

Amtrak travel booms

Amtrak trains are expecting a record year because of the fuel shortage.

While some industries are experiencing hard times because of the fuel shortage, others are having record years. Amtrak is one prospering business.

Greg Giespert, ticket clerk at Lincoln's Amtrak station, said Amtrak is seeing a record year not only because of the fuel shortage, but also because of airline strikes.

Amtrak, which began in 1974 because major railroads no longer wanted to offer passenger service, was in financial trouble prior to the gas shortage and had considered ending cross-country passenger service completely.

Now, according to Giespert, Amtrak is carrying a maximum of 500 passengers daily.

Giespert said Amtrak will continue for at least two years, and then will be reviewed to see if the service will stay in existence.

Because of the increased number of people riding Amtrak, Giespert said Amtrak will be getting more modern coaches called superliners.

Amtrak has passenger service to every state except South Dakota.

Giespert said the farther the distance of travel the cheaper the rates will be. For example, a Lincoln to Denver trip costs the rider 8½ cents a mile, while from Lincoln to San Francisco it costs 7 cents a mile.

First Big Fling offers

Blackberry Winter tonight

The year's First Big Fling begins tonight in conjunction with the first football weekend. FBF will be an outdoor dance held on East Campus, according to Scott Easterly, UPC-East committee chairman for dances and concerts.

The dance will last from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the parking lot north of the East Union, he said. Those attending will be able to dance to the music of Blackberry Winter, a local rock band.

Easterly, said he is hoping for a big crowd and thinks many people will be around because of the home football game. "People will be pretty excited," he said.

The only thing worrying Easterly is the weather. Though there is not much threat of rain, the forecast calls for cool temperatures, he said. He hopes that will not keep people home, he added.

There is no admission charge.

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The UNL community is invited to participate in a series of events related to present Nicaragua's situation (political and socioecological).

PROGRAM:

Documentary Film: "Nicaragua, September 1978" (provided by the National Network for Aid to Nicaragua)

Time & Place: *Nebraska Union (Main Lounge); Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, and Friday 21st at noon. **East Nebraska Union (Great Plains Room) Tuesday at noon.

Two Lectures to be given by:

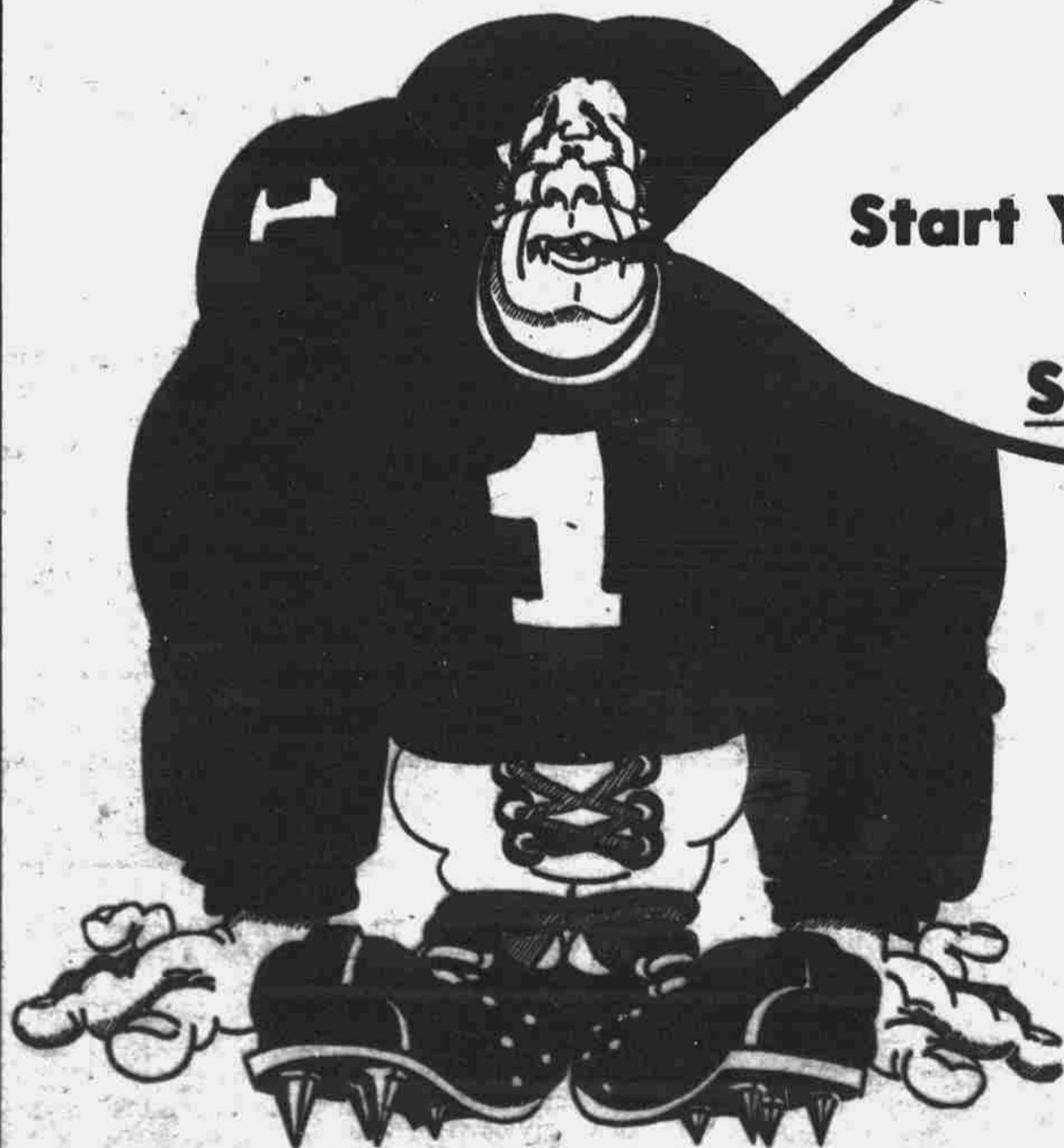
*Dr. William P. Avery (Political Science Department) "U.S. Policy Toward Nicaragua"

Time & Place: Nebraska Union (Auditorium), Friday 21st at 3:30 p.m.

**Dr. Esqueazir Mayo (Director, Institute for International Studies) "Present Situation in Nicaragua"

Time & Place: Nebraska Union (Auditorium), Wednesday 19th at 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: For more information contact L.A.S.A. Nebraska Union, Room 345



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