

# Student learning center improves 'reading, writing and arithmetic'

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The Educational Learning Center at UNL offers new supplemental instruction this semester for several 100-level classes, the center's coordinator said.

Carol Lotven said the new program uses tutors who already have passed the classes that students need extra help with.

The program, which will meet in Sel-

leck Quadrangle 705, will help students understand the day's lessons and will give them tips on how to pass that particular class.

The sessions will meet for Keller Plan Psychology 181; Sociology 153, taught by associate professor David Brinkerhoff; and History 101, taught by associate professor Patrice Berger.

Interested students can contact the center or their instructors, Lotven said.

Besides the new program, the center

offers more help for undergraduates and graduates.

Jane Grieves, the center's learning skills specialist, said students can get help for specific study problems.

Some courses even offer from one to three hours of credit in the study skills area. These courses, developed in conjunction with other courses, focus on reading and writing skills and vocabulary improvement, Grieves said.

Individual tutoring is available in mathematics, computer science, reading and English, Grieves said.

Students interested in being tutored for mathematics, computer science, reading or English should contact the center or Lazo Martinez in 1212 Seaton Hall.

Study skills workshops have been scheduled all semester. Times and dates of the workshops will be posted on campus. If students can't come to a specific workshop, the center can provide them with handouts on the workshops.

The center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# Reuter Report

## Senators write Reagan to set up ag discussion

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of 23 senators asked Thursday for a meeting with President Reagan to discuss problems faced by small farmers.

"American agriculture is on the brink of disaster," the senators said in a letter to Reagan. "We believe a meeting is necessary to apprise you of just how serious the situation is and how much it has worsened in just the last two months. Immediate action is needed, not only to help farmers, but to assist the entire rural community."

The senators, mainly from states with large rural areas, said small farmers had been hurt by falling crop prices, bad weather that damaged crops in many states, and high interest rates for loans they needed to keep operating.

## Study criticizes U.S. aid to Africa

WASHINGTON — The hunger and starvation in sub-Saharan Africa will likely worsen despite international efforts to assist the drought-stricken region, a congressional study said Thursday.

The pessimistic analysis, undertaken by the Office of Technology Assessment, is expected to serve as the basis for congressional efforts to improve conditions and set the stage for long-term programs in the continent. It criticized previous efforts in the region, noting that "many observers believe that the effectiveness of U.S. aid to Africa is limited by being too short-sighted and crisis-oriented, too political, and by lacking clear and consistent goals."

African per capita food production has declined steadily for two decades, while at the same time the continent has had the fastest population growth in the world. The report said the greatest potential for significantly expanding Africa's food production lies in increasing the productivity of small, subsistence-level farmers, who "raise most of Africa's food and yet have been largely ignored." The challenge, the report continued, is to devise research and aid programs that involve local people and integrate farm work into the larger framework of international efforts.

## Bill limits phone companies' conduct

WASHINGTON — A bill giving the government more authority over discount long-distance telephone companies was introduced Thursday by Sen. Donald Riegle (D-Mich.).

The bill would give the Federal Trade Commission authority to act against unfair and deceptive trade practices by the companies. It would also require the Federal Communications Commission to order long-distance telephone companies to promptly notify customers in advance of any rate changes.

## Sharon vows to pursue libel fight

TEL AVIV, Israel — Ariel Sharon returned home from his headline-hitting two-month libel case against Time magazine Wednesday vowing to continue his legal battle in Israel.

The former defense minister said at an airport news conference that he still planned to set up an anti-libel fund to sue media organizations which he said defame Israel and the Jewish people. Sharon originally hoped to launch the fund from his \$50 million suit against Time in New York but he lost the case. The jury ruled that Time defamed Sharon in a false report about his involvement in the 1982 Beirut massacre of Palestinians but that the magazine was not guilty of libel because it had believed the report it published was true.

## Meese's nomination role criticized

WASHINGTON — A Reagan administration official said Thursday Attorney General-designate Edwin Meese should have removed himself from discussions about a government job for a tax accountant who lent him \$60,000.

Davis Martin, director of the Office of Government Ethics, was asked what Meese, a senior White House aide, should have done in connection with the 1981 nomination of his California tax accountant, John McKean, to the U.S. Postal Board of Governors. Martin said Meese should have disqualified himself to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest. He was speaking during the third day of hearings by the Senate Judiciary Committee on the controversial nomination.

## Reward for Nazi criminal grows

WIESBADEN, West Germany — West Germany offered \$300,000 — the largest reward in the nation's criminal history — for information leading to the capture of Nazi concentration camp doctor Josef Mengele Thursday. The chief prosecutor of Frankfurt, who is responsible for Mengele's case, raised the sum from \$15,000, which had been in effect for many years. The increase reward was offered 40 years after Mengele disappeared as Russian troops liberated the Auschwitz death camp where he ordered the deaths of thousands and conducted hideous experiments on the living.

Hesse State Justice Minister Herbert Guenther said Mengele was one of the last well-known Nazis still at large and had become the symbol of Nazi cruelty. Mengele has been sought by West Germany since 1969 for torturing and ordering the deaths of thousands of prisoners at Auschwitz.

## Green UFO escorts Soviet plane

MOSCOW — An account of a mysterious "green cloud" sending out powerful shafts of light and flying in tandem with an airliner appeared in a Soviet newspaper Wednesday. The experienced pilot and crew of a Soviet Tupolev 124 airliner noticed a large, yellow, elongated spot at 4 a.m. over Byelorussia, the trade union daily Trud said. The object sent down three cones of white light. The light then flared up and turned into a green cloud, which shot towards the plane. After zooming up and down and either side of the airliner, the object took up station to one side.

"An honor escort — what a distinction for us..." muttered Captain Igor Cherkashin.

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