

# Unique UNL programs focus on needs of gifted students

By Deb Hooker  
Staff Reporter

Gifted high school students don't always get the special attention they need, said James O'Hanlon, Teachers College dean.

"It is probably true that anyone who varies from the norm too much is not well-served in the school system," O'Hanlon said.

Although schools have improved in meeting the needs of physically and mentally handicapped children, he said, many schools are just beginning to deal with the problems of teaching gifted students.

"I really view gifted education as kind of in its infant stage," O'Hanlon said.

UNL currently is the only university in the country to offer programs for gifted students and their teachers and counselors, he said.

Teachers College offers three gifted student programs: the Guidance for Gifted Students, the Nebraska Scholarship Institute and the Gifted Endorsement Program.

The guidance lab helps 10 to 12 high school juniors every Friday, said Toni Santmire, lab and endorsement program coordinator. The students take tests to determine their personal interests and style. Style relates to how the students relate to others, she said. The tests help counselors deal with the students.

Later, the counselors meet with each student and go over the test results, Santmire said. They compare their scores with others that are in the fields the student is interested in.

### Attracts gifted students

Santmire said the program shows students the wide range of possible careers. It also attracts gifted students to the university.

The counselors, who are graduate students, also benefit from the experience, she said.

The Nebraska Scholarship Institute brings students to the university for two weeks during the summer. The students learn about everything from media to math and science. They can choose their study area.

The program, which helps about 300 students each summer, was co-sponsored by the Nebraska Center for Excellence in Education and UNL, O'Hanlon said. Only students from the 12 NCEE school districts could participate in the program, he said. This year the university alone will sponsor the program, and any Nebraska high school student can participate, he said.

### Limited admittance

The Gifted Endorsement Program offers courses to high school teachers, Santmire said. The courses are offered only in the summer and admittance is limited, she said. Teachers usually take two summers to complete the 18-credit program.

After teachers complete the program, the university recommends them for endorsement to teach classes for gifted students. Santmire said UNL's requirements are usually higher than those of the state, so state endorsement is almost assured.

If the Legislature cuts the university's budget by \$5 million, the gifted student programs probably will be cut, she said.

## UPC 'Talks and Topics'

# Vietnam vet to speak about war, new threats

By Martha Miller  
Staff Reporter

The founder and executive director of the Vietnam Veterans of America will speak at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Nebraska Union.

Robert Muller will talk about his Vietnam experience and the possibility of the United States becoming involved in another war like Vietnam. Muller, whose speech is sponsored by the University Program Council's "Talks and Topics" Committee, will discuss Lebanon and peace-time military build-up.

Muller was chosen by time magazine in 1979 as one of 50 future national leaders. He has spoken at more than 200 colleges in the last two years.

In 1969, Muller, a 23-year-old Marine Corps lieutenant, was leading an assault against a Viet Cong stronghold when a bullet severed his spine. He now is confined to a wheelchair.

Muller founded Vietnam Veterans of America in 1977. The group is the only national organization of Vietnam veterans. The 20,000-member organization lobbies in Washington, D.C., for better treatment of veterans in hospitals and for more research on agent orange. Agent orange, a chemical sprayed on fields in Vietnam, may be the cause of the health problems many veterans

suffer today.

In 1981, Muller led the first delegation of former soldiers to return to Vietnam since the war ended.

Students with a UNL identification card will be admitted free. Regular admission is \$2.



Muller

## Shorts

Sheldon Art Gallery will give tours each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Gallery is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 9 p.m. in addition to the museum's regular hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Deadline for application for second semester aid at UNL is Oct. 31 at 5 p.m.

Beta Theta Pi fraternity is sponsoring an open house for handicapped students at the Wick Alumni Center Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Career Planning and Placement and the Peace Corps are showing the film, "The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love" Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Nebraska and East Campus unions.

Career Workshops for Arts and Sciences majors on "Resume Writing," "Interview Techniques," and "Job Search Skills" will be offered in Andrews 129 at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13. The workshops will be presented by Anne Kopera, Coordinator of Advising. For more information contact the Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, Oldfather Hall 1223, 472-2891.

**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**  
**THE MODEL CITIZENS**  
ORIGINAL ROCK FROM MINNEAPOLIS  
**OCT. 29, 30 9-1:00**  
THE ZOO BAR 136 NO. 14TH

Chesterfield's  
**BIG RED POOL ROOM**  
presents  
**\$1 PER HOUR POOL**  
Mon. - Thurs. 12 - 6:30 Fri. 12 - 4  
No Limit on Players  
13th & "O" St. Lower Level Gunny's Mall  
**FREE POOL** On Sundays With Minimum Purchase  
GOOD FOR 25¢ Draw or \$1.25 Pitcher On Wed. 10-30-85 Only 8 to Close

**WE MAKE STUDENT LOANS!**  
14 DAYS NORMAL PROCESSING TIME  
FREE PARKING NORTH OF BANK  
6 BLOCKS SOUTH OF THE STUDENT UNION!  
**City Bank**  
City Bank & Trust Company of Lincoln  
14th and M Streets Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 Phone: 477-4481 Member F.D.I.C.

## Decision 'difficult'

MINORITY from Page 1

In response to the article, Rapkin agreed that the position and course are valuable to the department's educational mission. But he said people also should be aware of the difficult decisions Furgason must make about faculty positions.

Furgason said the status of the position won't be known until financial uncertainties are settled.

**STUDY IN SPAIN**  
Prof. Joseph Agee, representative of the University of Alicante in Spain, will show slides of the campus and describe study opportunities for UNL students.  
Friday Nov. 1 at 2:30 p.m. 1138 Oldfather  
Be There!

a unique opportunity for  
— Agriculturalists —

For you and the world itself. You can put your AGRICULTURE DEGREE or FARMING EXPERIENCE to work at a challenging, demanding and unique opportunity. You'll be meeting new people, learning a new language, experiencing a new culture and gaining a whole new outlook on your future career or retirement. And while you are building your future you'll help people in developing countries by sharing your skills in crop or livestock production, bookkeeping, soil management, equipment care, agribusiness or other capabilities necessary for food production. The financial rewards may not be great, but as a Peace Corps volunteer, your opportunity for growth is certain.

Visit our booth at the Ag. Fair Wed., Oct 30 East Campus Union  
Free Film: Oct. 30, 4:30 pm East Campus Union

The toughest job you'll ever love  
**PEACE CORPS**