available at libraries and from students' advisers. Bundy added he would like to see the handbooks given to all freshmen but no money has been budgeted for this.

Frank Hallgren, director of Career Planning and Placement, agreed that UNL students are explorers. Students in college often discover new interests and fields they did

not know existed, he said.

"We feel that it is healthy for people to explore," Hallgren said.

Last year was one of the best in recent years in terms of offers to graduates, Hallgren said. Of the recruiters who came to UNL, most were looking for engineers, accountants and other career oriented people, he said.

Flexible careers

Hallgren said few liberal arts graduates got jobs that were directly related to their fields of study. Hallgren pointed out that such people often take jobs where personal qualities are more important than acquired skills. He said marketing requires aggressiveness and sales ability and if the person has these qualities, field of study is of secondary importance.

Hallgren thinks Nebraskans have broader horizons in picking a career than some other groups. Nebraskans believe they can do more things and are more flexible in career choices, he said.

"Nebraskans are not as conscious of stereotypes of what is appropriate for a college graduate," Hallgren said.

Hallgren's office sends a letter to each graduate one month after graduation to learn employment status. Of 411 May graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences, placement office files indicated 62 were employed at graduation. 189 planned to attend graduate schools and 188 were unemployed.

Hallgren said many factors enter in to the unemployed total. In addition to those who are unable to find work, he said, some plan to move to other parts of the country before seeking work, some have spouses who have found work in other areas and some have married and given up career plans.

Summertime personnel changes made at UMA

The University of Mid America (UMA) has undergone a number of personnel changes this summer which could alter the management profile of UMA.

UMA is a consortium of nine Midwestern state universities. It was founded in 1974 to develop television-based open learning courses for colleges and universities across the country.

Gene G. Gage, president and director of the American-Scandinavian Foundation in New York City, was named secretary of UMA's board of directors and trustees. He is a native of Palisade, a Lincoln Southeast and the University of Nebraska graduate.

Named as the delivery system coordinator for UMA was Dr. Wayne Hartley. He has been assistant to the dean of the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Kansas (KU). He served on a number of projects while at KU.

He will be in charge of the development and delivery divisions of UMA.

Another personnel change was the resignation of Dr. Ronald J. Turner as director of development and assistant to the executive vice president of UMA.

Sheldon...

Sheldon will feature the milestone film, *The Battle of Chile*, by Patricio Guzman Oct. 26 through 29. The film portrays the rise and overthrow of Salvador Allende's Popular Unity Government in Chile.

In the process of filming, the crew had to use different sets of false press credentials, put up with searches of their homes, kidnappings and arrests. The film was smuggled bit by bit out of the country. The three-hour, two-part series has won numerous awards including the Grand Prize at the Grenoble International Film Festival.

"One of the most important films will be our last film, *Food from Trash* by Gary Hill," Ladely said. "Gary is from Lincoln and the film is a part documentary-fiction-

narrative on garbage men in Lincoln, and it stars local people."

The Sheldon Film Theater also is taking some new directions with the creation of the Film Research Library, of files on filmmakers, film periodicals, books, and reviews.

"The film theater needs donations in addition to attendance," Ladely said. "We need any large tax-deductible donations, as well as donations in the box outside the theatre. We also need volunteers to sell and take tickets and workers in the film research library."

Ladely said he hopes this year's series will equal or be better than last year's, which attracted 40,000 viewers.

