

Several colleges announce severe overcrowding

By Mary Louise Knapp

Overcrowded classes in several colleges are causing space problems so severe that students are sitting on floors and some students already enrolled in classes are being asked to leave, college deans said Tuesday.

Arthur Kraft, associate dean of the College of Business Administration, said many students are having to delay their graduation dates because they are unable to get into overloaded business classes.

"Students are sitting on the floor," Kraft said. "Sometimes we can't even find rooms for the classes. . . we have had to tell students they can't stay in classes," Kraft said.

Kraft said students have been coming to him "in droves" for permission to enter crowded classes.

Higher grades required

Students who have been asked to leave classes for which they are already enrolled include those who have not maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and those who have not completed prerequisites, Kraft said.

Students are admitted to business classes on a priority system, Kraft said. For 100 and 200 level classes, the first students admitted are business majors who have completed 54 hours of other requirements but who have not yet taken the business courses. Second priority students are graduates who are deficient in 100 and 200 level classes. Freshmen and sophomores are third priority.

For 300 and 400 level classes, seniors who will graduate at the end of this semester have first priority, graduate

Fee rebate forms available at unions

By Jeff Goodwin

Students who want a refund of their Fund A student fees have until Sept. 25 to pick up an application form, according to Randy McIntyre, office manager of the Student Activities Financial Service.

McIntyre said the application forms may be picked up at Student Activities Financial Services Office, Nebraska Union 222; ASUN Office, union 115; or the East Campus Activities and Programs office, East Union.

After the form has been completed it should be returned to Nebraska Union 222.

McIntyre said refunds may be picked up at Nebraska Union 222 Sept. 28 through Oct. 9.

Students will not be able to receive student discounts for certain services if they apply for the refund.

ASUN, which takes \$1.17 of the \$4.49 total, offers free legal services for which a student receiving a refund will not be eligible.

The University Program Council refund amounts to \$1.97. Students receive UPC discounts on such things as films, speakers and dances.

The other activities which students can receive refunds for and the amounts they can receive are the Daily Nebraskan, 85 cents and the State Student Association, 50 cents.

McIntyre said the number of people applying for refunds was "less than last year but that could change."

He said information about the refund would be included in the tuition statements mailed to students.

"We're trying to get the word out to all the students," McIntyre said. "This (mailing the information in tuition statements) also has the advantage of getting the word to them during the application process."

Tom Prentiss, Daily Nebraskan editor, said the refund system was unfair.

"It isn't fair that people can get a refund on the portion of their fees to be used for the Daily Nebraskan and still pick up a paper, but there's no way of preventing it. The Daily Nebraskan is clearly worth more than the 85 cents a semester covered by student fees," Prentiss said.

Prentiss noted that the 85 cents covered by the refund works out to a little over 1 cent an issue.

"I think students can easily afford that," he said.

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students with deficiencies are second, and seniors who will graduate in May, 1982, have third priority, Kraft said. These priorities exist only during general registration, Kraft said.

The Business College has no money to add more sections of classes, Kraft said.

Also, the college has already hired the maximum number of teaching assistants it is allowed to have and still keep its accreditation, he said. The American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business has placed a limit on the number of classes that can be taught by teaching assistants, he said.

"The question is what quality of education are we getting," Kraft said. "We have an outstanding faculty and they have done a superb job, but this (overcrowding) is difficult for them."

Kraft said students seem to be satisfied with getting into a class, whether or not they get a seat.

"I'm sure the students are uncomfortable, though," he said.

Kraft said the business college will continue its policy of overbooking classes with the anticipation that students will drop out of the classes as the semester progresses. However, the attrition rate in business classes has not been as great this year as it has in the past, he said.

Summer school encouraged

Kraft said the college has begun a full-scale program to encourage students, especially incoming freshmen, to enroll in summer classes. Summer classes are usually filled to capacity, but not overcrowded, he said.

Lyle E. Young, associate dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said enrollment in the college has

increased 70 percent to 80 percent from last year with little increase in faculty.

"We are limiting class space to the students who show the most potential," Young said. Students who have less than a 2.5 grade point average are placed on a list of restricted students and are not allowed to take engineering courses until their grades improve, he said.

Max D. Larsen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said students have been turned away from classes in the modern languages, English, computer science, math, and speech departments because of overcrowding.

"Our classrooms are not big enough for all the students," Larsen said. "Students are not sitting on the floor, but we do overschedule."

Larsen said new sections have been added to many classes to ease the enrollment squeeze. However, there are fewer faculty members than there were last year, he said.

Ron Joekel, associate dean of the Teachers College, said classes in educational psychology, social foundations, statistics and business communications are overcrowded.

The colleges of Architecture and Agriculture are not experiencing severe overcrowding, officials said.

Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture, said that due to the college's enrollment restrictions, classes are not overcrowded. Steward said enrollment is restricted by a student's grade level and students must reapply for admission to the college in their third year.

Earl F. Ellington, dean of the College of Agriculture, said there are no serious problems with class space in the college.

"We have had to bring in extra chairs in some instances, and lab space is limited," he said.

