

New entrepreneurship center struggles for financial support

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Staff Reporter

A new center designed to encourage economic development through entrepreneurship has been established by the College of Business Administration, said Dean Gary Schwendiman.

The Nebraska Center for Productivity and Entrepreneurship aims to bring business leaders, bankers, students and venture capitalists together and help them nurture ideas that can add to Nebraska's economic development, he said.

A recent survey ranks Nebraska as one of the lowest states for entrepreneurs and indicates there is room for improvement, said Sang Lee, regents distinguished professor and chairman of the management department.

Pill most popular method, clinics say

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Planned Parenthood prescription prices, based on a sliding-fee scale, range from \$9 to \$27 for a three month cycle — slightly more than the Health Center's price of \$6.75 for both Ortho Novum and Triphasil.

At both the Health Center and Planned Parenthood clinics the pill is by far the most popular birth control method, officials at both clinics said.

About 80 percent of the patients who use Planned Parenthood contraceptives are on the pill, said Tim Moran, community relations coordinator.

In 1984, Planned Parenthood dispensed 33,558 packets of pills. Last year, 37,613 packets were sold, Moran said. About 70 percent of the pill-users at Planned Parenthood are college-age (between 18 and 24 years old).

Although the Health Center didn't have any figures available for pill prescriptions, a staff nurse said the pill seems to have recovered from earlier negative publicity about its side effects. Mary Lou Golan said more patients are now aware of the pill's positive side effects — regulating menstrual cycles, reducing cramps and reducing the risk of malignant breast disease and of cancer in the ovaries and the lining of the uterus.

The pill is safer for 17 to 25-year-olds than for older patients, Golan said. But some pill-users remain concerned about potential side effects.

One UNL junior, who's been using the pill for about six months, had to switch brands after one pill caused her to bleed between periods.

Although she has observed no further negative affects since she switched brands, she is concerned about risks of cancer and heart disease in the long term.

Her decision to go on the pill was based on convenience, she said.

"You don't have to drag it around," she said.

The student also feels secure with the pill's 99 percent effectiveness rate.

The student said some of the stigma attached to using "the pill" has faded away. But she still hides the pack from her mother, and is careful about who she tells.

The Health Center supplies about 10 different types of birth control pills, which have varying ratios of the hormones estrogen and progesterone. Planned Parenthood supplies eight varieties.

Both clinics require patients to have physical exams, including a pap smear, before dispensing birth control pills. Each also provides information about alternate methods, risks and effectiveness. The Health Center requires that its pill-users attend a one-hour class on birth control before receiving a prescription.

State ag contest to draw students

The vocational agricultural state contest for high school students will be today and Friday on the UNL east campus.

Over 1,000 Nebraska high school students are expected to attend and 150 college students are helping host the event. For more information contact Cliff McClain, 472-2807.

"New industries are not going to move in unless the university can provide support," Lee said. "For example, Kentucky just attracted a \$800 million Toyota plant with 5,000 new jobs. Part of the deal requires the state to invest \$30 million in the University of Kentucky to develop a management and training center."

A similar center at Penn State has a budget of \$8.5 million, said Lee. UNL has no such funding now, but faculty members are trying to get private funding.

"Eventually we hope to have some professional staff," Lee said, "but right now we are relying heavily on faculty."

The center's activity might move slowly at first because of lack of funding. But Lee said the center already has

made plans to sponsor the first Nebraska Conference on Productivity and Entrepreneurship April 25.

The one-day conference at the Lincoln Hilton Hotel will feature well-known entrepreneurs and get the attention of potential entrepreneurs, Lee said. Registration deadline is April 18. Those interested should contact the department of management, CBA 210.

Among those scheduled to conduct workshops are Richard Byrne, chairman of the Bryne Group; management consultants to the IBM corporation; David Calhoun, Jack North Printing Co. Inc., Lincoln; A.J. Scribante, Majors Market Research Co., Omaha; Bernard Reznicek, Omaha Public Power District, and Norton Warner, KLIN AM-FM, Lincoln.

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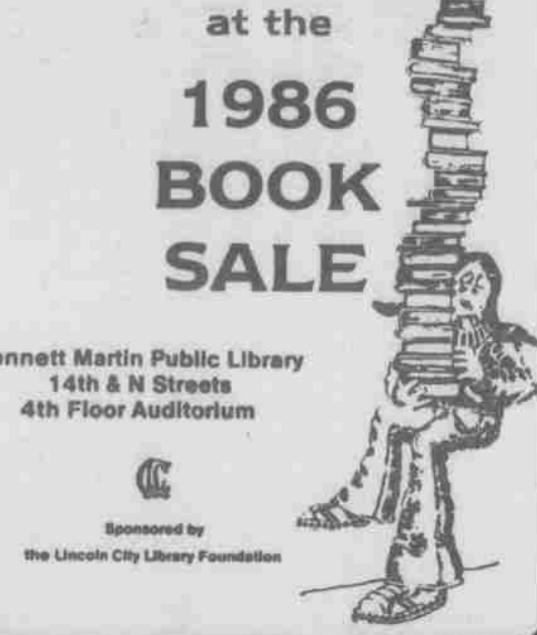
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Voter registration

Sunday is the last day to register to vote in the Nebraska primaries.

Students from all Nebraska counties can register to vote today and Friday in Nebraska Union 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to Kelly Kuchta, head of the Government Liaison Committee.

Kuchta said he has voter application forms for all Nebraska counties. Notaries are also available, he said.

"Students can stop in, fill out the packets, sign them and send them off," Kuchta said.

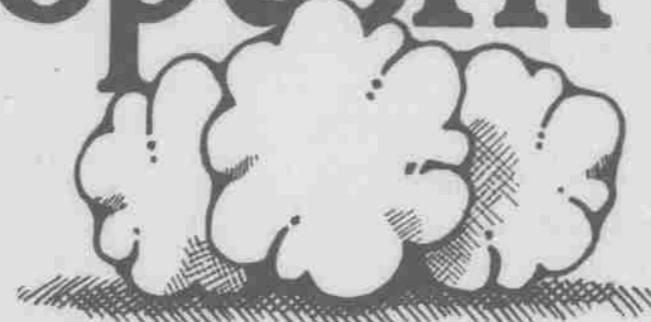
Tax help

Beta Alpha Psi will offer an income tax service to students free in the Nebraska Union on April 10 and 15 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Pre-law workshop

A pre-law workshop will be today, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Georgian Suite of the Nebraska Union. Guest speakers include a law school admissions dean, law students and practicing lawyers. For more information contact the arts and sciences dean's office, 1223 Oldfather, 472-2891.

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