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## UNL high school course receives full accreditation

There is no football team, no school band or even a fight song, but the UNL Division of Continuing Studies Independent Study High School has become a fully accredited member of an organization of 4,500 schools in 19 states.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools gave its first accreditation of a university-based independent study high school to the UNL program last week.

The NCA is the nation's largest regional accrediting association.

"Accreditation by the NCA means the school has met the rigorous standards set for members," said Quentin Gessner, dean of continuing studies. Gessner said the 4,500 member schools of the Commission on Schools sets standards for the NCA.

"The standards signify that the school has the resources, personnel and leadership necessary as preconditions for effective education," Gessner said.

The high school has around 12,500 students enrolled, an average of 125 students graduate each year, according to Jim Augustyn, a continuing studies counselor. He said most diplomas are issued to overseas students.

The school serves students in 49 states and 130 foreign countries, making it the largest university-based independent study high school in the United States.

Independent Study Director Monty McMahon said 50 percent of the enrollments are outside Nebraska and another 40 percent are overseas.

NCA accreditation must be renewed each year, McMahon said.

"Continuation within the NCA requires an effort by the university to make certain that the potentiality for quality education remains unimpaired," McMahon said. NCA membership assures the individuals served through independent study that the school has met those standards which good schools consider imperative for effective education.

The school has been able to issue a Class A diploma to students meeting graduation requirements since 1967, when the Nebraska State Department of Education first granted accreditation.

The school holds no graduation ceremony, but its graduates are now recognized as having completed a qualified high school program.

## Fall, spring Daily Nebraskan tie for best newspaper award

St. Louis, Mo. — The Daily Nebraskan tied with itself for the best student newspaper at the Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists regional convention here Saturday.

The Mark of Excellence award was given to the 1977 Fall Daily Nebraskan under the editorship of Rex Seline and the 1978 spring Daily Nebraskan under the editorship of Ron Ruggless.

The Mark of Excellence awards are given for student articles and publications in a six-state region.

Both Daily Nebraskans now go to na-

tional Mark of Excellence competition with award winners from 11 other regions.

Section B, the fall Daily Nebraskan magazine section, received second place in the student magazine category. It was edited by Michael Zangari, now a columnist for the Daily Nebraskan.

Other winners in the Sigma Delta Chi Competition were: Joe Starita, second-place editorial writing; D. Chetley Kraft, second place television depth reporting; and Susan Frieke, second place radio depth reporting.

## UNL alumni reunion planned

UNL alumni will be back on campus Friday and Saturday for the annual university reunion.

Jack Miller, vice-president of the Alumni Association, said invitations have been mailed to classes of 50, 40 and 25 years ago and to all people who graduated more than 50 years ago.

All alumni that come back pay their own way, so graduates of any class can attend, he said.

Scheduled events include dinners, luncheons, tours of the campus and an awards presentation, in addition to the individual class reunions, said Miller.

"About 600 in all are expected to come," he said, explaining that the exact number would be difficult to know since there are lots of different events over the weekend and some people may just attend one event.

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