

Women pilots sponsor aviation seminar at UNL

By Jeanne Mohatt

Flying has a bad image, and inaccurate news reporting is often one of the reasons, says Evelyn Sedivy, pilot, teacher and a committee chairperson in an international women aviators organization.

Sedivy, 42, is the international chairperson of the aerospace education committee in Ninety-Nines, Inc., a world-wide, non-profit organization of licensed women pilots. Ninety-Nines and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) are sponsoring an Aerospace Education Seminar on the UNL campus. The seminar began Monday and will end Friday.

"People in aviation get upset with the news media," Sedivy said. Many reporters do not have an aviation background, and when a crash occurs the reporters do not know what to ask.

"They pick up on the gruesome. It's spectacular," she said.

Aviation's bad image also comes from "hangar flying," pilots comparing hair-raising experiences they have had and trying to top one another's stories, she said. Non-pilots get a bad impression of flying when they hear those stories.

Marion Stevens, aerospace education director for Beech Aircraft Corporation of Wichita, Kan., agrees that "hangar flying" has helped create aviation's poor image.

"We need to start telling the beauty of flying instead of the horrors," he said.

Educating the public about the "beauty of flying" is the purpose of Ninety-Nines and the aerospace education seminar. The workshop has attracted 35 women pilots from America's four corners (Florida, New York, California, and Oregon) and states in-between.

Aimee Dye, an aviation education specialist from the Federal Aviation Administration, said members of Ninety-Nines

can help educate elementary and high school students about airplanes by giving presentations in classrooms or conducting tours of local airports.

Dye, who is not a pilot, said, "You don't have to be actively involved as a pilot to teach about it (aviation)."

Sedivy, who has been a pilot for about 20 years, said Ninety-Nines was formed in 1927, and Amelia Earhart served as its first president. When notices were sent to all American women pilots that a for-women-only organization was forming, 99 women responded. Hence, the name Ninety-Nines.

The organization's purpose, she said, is to promote aviation through educational, charitable and scientific means.

"We try to share our expertise, our knowledge of aviation" by speaking to local Rotary clubs and other civic organizations, and to 4-H clubs, Boys and Girls Scout clubs and schools, she said.

"We want to convey the message that flying is safe and it is great," she said.

Sedivy said her two main loves are aviation and education. She taught elementary school in the Lincoln school system for about 14 years and is now a high school teacher at Waverly.

"I have always related it (aviation) to math, science, social studies—all subjects."

She said the Ninety-Nines' aerospace seminar is "a means of further educating ourselves by sharing and getting ideas from each other."

Sedivy also is in charge of a three-week aerospace education workshop for local teachers. The workshop, which is conducted through the university, ends Friday.

The Sorenson lecture Friday by Dr. Gerald A. Soffen, the life sciences director for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will conclude both workshops.



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The UNL School of Music, Nebraska Repertory Theatre, and UNL Summer Sessions will present "A Little Night Music" at Kimball Recital Hall Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday July 3, July 5 and at 3 p.m., June 29 and July 6

Legislative bill bongs city head shop - owner

By Jeanne Mohatt

Dirt Cheap's head shop is closing because it couldn't win a power struggle against Nebraska's government, said Dirt Cheap owner Terry Moore.

"There's this game going on known as power vs. no power—the very weak vs. the very strong," Moore said Wednesday. "The game is stacked way too much against us."

A bill passed by the 1980 Legislature bans the sale of drug paraphernalia. Dirt Cheap's head shop sells drug paraphernalia. The shop is closing, however, not only because of the bill, but because "negative publicity is bad for business," Moore said.

Dirt Cheap has been selling drug paraphernalia and records for 10 years, Moore said, "supplying a consumer product. Now it (selling the bong, etc.) has become an emotional and a moral issue, and that's bad for business."

"We're not about to defend drugs," he said. "If we stay in the business, we're defending drugs."

Moore said he will stay involved in the suit questioning the constitutionality of the Legislature's so-called "ban-the-bong" bill.

But even if he wins the suit, "I don't think I will go back into the head shop business," he said.

Moore emphasized that only the head shop, at 227 N. 11 St., is closing, not the record store next door. The two buildings will be combined into one record and book store some time this summer.

"It's an economic move to lower our overhead," he said. "It's a move back to the way the store was originally. It was much easier to manage then."

Dirt Cheap will sell the drug paraphernalia it has in stock over the next two months.

"We (head shops) have driven home the social acceptance of social drug use. Marijuana is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco."

But, he said, the "climate" of the country has changed, "and when it gets too much for them (the government), they clamp down."

Some people may say Dirt Cheap is abandoning the battle by closing its head shop, he said, and "that could be a fair assessment. But if they were in my situation, and looking from a business point of view, I think they would come to the same conclusion."

Financial Aids office will replace cut grants

Students expecting to receive Basic Educational Opportunity Grants this fall "shouldn't worry" about getting all of their money, even though Congress cut \$140 million in the budget for the grants.

The Scholarships and Financial Aids office at UNL will replace any and all money that students should receive, said Doug Severs, assistant director of scholarships and financial aids.

Severs said "students shouldn't worry" about the grant reduction because his office "will replace the funds with some other money," either university, state or federal dollars.

Most students apply for more than BEOGs when they apply for aid, Severs said. They can apply for National Defense Student Loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, work-study, and other financial aids. The

financial aids office will replace the reduced BEOGs by increasing the amount students will receive from these other grants and loans.

Those students who did not apply for aid other than a BEOG can still apply for aid for the spring semester, Severs said.

He said he had no way of knowing how much money UNL students will lose from the congressional cut in BEOGs, because Congress did not reduce a specific amount for every college in the country.

The financial aids office will send letters to students either shortly before school starts in August or shortly after, notifying them of the reductions in their BEOGs and the increases in other areas.

National Defense Student Loans will be available for students in the fall because Congress failed to act on a provision that would have abolished them, he said.



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Evelyn Sedivy, committee chairperson in Ninety-Nines, Inc., a world-wide organization of women pilots, stands with Robert Carter, guest lecturer for the Aerospace Education Seminar.