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the reality that education is a lifelong process and not one that ends at age 22 upon graduation.

It troubles us to read recent newspaper accounts that imply that lower pay to instructors mandates lowered quality of the education provided. The university has many dedicated faculty who have taught in the division's course programs for years. Student evaluations and continued enrollment figures reflect the high value and quality of the instruction in these academic programs.

It is therefore, a great disservice to these faculty members to imply that the truly dedicated teacher will reduce his or her effort in the classroom because of the dollar factor. The adult student is far more likely to drop out of a frustrating or unsatisfying educational experience than is the 18-year-old. Research in continuing education demonstrates it is only the

dedicated, quality teacher who continues to attract and retain an adult clientele.

The Division's primary mission as mandated by the regents in 1909 is to extend the resources of the University to the people of the State of Nebraska. It is unfortunate that in some articles and editorials pertaining to the issue of the English classes the true understanding of the role of the Division has been misrepresented and erroneous conclusions have been made.

The Division of Continuing Studies, therefore, regrets that its offer to be of service to the College of Arts and Sciences in their budget-cut dilemma has resulted in derogatory publicity. We remain dedicated to serving the citizens of Nebraska, and specifically, the lifelong learner.

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Student charged with arson

Douglas Wilkening, 19, of 505 Smith Hall, was charged with first-degree arson and arraigned in Lancaster County Court Monday, for allegedly setting fire to bulletin boards at UNL's Smith Dormitory, university police spokesman Bob Fey said Tuesday.

The fires set early Sunday morning, apparently have no connection with the bulletin board fires in Oldfather Hall last spring, UNL police officer Mark Murphy said.

"As far as we know, there is no connection between the fires," said Murphy, who was called to the scene Sunday.

Lancaster County Judge Jeffere Chevront released Wilkening on a \$500 bond, and set a June 30 court date. Wilkening is originally from Colorado.

Papers on second, sixth, eighth and tenth floor bulletin boards were set afire, burning the boards and the carpet beneath them, Fey said. He said the fires burned themselves out and were not serious enough to call the Fire Department.

Damage was estimated to be between \$375 and \$400, Fey said.

Fey said he was sure Wilkening was questioned about the bulletin board fires in Oldfather Hall, but no information was obtained.

Summer enrollment increases

Enrollment in the UNL 1980 summer sessions has increased, with 9,486 students enrolled in its first three sessions, an increase of 429 over 1979.

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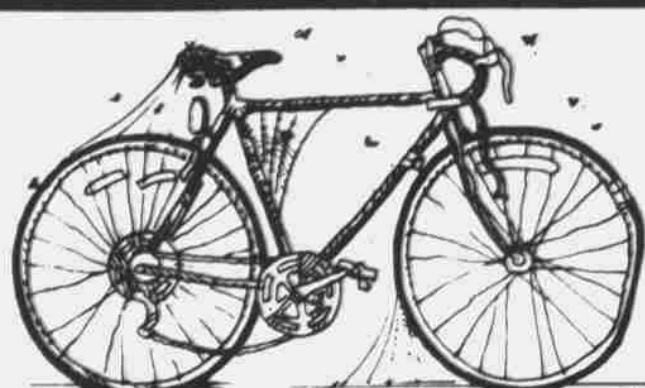
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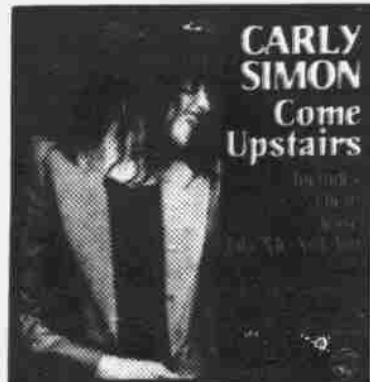
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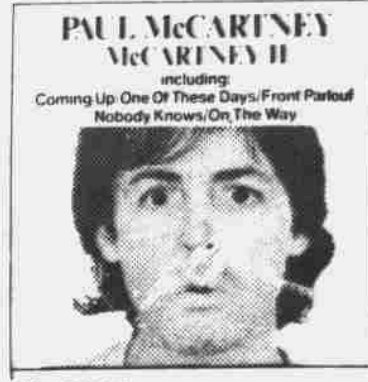
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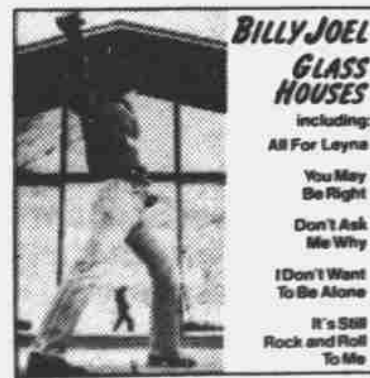
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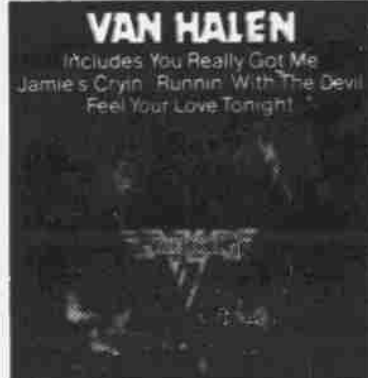
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