

Cadets to observe shuttle

By Jim Faddis

A look into the future—their own and the future of the Air Force—will be given to 53 UNL Air Force ROTC cadets soon. The cadets will be going to Cape Kennedy, Fla., on Feb. 14 to observe the preparations for the coming space shuttle launch.

The space shuttle is something the Air Force may become more involved in, according to Maj. Marshall McKee, assistant professor of aerospace studies.

The space shuttle, an airplane-type spacecraft, will be used mainly to launch and retrieve satellites, McKee said. Satellites can be launched through a door on the top of the shuttle, he said.

McKee said the space shuttle will be more feasible than other spacecraft because it can be launched into space more than once.

Booster rockets

"The shuttle will be launched into space by booster rockets," McKee said. "But when it comes back to earth it will be landed like an airplane. So one space shuttle could be used several times."

The space shuttle also will save the space program money in its retrieval of satellites, he said.

"By retrieving satellites instead of letting them burn up as they re-enter our atmosphere, we'll be able to reuse them,"

McKee said.

He said the space shuttle also may be used as a means of national defense.

"Its uses are unlimited," he said.

The space shuttle will be launched in November, if preparations proceed on schedule, McKee said. The first flight will

orbit the earth and test the shuttle system and then return to earth, he said.

The trip to Cape Kennedy will give the cadets a look at the space program and many of them may choose to become a part of it, he said.

Fields open

"Space aeronautics and astronaut training are two fields open to cadets," McKee said.

McKee said the cadets will fly from Lincoln to Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, Fla., in a U.S. Air Force C-130 aircraft.

On the flight, the cadets will observe the pilot and navigator, McKee said. He said many of the cadets will choose to become pilots or airmen and the flight will give them a look at what they would be doing in that role.

The cadets also will tour Patrick Air Force base to get a view of life on a base, McKee said.

The Air Force is paying for the flight to Florida, McKee said, but the cadets will have to pay for their own expenses while there.

Donation to bring theologians

An anonymous \$5,000 donation will bring internationally renowned theologians to UNL, said John K. Yost, UNL history professor.

Yost, also a Methodist minister, said he expects to start a one-year trial series of lectures next fall.

He said the university needs to bring distinguished scholars to campus to speak freely and strongly on any subject on their choosing.

The donation will provide for about four speakers, he said. "The project is still in the planning stage," Yost said. "I am now in the process of accumulating names

and ideas for the series," he added.

"With the exception of church history," Yost said, "UNL has lagged far behind the higher quality, publicly supported universities in the academic study of religion."

The Religious Studies program at UNL qualifies as a minor area of study for a baccalaureate degree in the arts.

The program consists of about 35 courses, offered by eight departments in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The purpose of bringing the speakers to UNL is to bring together all of these resources from the different departments," Yost said.

North Crib renovation planned by committee

By Nancy Ellis

Renovation of the Nebraska Union's North Crib is not the only way to break even from a \$92,000 total food services loss, but it is a priority element of the union's five-year improvement plan, said Union Director Darly Swanson.

A proposal for 1981 renovation is being considered by a nine-member planning committee and will be submitted this month to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Richard Armstrong, Swanson said.

The present Crib, which Swanson terms as old, unattractive and having obsolete customer service, has had a one-third customer decrease in the last 10 years, according to Swanson.

Swanson said the \$200,000 to \$220,000 Crib renovation project would include floor, wall and ceiling work along with seating for 50 more customers.

Current seating is inefficient because of two renovation projects that realigned the food serving line, Swanson said.

Food theft

The serving line was converted from a self-service system to an attendant-service system because of food theft and this conversion caused crowding of the existing booths and tables.

One problem with the present Crib is congestion during peak business periods, usually between noon and 12:30 p.m.

Not only would the new Crib design relieve congestion, but it would also speed up service—something the Crib

customers are looking for, Swanson said.

The two examples of floor plans which the planning committee has had drawn up would eliminate the "out-moded" food service system of a walk up grill and a separate cashier counter.

Instead, the typical fast food counter with the customer placing his order and paying at the same location would be used, Swanson said.

Swanson said the Nebraska Union has more fast food competition from nearby downtown restaurants than any other Big Eight Union.