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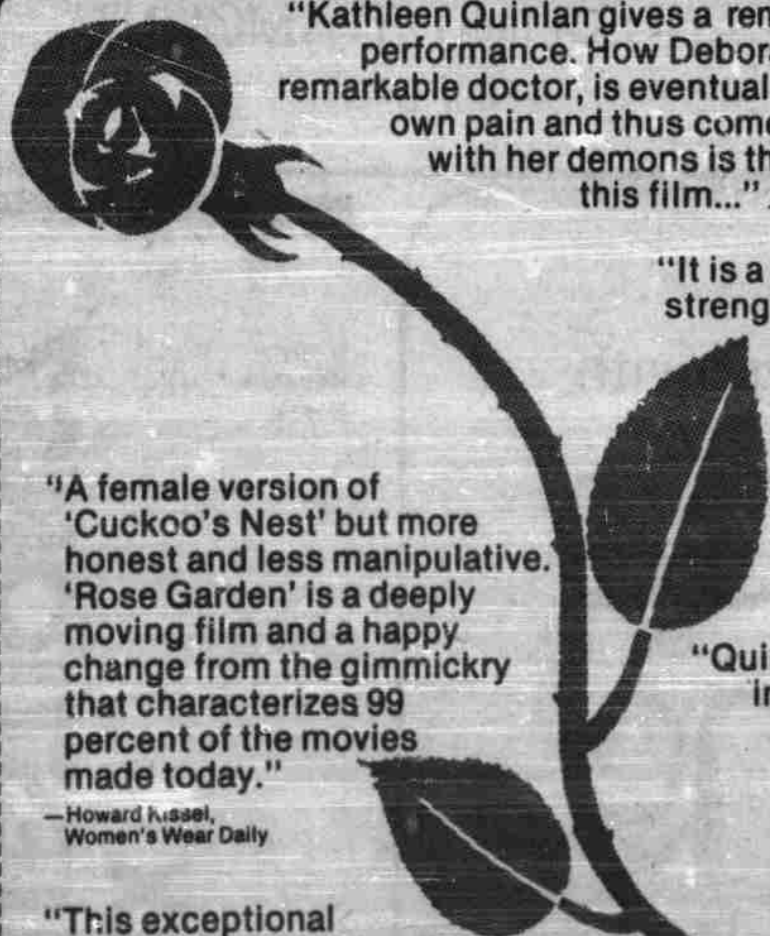
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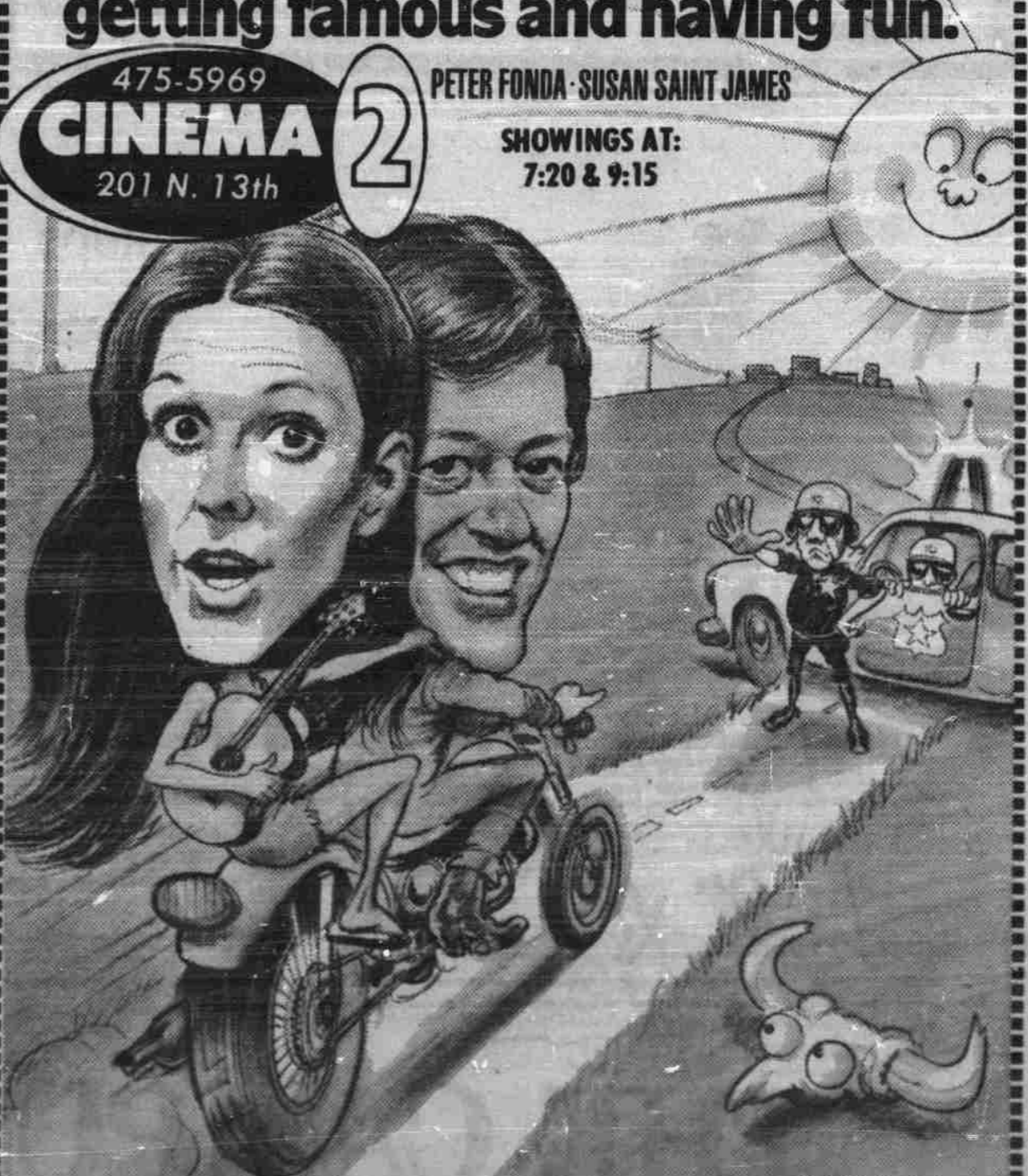
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