

# Two years of UNO program transferred to UNL

By Mary Jo Pitzl

University of Nebraska at Omaha industrial engineering students will have to travel to UNL to complete their degrees, as a result of NU Board of Regents action Saturday.

The board voted unanimously to transfer the last two years of UNL's industrial engineering program to UNL, where faculty and classroom size are larger.

The regents also decided to accept federal grants for NU's health profession schools, received a progress report on a task force to study quality education in Nebraska and were given a preliminary view of testimony the university will present before the Nebraska Postsecondary Education Advisory Committee at an open hearing in Kearney today.

Memorial Stadium expansion, although discussed earlier at the business affairs subcommittee meeting, did not surface at the regents general meeting.

George Hanna, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, told the 11-member board that with only one industrial engineering professor at UNO, "the only possible alternative would be to reduce the third and fourth year offerings at UNO."

Hanna explained that the first two years of the major still will be offered at UNO, which does not break an agreement the university made in 1972 when the engineering colleges on both campuses were consolidated and headquartered at UNL.

UNO student regent John Malone questioned whether it would be more economical to move a few UNL profes-

sors up to Omaha rather than require all industrial engineering majors to come to Lincoln. Hanna said this was an impractical idea, since UNL has better classroom equipment and UNO only graduates two to four students a year with industrial engineering degrees.

It was pointed out that consolidating this program complies with the Nebraska Legislature's efforts to eliminate duplicate instruction in state colleges.

**Minden regent Robert Raun will present testimony to the Postsecondary Education Advisory Committee tonight in Kearney, See p. 7**

Minden regent Robert Kaun presented a copy of the testimony he will present to the Nebraska Postsecondary Education Advisory Committee tonight. His report says

the regents are in "basic agreement" with most of the role and mission statement for Nebraska higher education, but suggested a few wording changes.

In other action, the regents voted to continue acceptance of federal capitation grants. At the November regents meeting, Wilber regent Robert Prokop said the university should consider not accepting these grants, as they set certain admissions standards which the university would have no control over.

Saturday, UNMC Chancellor Neal Vanselow said that since Congress recently eliminated federally-set admission standards, the university has few objections to capitation and enrollment-based federal grants.

Vanselow reported that if UNMC were to refuse capitation grants next year, it would lose about \$821,000. Without the enrollment-based grants, the dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and medicine schools would suffer a \$1,258,000 cut-back, Vanselow said.

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# Tractors come to Lincoln to sow seeds of change

By John Ortmann

He was old, windburned and just a little amused as he stood alone, watching the crowd. He was just there to observe, he said, adding he was close to retirement and phasing out his central Nebraska farm operation.

He hadn't made up his mind about the strike yet, he said, but he thought he could hold his grain crop off the market if it would raise prices.

Strike or not, he said, the situation was more serious than many people realized. He explained he had been annoyed Saturday morning by Lincoln residents making derogatory remarks about the tractorcade over Citizen's Band radios.

The balance of the crowd, estimated by Lincoln Police at 7,000, was enthusiastic about the American Agriculture farm strike set to begin this Wednesday.

The rally and morning tractorcade were organized by the group to call attention to the proposed strike. Strike backers hope to hold farm products off the market and refrain from non-necessity buying until their goal of 100 percent parity is reached.

Ceresco farmer Milton Hagaman, attending the rally with his son, said he would hold his hogs and cattle from the market if he would take a loss on them.

Corporations will take over agriculture if the family farmer goes under, resulting in

price fixing and higher consumer prices, Hagaman said.

The fear of corporate farming also brought Lincoln school-bus driver Sim Gurwitz to the rally.

Observation of major industries led him to the conclusion that investor capital must be kept out of agriculture, the New Jersey native said.

The crowd, which rally organizers said arrived on more than 5,000 farm vehicles, applauded when told by Nebraska Governor J. James Exon that the true story of rising food prices is not being told.

An increase in prices paid to farmers should not cause a rise in food prices at the retail level, Exon said, because middlemen account for most of the cost of food.

Bert Evans, UNL economics professor told the group 100 percent parity simply means the farmer will receive enough to pay his bills.

Evans, who also farms near Bloomfield, said the federal government should establish permanent programs the farmer could depend on from year to year.

The practice of bigger and bigger farming, which has been promoted by the United States Department of Agriculture and other institutions, is not the answer, Evans said. Big farming works to the advantage of the farmers' suppliers, not the farmers, he added.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Tractors of all sizes and shapes rolled through Lincoln streets as part of the Farm Strike rally Saturday.

# 'Encouraging signs' keep Yoder going

By Anne Carothers

Although she spoke of a young Japanese girl slowly dying from radiation sickness, after the Hiroshima bombing, Kaye Yoder's voice was quiet. If she felt any bitterness, any rage; neither her face nor her voice showed it.

"The girl had heard a Japanese legend that if she made 1,000 paper cranes (by folding and cutting paper to look like a crane) she would be saved," Yoder said.

She paused.

"She got to 900 before she died," Yoder said.

Yoder, a 60-year-old political activist from McPherson, Kansas, has been in Lincoln for the past week speaking on nuclear disarmament and nuclear pollution.

Yoder participated in the 1977 Japan Peace Walk last summer along with 40 other Americans. The purpose of the walk and the World Conference against A and H Bombs which she attended, was to express the desire for the elimination of nuclear weapons, Yoder said.

Although she is now concentrating on speaking out against nuclear weapons, Yoder has been politically active for more than 10 years with other issues such as the feminist movement and protest against the Vietnamese war.

The small soft-spoken woman said she is not scheduled on a speaking tour; she just goes to speak whenever people call her and want her to come.

Speaking before large groups does not come naturally to Yoder and she said she would rather do other things such as talking with small groups of people or participating in marches to express her concern.

"I don't care to speak to large groups but it has to be done," Yoder said.

She also minimized her work as a political activist, answering questions about herself with quick short answers, immediately moving on to reveal various facts and horrors about nuclear weapons.

"I don't see myself as doing much. It is everyone working together doing things," Yoder said.

Yoder, however, does much to express her concern such as the Japan Peace March, a U.S. walk for disarmament, traveling to Washington twice a year to talk with her congressmen, circulating petitions and speaking to various schools and church groups.

Although change is slow, Yoder said it is not feelings of bitterness or rage that keep her working toward her goal. She explained that she sees "enough encouragement from people along the way" to keep her working.

"I don't get angry with people for not acting or seeming apathetic, but I admit I would like to see things stepped up a bit," Yoder explained.

"A lot of people say if we pray we'll be safe. I don't see that. I think I have to do things," Yoder said.

Yoder's husband, Russell, is not active in political issues as his wife is.

"He likes it better when I stay home. I like it better too, but there are things that have to be done," she said. The Yoder's have three married children.

Yoder's optimism for change continues and she said she is convinced that the key to that change is educating the public.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Kaye Yoder demonstrates a drum used to keep time with chants. The drum was given to her as a souvenir by a monk who participated with Yoder in the 1977 Japan Peace Walk protesting the use and development of nuclear weapons and devices.

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