

UNL health center schedules second free screening fair

By Mary Louise Knapp

For the second year, The University Health Center is sponsoring a free Health Screening Fair, Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Wednesday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

Blood pressure and diabetes screening, rubella (German measles) testing, general health information, and, for the first time, oral cancer screening, will be offered.

Karen Weed, R.N. of the Community Health Department, said last year's fair was so successful, the Health Center decided to expand it to a two-day function and open it to the community.

"We were very pleased with the way things ran last year," Weed said. In 1978, 850 students, faculty, and staff

attended the fair. Of 238 tests given for diabetes, 12 people were found to have elevated blood sugar levels and of 375 blood pressure tests given 27 people showed elevated blood pressures. Of 198 rubella tests, 30 people needed rubella vaccine.

"Fortunately, these statistics are low," Weed said, "but these people did not know they had these health problems until they were screened. . . if they hadn't gone for the tests, they might have waited until these problems became serious."

Weed stressed the importance of preventative medicine and of awareness of potential health problems.

"It's amazing how many students have no knowledge of what hypertension or diabetes is, she said.

The Red Cross will conduct the blood pressure

screening with help from student nurses.

Those who plan to be screened for diabetes should eat a heavy meal 1½ hours before the test, including orange juice, potatoes, bread with butter and preserves, and a rich dessert or an equivalent, with no coffee, tea or gum.

Weed advised that all women of childbearing age be screened for rubella, as the disease can cause birth defects in children whose mothers get it in the first trimester of pregnancy. Both the rubella and diabetes tests are blood tests.

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring the oral cancer screening, which will be under the supervision of Dr. Dean Dutter of the Dental Health Department.

"The screening is painless and not a time-consuming process," Weed said.

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Library officials knew long ago that their budget would be restricted, Wojtasek said, yet did little to solve the problem. Their inaction limited their alternatives, he said.

Students would have been upset last spring if they knew about the possible library closings, he said. He added that the administration seems to have waited until the library's budget problem reached a climax before informing the students, thereby ensuring student support.

"No one would have remembered if the students complained last April," Sen. Jim Davidson said.

However, Chamberlin said officials probably didn't know until July or August that they might have to cut library hours.

He said he didn't think anyone could

have known what would happen until the Legislature passed the university budget last spring and the university reacted to it.

Theories that the university timed the announcement of proposed library cuts for maximum political effect are ill-founded because the Legislature isn't in session yet, Chamberlin said.

Lincoln State Sen. Shirley Marsh of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee said she couldn't tell how the library's budget problems would affect discussion of the university's budget next year, but said she was concerned about the proposals.

"I think adequate hours for the library is really basic," Marsh said.

The proposed reduction of library hours is an indication of larger budget problems at the university, she said.

Too early to tell success of Lincoln condominiums

By Kent Warneke

The first Lincoln building to be converted into condominiums now has units for sale, but according to the head of the mortgage loan division of the National Bank of Commerce, it is too early to say whether condominiums will be successful in Lincoln.

Capitol City Villa Condominiums, 2501 N St., will have 82 units ready within six months, selling from \$29,000 to \$48,000. Director David Hession said that 22 units already have been purchased since sales began two weeks ago.

Lyle Davis of NBC, said, "There is no way to tell at this time whether the venture into condominiums will be successful in Lincoln because we have nothing to compare it with."

Davis said all he can do is look at condominiums in other places to see how well they are selling. In Florida, Chicago and other areas along both coasts, condominium conversions have been very successful, he said.

"NORMALLY THE TREND then is for these things to go from high population areas on the coast and spread to the Midwest areas, such as Lincoln," Davis said. "Condominium conversions are very real in other places, but the question is still in the air here in Lincoln."

According to Hession, the advantages of owning a condominium are many, but the main one is owning a living unit rather than paying money for rent.

"In our condominiums, you are receiving the benefits of actually owning property and also the services of security, landscaping, parking facilities, recreation, washing and party rooms and all utilities paid for, except telephone bills," Hession said.

A \$100 per month maintenance fee is also added to the owner's original cost of

the unit, which according to Hession, is more than made up for with the services offered.

However, the availability of finances, not the quality of the condominiums is the main concern of condominium sellers.

"Young people with no credit records or connections with banks are going to find that there are no loans available," Hession said, "But finances are limited everywhere and the problems are everywhere."

Hession said that in years past 50 percent of people in the United States were in the detached home market, but now the figure is only about 25 per cent.

"THAT OTHER 25 PERCENT still want an investment of real estate and not have to pay rent money and kiss it goodbye," Hession said. "That's where condominiums fit into the picture."

Parents of UNL students should be encouraged to buy condominium units for their children instead of paying for room and board at residence halls or Greek houses, Hession said.

"When we offer tax write-offs and are so close to the University, it's almost unwise for a student to live in a residence hall, fraternity or sorority house."

Davis said that he agrees with Hession's reasoning that those interested in condominiums have money at their disposal.

"THE TAX ADVANTAGES, the ability to sell or hold on to the property are there," Davis said. "And with the inflation rate as great as the physical depreciation, you could almost sell the unit for what you paid for it after some years of use."

However, parents or individuals who have to borrow heavily at a high interest rate shouldn't really be encouraged.

Davis also said there is a possible reason for doubt as to whether condominium conversions will be a success in Lincoln.

"The only difference between Lincoln and other areas is that there is a large supply and good acceptance of townhouses in Lincoln," Davis said. "If condominiums will overcome that acceptance is hard to say."

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