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Staff photo by Craig Anderson
Turner Gill

Clean campus is aim of anti-litter campaign

By Terry L. Hyland

A program to reduce the litter problem on the UNL campuses was introduced Thursday at a press conference outside the Nebraska Union.

Matt Wallace, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraskan, said the campaign's goals include increasing campus awareness about the problem, reducing the amount of litter and recycling trash collected on the campuses.

Home football game crowds cause the main litter problem on city campus, Wallace said. He said cleanup after home football games requires the efforts of the entire grounds keeping workforce.

Public address announcements, graphics on the stadium scoreboard, and banners reminding people to collect their trash will be used at the football games to encourage people to keep the campus clean. Volunteers will also start cleaning up during the fourth quarter of the game to set an example for spectators.

Bud Daenbrock, director of the grounds department, said some of the measures were used at the first home football game this season and the university work force usually required for cleanup operations was cut in half.

Although the program will focus on the litter problems on home game days, it will continue year round to keep the campus clean, Wallace said.

Turner Gill and Scott Strasberger of the Nebraska football team also attended Thursday's press conference to express their support for their project. Gill and Strasberger will appear in several television advertisements as part of the anti-litter campaign, Wallace said.

Community groups assisting the university with the program include Citizens for Environmental Improvements, the Lincoln-Lancaster Clean Community System and the Red Cross Young Volunteers in Action.

New computer reduces load; NUROS to be phased out

By Jann Nyffeler

The University of Nebraska's ailing computer science department received a shot in the arm with the addition of new computer equipment. Ordered early this summer, the equipment was installed in Ferguson Hall (Remote 2 User Room) in August.

The new equipment includes a VAX 11/780 mini-computer and approximately 45 new terminals, manufactured by the Digital Equipment Corporation. Two additional terminal rooms have been established to accommodate the new terminals.

"Things have really started to happen in the last six to eight months," Computer Science Department Chairman Roy Keller said.

Ferguson's new system is "truly interactive," he said. "It just makes things better, simpler, easier. You can really do the things you want."

The VAX system is designed to accommodate undergraduate instructional activity, alleviating some of the academic computing load from the University of Nebraska Computing Services. However, Keller said some classwork still will require options available only from Computing Services' about seven terminals will remain hooked up to system for such purposes.

Computer science faculty and graduate students are now learning about the new terminals so they can teach students how to use them.

"The conversation is hectic," Keller said. "...but it's going to make life a lot better."

He said he anticipates that in about a month the system will be running as expected, and installation of terminals in computer science faculty offices will be completed.

The total cost, including the purchase of micro (personal) computers and about 50 new terminals was about \$750,000, he said. The additional terminals, located in Bancroft Hall, Nebraska Hall and the College of Business Administration, are tied into Computing Services facilities.

Vice Chancellor Earl Freise said the money for the project came from the University Foundation, energy savings and other funds.

Freise said with the installation of a minicomputer, Remote 2 no longer is a remote entry site for the Nebraska University Remote Operating System, a system used by Computing Services. He said as of Sept. 30, students will not be permitted free open access on NUROS. Instead, Controversial Monitor System will be available to students at no charge. CMS, as an interactive system, eliminates most restrictions on the size of a given program and is supposedly easier to use, because it performs a job as the types it in and responds immediately.

Freise also said NUROS will be phased out by the end of this fiscal year because it's outdated and unable to sustain the heavy load placed on it by academic and administrative computer use.

Women's unemployment rate 'way above' national average

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series about unemployment in Lincoln and the state.

By Mary Louise Knapp

Women and minorities are the groups hardest hit by the recession, members of women and minority organizations in Lincoln said.

"We (Lincoln/Lancaster County) are way above the national average when it comes to unemployment among minority women," said Kit Boesch, director of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Women's Commission. Boesch said she estimated average unemployment among black women in Lincoln and Lancaster county to be 80 to 90 percent.

Projected unemployment rates for Lincoln to July 1984, compiled by the Nebraska Department of Labor, show an unemployment rate of 13.3 percent for black females, 13.5 percent for black males, 12.9 percent for males belonging to other non-white groups and 19.0 percent for females in other minority groups. The projections were based on the 1980

census.

Tom Moloney, a supervisor in the Research and Statistics Center for the Labor Department, confirmed the validity of the figures. Moloney said that in addition to high unemployment among women and minorities, large numbers of young people are also unemployed.

The Labor Department defines an unemployed youth as a person between 16 and 21 who has worked long enough to qualify for unemployment insurance but is now out of work. That category does not include dependents or people who have additional sources of income, he said.

A zip-code study conducted this year by the Labor Department revealed that the highest concentration of unemployment was in the 'near south' neighborhood. The area, whose boundaries are G Streets, S. 13th Street, S. 27th Street, and South Street, contains a large number of students, Moloney said.

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Healthy habits goal of Wellness Week

By Kema Soderburg

Just like a nose job but not as drastic or costly, UNL Wellness Week 1983 provides the opportunity to make small changes that can improve total outlook.

"Wellness is a choice or activity that enhances your life," said Steve Blom, University Health Center administrator. "It's a term that includes behaviors that can make your life more fulfilling, happier or give you a better self-concept."

Blom said the program is designed to help people recognize positive lifestyle habits. He said many students are on their own for the first time and may pick up bad habits like drinking or smoking instead of finding positive ways to deal with frustrations or to have a good time. Wellness is an opportunity to explore, he said.

"We're not trying to make students into saints," Blom said, "but we want them to understand the consequences, for better or worse, of the choices they make about life."

Wellness Week itself has received a facelift. Unlike last year, events from each category of wellness, such as nutrition, fitness and spirituality will occur

each day. Vicki Hightstreet, program co-ordinator, said that this will allow a student to participate in at least one program in their area of interest even if they have only one day free.

This year's Wellness Week — Positive Lifestyle Choices will be six days — Sunday through Friday. It combines some new workshops with programs that worked last year.

"There is a program for everyone some place," Hightstreet said. "If you've always wanted to know about something, you can go and find out where to go for further resources."

The Turnaround Workshop

The Turnaround Workshop explores new direction in eating and exercising through behavioral change, nutrition and physical activity. Dr. Richard Keator, president of the Campbell Institute for Health and Fitness in New Jersey, and Lauve Metcalf, director of program development at the institute, lead the workshop on Monday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The workshop, sponsored by the University Health Center, costs \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. This covers materials.

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