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Scott Brannan of Millard, returns a volley in a game of oozeball by Harper-Schramm-Smith complex. Brannan is one of 200 high school seniors participating in two-week classes for gifted students in the Nebraska Scholarship Institute.

Students' social skills hamper dating process

BY DAVID TROUBA

Hi there, what's your name? ... where do you go to school? ... what's your major? ... what's your sign? ... why won't anybody talk to me?

The age-old problem of getting a date is still there. But the communication between the sexes seems to be getting worse according to John Breckenridge, associate director of the Counseling Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"We are finding more and more that one of the biggest problems students have is establishing a dating relationship," Breckenridge said.

"How do I get a date around here?" is one of the questions most often asked at the center, he said. Some students will go all year without a date.

Breckenridge said that the problem has to do with social behavior and people's expectations. Schools with a smaller enrollment than UN-L tend to emphasize the kinds of social skills people need to feel comfortable with the opposite sex.

Social changes in the past 20 years have resulted in a lack of organized events for young people where they can meet and learn to communicate with each other, he said.

As a result of this void, there is less opportunity to socialize, which leads to an increase in sexual behavior, he said.

"Without the opportunity to socialize, the relationships are simply getting more physical," Breckenridge said.

"None of this is anything new," he said. "But, it is also true that no groups or organizations, with the possible exception of churches who sponsor group activities, are doing anything about it."

The largest percentage of students at UN-L are from Omaha or Lincoln, according to Breckenridge. In these cities students had groups with which they identified, even

though the high schools were large, he said.

Students from small towns seem to have a harder time developing relationships, he said. These students had a group of people their own age with whom they grew up and attended school. Suddenly that group is split up when high school is over and the student goes to college. This can be a very difficult situation, depending on the individual, he said.

Margaret Eager, psychological social worker at the health center, agrees with Breckenridge that the increase in physical relationships may be a new aspect in the general population. At the same time it is becoming very difficult to meet people.

"The main problem is that males and females are confused about roles," Eager said.

Women's freedom and the women's liberation movement have caused changes in the roles women play. As a result, men don't quite know what to expect, she said.

"In the past, there were more traditional and well-defined roles ... now, suddenly, women are calling men, and the men are finding it difficult to handle," Eager said.

The economy has something to do with the changes in dating, also, she said. Men and women are sharing expenses which previously had been left to the man. Sometimes women are paying all expenses on a date. Some men like that. Others may be more old-fashioned and won't like it at all, she said.

"I think that the whole situation should be dependent on what the two individuals involved in each relationship want out of it," she said.

"If the man wants a woman to ask him out, then it's O.K. ... if he doesn't, then it's not," Eager said.

Eager supports the fact that stereotypes are decreasing in relationships. It makes it easier for couples to find what they want individually, she said.

Reagan asking to build 2 air bases in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A top U.S. Defense Department official says the Reagan administration is asking Congress for \$67 million to build two air bases in eastern Turkey close to the Soviet frontier.

Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Perle made the disclosure during a news conference Tuesday at the end of a meeting of Turkish and U.S. defense experts.

Perle said the air fields were designed to bolster military forces in eastern Turkey and would be used solely for "the defense of Turkey....They will have a deterrent effect and help stabilize the area beyond Turkey's borders."

He said the bases would be at Mus and Batman, both about 235 miles from the Turkish-Soviet border, and close to the borders with Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Dairy science essay wins \$1,000

EAST CAMPUS — T. Renick Martin, a senior animal science major from Arlington, has been named a \$1,000 national winner in the Scott Paper Company Sani-Prep Dairy Science Scholarship program. Martin's paper, entitled "Draining the Milk Surplus," was judged by a panel of experts from the American Dairy Science Association.

Briefs from NU campuses

Extension entomologist retires

EAST CAMPUS — Bob Roselle, University of Nebraska extension entomologist, has announced his retirement effective Friday. Roselle, one of the panelists on Backyard Farmer, has worked on insect problems in Nebraskan for more than 40 years.

1900's theme for patio party

UN-O — The Staff Advisory Council will hold its annual patio party Sept. 6. In celebration of the University of Nebraska at Omaha's 75th anniversary, those attending the party are asked to wear costumes representative of the early 1900's.

Professor on chemistry panel

CITY CAMPUS — Dr. Michael Gross, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor, has been named to a panel which will undertake the first wide-ranging study of chemistry in 18 years. The panel will direct a \$500,000 study for the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Chemical Sciences. By October, the group plans to publish a report telling policy makers what chemists can contribute to society. The final report will be released in 1984.

Hurt oversees UN hospital

MEDICAL CENTER — Delbert E. Hurt has been appointed associate director for operations at the University of Nebraska Hospital and Clinic in Omaha. He will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the hospital and clinic and will oversee implementation of new programs. Hurt has served since September 1982 as assistant director of the institution.

3rd phase ready at energy farm

EAST CAMPUS — The third phase of the University of Nebraska's integrated energy farm will be initiated July 27 at 2 p.m. with an address by Gov. Kerrey. The ceremony will be at the NU Field Lab near Mead. The 160-acre farm has been in the planning and construction phases for two years.

Old Omaha slide show July 7

UN-O — The University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Continuing Studies will sponsor "Photographs of Old Omaha," a slide show by Ron Hunter, July 7 at noon in the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. Interested persons are invited to bring a sack lunch for the program.

UN-L art professor wins

CITY CAMPUS — Dan Howard, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln art professor, was awarded the \$500 Francis C. Baker Memorial Award last week at the Chautauqua National Exhibition of American Art. This is the seventh award won by Howard in national and regional competition the past year.

Combined field day tours

EAST CAMPUS — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln departments of agronomy and animal science and the Nebraska Forage and Grassland Council are sponsoring a forage, grassland and livestock day July 20 at the NU Field Lab near Mead.

Workshop gives 16 hours

UN-O — The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Center for Professional and Organizational Development will sponsor an accounting and auditing workshop July 14 and 15 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy has approved the program for 16 hours of continuing education credit. For more information and to register, call 554-2394 or 554-3339.

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