

Omaha center to provide job training, counseling

By Tam Lee

The target date for the opening of an Omaha center for displaced homemakers is Oct. 1, according to Lincoln Sen. Jo Ann Maxey.

Maxey, who sponsored the Nebraska Equal Opportunity for Displaced Homemakers Act in the last session of the Legislature, testified last week before a Senate subcommittee in favor of federal funds for displaced homemaker centers.

The Omaha center, in the YWCA building, will aid any

person who has worked in the home for several years providing free household service to family members, is not gainfully employed, has difficulty finding a job, and was dependent on income from either another family member or the federal government and is no longer receiving that support, Maxey said.

The center can accommodate a maximum of 30 people at one time. They will be eligible for no longer than six months, she said.

Maxey estimates that approximately 20,000 displaced

homemakers between ages 35 and 64 live in Nebraska.

The center will provide job counseling and training, job placement services and legal, financial, educational, nutritional and health counseling, Maxey said.

Some of the workshops offered by the center may deal with divorce and the law, job finding, growing old, resume writing, skill assessment, health care, assertiveness training, widowhood, employment resources and lifelong planning, she said.

Most of the people who will come to the center for help will be divorced or widowed women, said Mary Beth Johnson, director of the Omaha YWCA.

"The major problem with most of these women is little confidence in their own ability or skills," Johnson said. "Many centers find this type of counseling is the primary service they offer."

The center will depend on volunteers in the community who are willing to donate their time, Maxey said.

Johnson said the center will seek the help of organizations already providing employment and counseling services to the center according to Kay Hood, director of women's support programs, there.

UNO will offer individual and group counseling and non-credit courses dealing with assertiveness training, single mothers, women and health, rape, spouse abuse, the Equal Rights Amendment, death and dying, personal growth and development, insurance and credit, Hood said.

Fees may be charged for some of the courses, but no one will be turned away for lack of money, she said.

The center will be able to use UNO rooms, and a staff employee will be hired by UNO, Hood said. The Legislature appropriated \$93,860 to finance the center for one year. The money will be used to hire a staff, buy supplies, equipment, pay for utilities and travel expenses and the remainder will be given to the women who need financial support, Maxey said.

Americans divided on Lance issue

Washington—Bert Lance said the American people know him much better after three days of televised testimony to a Senate committee about his personal finances. But an exclusive Associated Press poll shows his testimony left Americans almost evenly divided over whether the budget director should resign or stay, and many had no opinion.

More than a quarter of those interviewed in the first national public opinion poll after Lance's testimony said they still had no opinion on Lance and the allegations of irregularities in his personal and business dealings. The AP poll, conducted Monday, found the Lance controversy

facture of acrylic fibers, but the proposed ban does not cover those products.

The FDA tried last March to halt the use of acrylonitrile in soft drink containers after an interim report of a study by the chemical industry linked the chemical to possibly cancerous lesions in the central nervous system and growing in the ear ducts and mammary regions of laboratory rats.

Pay raise

Washington—President Carter announced Tuesday he is granting a 7.05 per cent pay increase effective Oct. 1 to 3.4 million federal white-collar workers and military personnel. The across-the-board hike followed a recommendation made by Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall, Budget Director Bert Lance and the Civil Service Commission.

The same figure was endorsed by the President's advisory committee on federal pay. A group of federal employe union leaders had asked for an 8.8 per cent increase. The raises will cost about \$3.4 billion.

Arraignment postponed

Helena, Mont.—The arraignment of James V. Wilson and Donna B. Mitchell on charges of murdering a dunderance owner and his wife was ordered postponed Tuesday at the request of defense attorneys. Wilson, 28, and Mrs. Mitchell, 22, both of Lincoln, Neb., are accused of deliberate homicide in the Sept. 6 shooting deaths. District Judge Peter G. Meloy rescheduled the arraignment for next Monday.

The bodies of L. Kenneth McLean, 67, and his wife, Marion, 41, were found Sept. 7 in the Alice Creek area about 10 miles northeast of Lincoln, Mont. Also charged with deliberate homicide in the case is Andrew C. Sunday, 36, also of Lincoln, Neb.

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has left a tarnish on President Carter's image. But the damage to Carter apparently was limited, since Americans' appraisal of his performance in office remains positive.

The poll found about 38 per cent of those questioned thought Lance should resign. But almost as many, 35 per cent, said he should stay in office. Almost 27 per cent expressed no opinion.

FDA tries again

Washington—The Food and Drug Administration is trying for the second time this year to ban the use of plastic beverage bottles containing acrylonitrile, a chemical linked to cancer in animals and humans. The chemical was used until a few months ago in plastic Coca Cola bottles and some Musselman Fruit Products juice containers.

It also has been used for years in margarine tubs, vegetable oil bottles, plastic food wraps and in the manu-

short stuff

A few scholarships are available for an educational pre-school for foreign students' children, ages three to six on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Contact the Office of International Educational Services, Nebraska Union 345 by Thursday.

Interviews for prospective members on the Student Advisory Board for the Health Center will be Monday, September 26 at 4 p.m. in the conference room of the Health Center. For an appointment call 472-2102 ext. 241.

Those wishing that their names not appear in the Buzz Book should stop at Nebraska Hall 209 before Sept. 30, 4 p.m.

Professor Mordecai Marcus of the UNL English Dept. will read from his own poetry in the library.

lounge of Andrews Hall 229 today at 3:30 p.m.

The UNL Meds will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the Union. Dr. David Cooley will speak on "An Internist Specializing in Rheumatology."

The UNL Campus Gold, a branch of the Girl Scouts of America, will meet at 5:30 p.m. around the Union fountain. Bring a sack supper.

Students to Save Wilderness Park will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the Union. Room number will be posted.

Phi Epsilon Omicron will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The American Society of Interior Design, student affiliation, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Home Economics Building 31.

The Community Involvement Service needs a volunteer to help a student in a wheelchair get from place to place on a short term basis for a class project. Call 472-2484 or stop by Union 200.

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