

Letters

New schedule inconsiderate

Dear Editor:

The last two years have been very discouraging. Recession, unemployment, escalating fuel bills and an explosive arms race leave many of us literally shivering in front of our TVs. My own experience, however, has been ironically encouraging.

Having been five diopters nearsighted, the wearing of eye glasses was both a hindrance and a necessity. As of February, my eyesight is 20/15 — a little better than 20/20. The surgical skill of Dr. Aziz Y. Anis and excellent care received at Bryan Hospital are due my thanks, as are Drs. Fydorov and Arrowsmith. It has been a privilege to be Dr. Anis's second patient and Lincoln's first resident to undergo this operation.

It was ironic, for a corn-and-beef, Republican-registered Nebraskan like me to find that this surgery was developed eight years ago in Moscow. It is encouraging that, in spite of Cold war propaganda, and the continual deployment of nuclear weapons, scientific advances can still serve people.

We live in a potentially wonderful age, an age in which men as far apart as Fydorov in Moscow, Arrowsmith in Nashville and Anis in Lincoln can share ideas and learn from each other. If political men would or could use their awesome technologies productively, the world's future would look much brighter.

Bruce Koehler,
architecture

Technology supercedes politics

Has anyone read the schedule of classes for fall 1983? Read the academic calendar closely. The fall semester has been delayed one week, causing finals to end on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and graduation to be on Thursday, Dec. 22. Most students wouldn't have noticed this until November. Upon further investigation, one will discover that the university is "closed" from Aug. 12 to Aug. 22, thus causing the one-week delay.

Have the administrators of this university taken into consideration the hardship and inconvenience that this will impose on the students and their families, especially graduating seniors? It appears not. The least that could have been done would have been to inform the students of this change, in advance. Instead the administrators try to slip this schedule past the students. This demonstrates the indifference that is felt toward the students.

Many students have plans for the week before Christmas and the academic calendar of next year will destroy those plans. Many families will miss graduation because they can't afford the time off from work. Some students won't have time to get home by Christmas. Graduating seniors have made plans for work during that week. There are several students who were planning to get married that week. All of the plans will have to be altered as a result of this bizarre schedule.

In encourage the student body of this campus to attempt to restore the schedule to a more reasonable one. ASUN must act on this issue by passing a resolution demanding a change and by petitions distributed throughout campus. All of these measures must be done quickly while there is still time. It is time that we remind everyone that this is the students' campus.

I invite a response from the person(s) responsible for making the academic calendar.

Philip R. Pombrio Jr.
senior, mechanical engineering

Spring break...

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All in all, I think things will turn out well for the students. We should be able to get just as many of the classes right by guessing as we would have been able to if nothing had ever happened.

The regents would write: Wait a minute — I'm not even going to try to speculate what's going to happen here. They'll all be in town for the regent's meeting next weekend, but I wouldn't put it past them to come down a few days early. Think of the situation: Twenty-four thousand students gone, thousands of empty beds, empty buildings and closed gymnasiums, with the regents having access to all of those keys. You add to that the fact that a case of Coors Light tall boys is only \$8.89 at N Street, and anything could happen. Keep an eye on those police reports, and have a good break.

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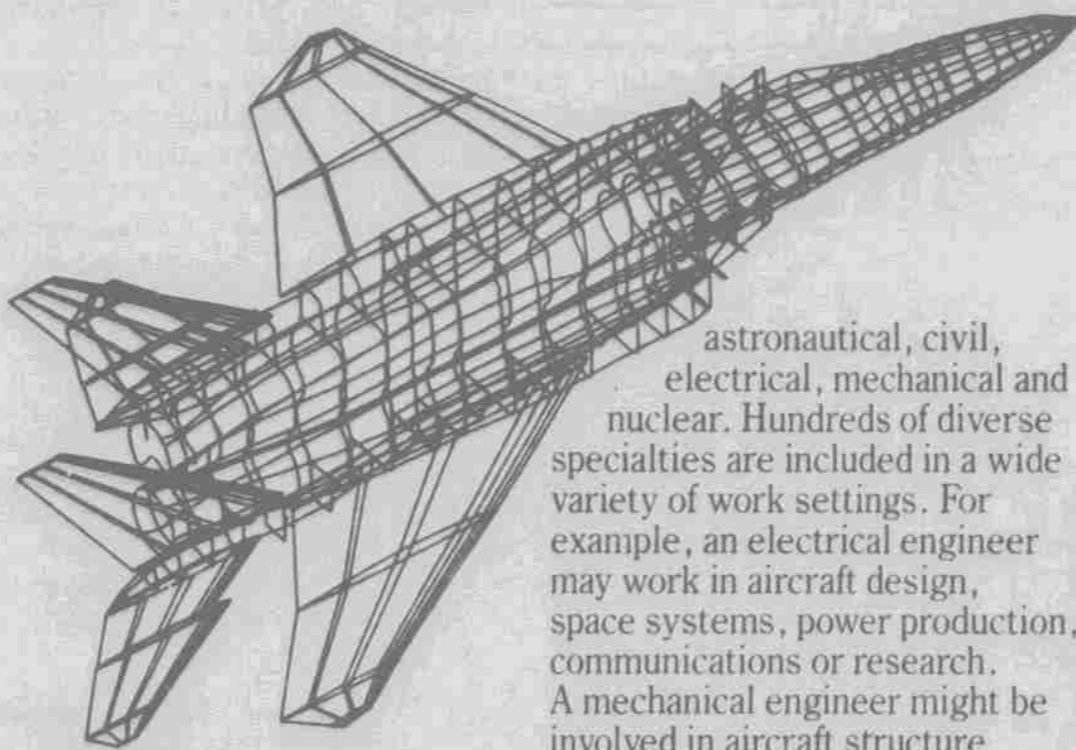
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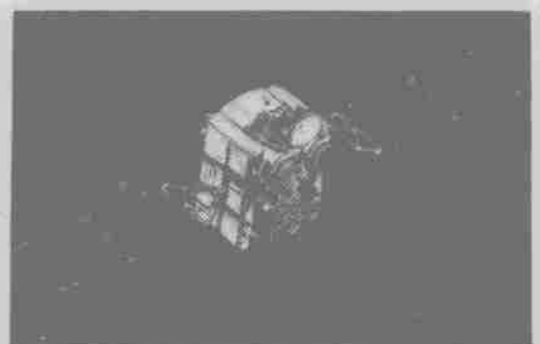
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