

Communiversality offers variety

By Lisa Davis

The Communiversality program "is unique because it specifically focuses on the Lincoln community and its need for non-credit education" said Chuck Havlicek, Communiversality coordinator.

Communiversality, a program of the UNL Division of Continuing Studies, combines the resources of the university and the community to provide professional and personal growth for individuals in the Lincoln area. It was originated approximately seven years ago by Quentin Gessner, UNL dean of Continuing Studies, to

enable area individuals to continue their education without actually enrolling in credit classes, Havlicek said.

In past years, the schedule of the program's courses have run in accordance with the regular school year. However, according to Havlicek, the possibility of also having summer classes is foreseeable this year.

For many university students, Communiversality study skills classes have proven helpful, Havlicek said, along with stress-and tension-reduction classes. Also, classes such as hot air ballooning and dancing, which are designed primarily for pleasure, are popular among students.

These non-credit courses may act as a possible independent study project for some students, which may aid in regular credit courses, Havlicek said.

There are no requirements for anyone wishing to enroll in these courses. However, according to Havlicek, it is helpful for students, before considering a non-credit course, to "set their priorities in order so that they know what they're after."

There also are no set requirements for those applying for a teaching position because of the courses' non-credit status, but enthusiasm, knowledge and experience in a particular field are key factors taken into consideration before hiring, Havlicek said.

"Also, a person's ability to relate well with adults is important because they are our main group of students," he said. Communiversality instructors come from the business, industry and government professions, as well as the university itself.

According to Havlicek, computer classes are currently "really hot" and have forced open additional sections. Classes taken "just for fun" are becoming popular, also, he said but the organization just added new classes to its business, industry and government sections, so it's too early to tell how those areas are going.

All of Communiversality's income is received through the class fees, thus making it self-supporting program, he said.

Shorts

Folk dance lessons will be given Friday at the sculpture garden behind Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

If it is raining, the lessons will be in Mabel Lee Hall, 119.

The UNL Christian Science Organization will meet next Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. The general public is invited.

Friendship Home, a shelter for battered women and children, and the Board of Women's Ministries at First Plymouth Congregational Church are co-sponsoring a courtyard and bake sale Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the first Plymouth courtyard, 20th and D streets. All proceeds will support the continuing work of Friendship Home.

The Latin America Solidarity Committee is having its weekly meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. All interested people are encouraged to attend.

Students who have National Direct Student Loans may pickup their checks Monday through Wednesday in the Nebraska Union Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students must have a current student I.D. card.

The Family Service Counseling Center, 1133 H St., offers counseling to people experiencing the pressures of marriage or parenthood. Fees for counseling are based on family income. Late afternoon or Monday evening appointments are possible. For more information, contact the center at 476-3327.

The Family Service Counseling Center is offering an Incest Survivor's Group meeting each Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 1133 H St. The group will provide members with an opportunity to share feelings and make desired life changes in a supportive, therapeutic atmosphere. Any woman who as a child was sexually abused by a family member is invited to attend. For further information, contact Denise Daup or Ann Naylor at 476-3327.

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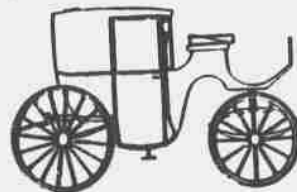
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