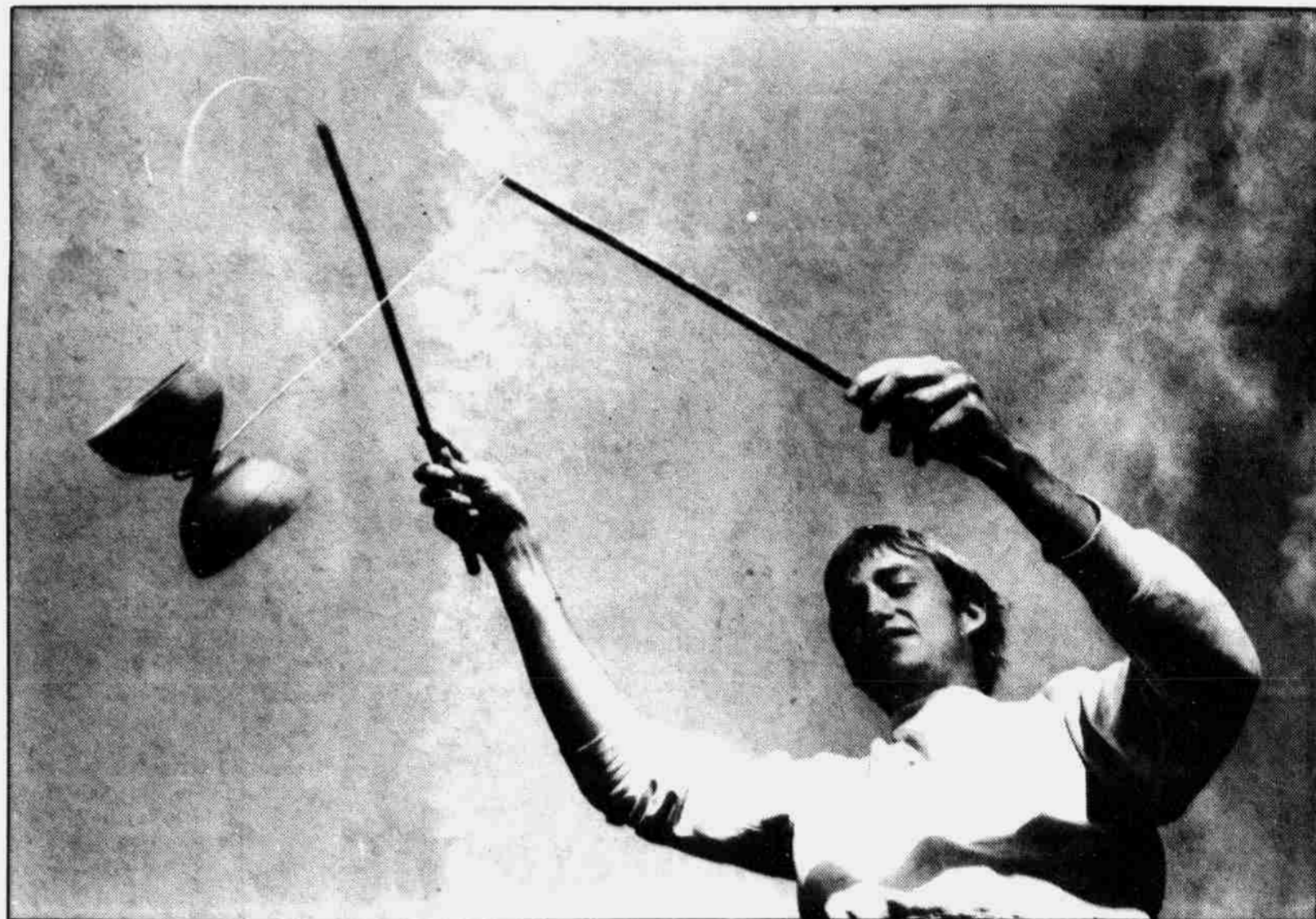


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Kenneth Schultz, a UNL student from Gothenburg, demonstrates the Super Top, which is becoming a craze among college students across the nation.

Senate alters term of office dates

By Tricia Waters

At its first meeting for the fall semester, the UNL Faculty Senate proposed a change in the senate's term of office, which now lasts from January to May.

In addition, the Senate heard several reports from deans and committee members.

The new senate term will be from May 1 to April 30. Elections will be the first two weeks in April.

The move must be approved by the faculty via referendum, the chancellor and the NU Board of Regents.

The Senate also passed Arts and Sciences Sen. Earl Barnawell's proposal encouraging faculty to read aloud a statement regarding fire exits at the first class meeting of each semester and summer session.

The statement tells where the room's fire exits and alarms are.

It also asks persons to report any information about false alarms to university police.

"False alarms have been a serious problem and a disruptive problem on our campus," Barnawell said.

W. Cecil Steward, Architecture College dean, showed slides and reported on the people and state of Imo, Nigeria. Steward is chairman of the Project Coordinating Committee for a UNL-Nigerian project to establish the new Imo State University.

Imo, in east central Nigeria, is the heart of the Igbo tribe of Africa, Steward said. The area suffered much damage in the Biafran War between 1967 and 1970, he said.

"The development of this university has been a symbol of recovery for these people," he said. Imo is the only state of Nigeria's 19 states that doesn't have a university.

On three temporary campus locations in old buildings, Imo State University will open Nov. 1 with 400 students. In 10 years, projected enrollment should be 12,500 students on five campuses, Steward said.

Initially, the university will assist Imo State in academic and master planning and design. Eventually, student and faculty exchanges and teacher training projects will develop, Steward said.

Neale Copple, School of Journalism dean, reported that heavy enrollment continues in the journalism school. Copple said the 5-year-old graduate school for journalists has doubled its enrollment over the last year.

Although money remains tight in the school, outside funds keep it going, Copple said.

"Outside money, non-federal, non-state money, seems to be fairly available," he said. He referred to the school's recent \$250,000 gift from the Hitchcock Foundation to aid research by professors in the graduate programs as an example.