

UNL program eases students' adjustment

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Adjusting to college could become easier for some UNL students.

UNL Multi-Cultural Affairs is helping ease students' transition from high school to college through a federally funded program. The program, Student Opportunities Services, (SOS), helps students deal with pressure beyond college adjustment. The program is directed toward students who meet federal definition of "disadvantaged," said Vaughn Robertson, SOS assistant director. That definition includes students who are at or near the poverty level, who come from a non-college educated family, who are disabled or who have a GPA or ACT composite score below the university average.

"This is not a racial program," Robertson said. "Our program is aimed at student's particular plight in life, regardless of their race."

The program received a federal grant

of more than \$100,000 for the 1985-86 school year. The program will be funded in three-year cycles, Robertson said. Unless the program is drastically changed, it should receive funds for three more years, Robertson said.

SOS student services include time management counseling, career planning and academic tutoring, he said.

Tracy Mitchell, a freshman broadcast major from Omaha, said she found out about the SOS program when she registered for classes at UNL. She said she is impressed with the program's personal and academic counseling.

"The counseling aspect is really good. They can help you plan a college career and fulfill any deficiencies you might have," she said.

Robertson said students can receive college credit in courses such as algebra to satisfy class requirement deficiencies. Supplemental instruction in history, sociology and chemistry also are offered.

Model UN forms due

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Applications for the Model United Nations Conference are due this month, a University Program Council member said Tuesday.

Georgia Panos, secretary general for the conference, said that although the event is not until February, the deadline for choosing specific countries is Nov. 22.

The 19-year-old program, sponsored

by UPC, helps students learn about the UN's political process, Panos said. Students, in groups of four or six, represent countries in a mock UN assembly.

This year's conference will be Feb. 12 thru 15. The fee is \$28 a group. Applications can be picked up in the Nebraska Union Room 237 or students can call Panos at 472-2454 to have one mailed.



Professor Charles Walker, left, and third-year graduate student, Shin Lu, hold a sample of the new sorghum cereal, nick-named Captain Milo.

Third world could make new cereal

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Lu and Walker are in the last year of their project.

"We've developed a process, but we still need to find the best conditions and a standard procedure," Lu said. He said he thinks the Chinese won't have problems using his production process after it is introduced.

"You don't need very fancy equipment. A Third World country could use the process easily," he said. Lu's procedure can be used with all types of sorghum.

Walker said he thinks the cereal will be acceptable to the Chinese.

"China is Westernizing their diet. They've signed several contracts with major American convenience food manufacturers," he said.

Walker and Lu plan to set up test panels made up of faculty and students to gain feedback on the cereal's taste.

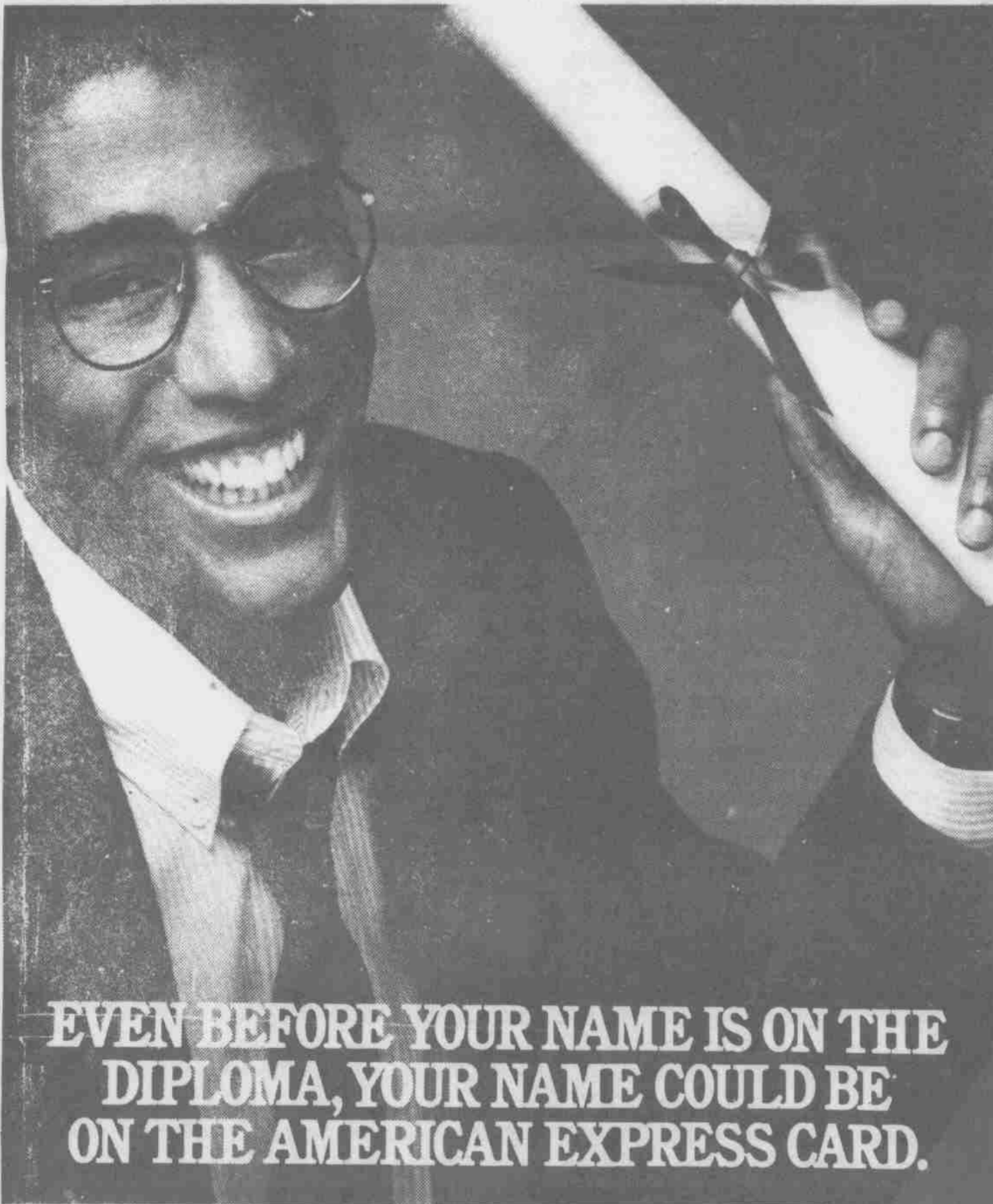
"The Chinese aren't familiar with breakfast cereals so they don't have any preconceived notions, as people in

this country do, but people here have something to compare with," Walker said.

Walker and Lu also are working to include soyflower in their cereal. Soybeans are an important crop in North-eastern China and have three times more protein than other grains. China almost solely relies on soybeans for protein.

"The process Shin Lu has developed is so simple that soyflower can easily be added, and its addition would create a cereal of superior nutritional quality. The Chinese have no problem with a bean taste; people here hate it," Walker said. Flavorings could be added to the cereal, Lu said.

The experimental cereal tastes similar to cornflakes and the sorghum is hard to taste. Lu is trying to make a puffed sorghum cereal, but hasn't been successful yet.



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