Despite the downtown competition, Swanson said, the Crib's menu still is popular.

Hamburgers only

"We aren't making a living on only hamburgers as some fast food operations are," he said.

To speed up service, however, the menu at the Crib would have to be limited. But, Swanson said, the Union bakery and deli offer a variety of foods as do vending machines.

"People are unlikely to eat at the same place five days a week anyway," Swanson said.

Results from a management audit conducted by Touche-Ross Co. in the fall of 1978 indicate that a fast food snack bar form of service is what most NU students prefer in the Union.

"The current generation of students is accustomed to the fast food style of service," Swanson said. And for this reason Swanson said a limited menu would be the best system for the Crib.

Adoption records . . .

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Possible passage of the bill excites her, she said adding that she would be "heart-broken" if the bill were to fail to be passed.

The bill as originally presented last year to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee would have allowed all adoption records to open to an adoptee when he turned 18. However, that was strongly opposed by natural parents, adoptive parents and attorneys. The committee adopted a series of amendments designed to protect the natural parents.

These amendments raised the age from 18 to 25, and required that the biological parents consent to the opening of records. Exemptions could be granted if both the biological parents were dead or the one known parent was dead or presumed so.

Marsh's amendments guarantee foreign-born adopted children the same rights, although she said it is difficult for many of those people to find their biological parents. She said some foreign-born adoptees have not been able to prove their age to the federal government, and have had trouble getting Social Security benefits.

Newell's bill is in response to a growing number of adoptees who want to know about their natural parents, according to Tom Battiato, Newell's administrative assistant.

Battiato said Nebraska adoption records were open until 1943, but were closed when it was decided that children should not be told they were adopted.

"That has been discredited," Battiato said. "There is no theoretical reason to close the records."

He said Newell had been willing to raise the age to 25 because it helped assure that the person was more mature before he started a search.

LB483 had just enough votes to pass the first two rounds of debate, and Battiato said he is analyzing Monday's vote to see if the bill has gained or lost support.

He said that although the present form of the bill offers protection for parents and children, some adoptive parents and senators may still think the bill is in its original form.

The possible week-long delay will give Newell time to lobby and get more votes, Battiato said.

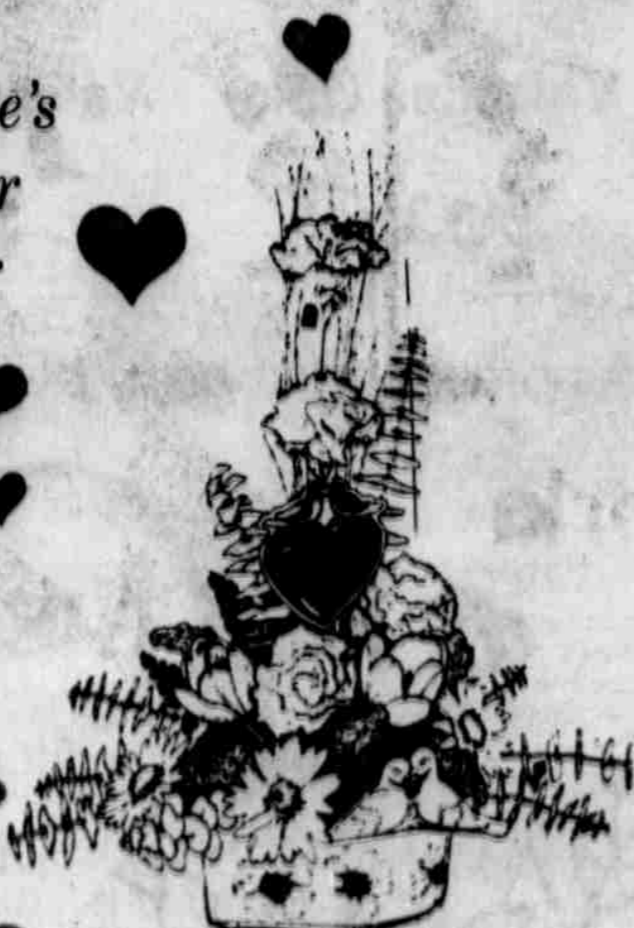
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