

Blind doesn't mean dead-end

Ignorance of the blind everywhere, student says

SCHEIRE from Page 1

For other classes he uses recorded textbooks, or hires a "reader" — someone who reads the text to him.

Sheire said that his professors at UNL have been very helpful. They are careful to speak loudly and distinctly so blind students are sure to understand, he said, or teachers may "work with us personally."

But, he added, "I must do the same things you must do to pass."

The campus affirmative action office, he said, is a valuable source of support for the blind. The office orients students to the campus, helps them find classrooms, acquires textbooks and assists with exams, Sheire said.

But Sheire has encountered non-academic problems as well.

In 1 1/2 years at UNL, Sheire said he's "had very little social interaction" with fellow students. He said his age plays a part, but he said he feels his blindness plays a role, too.

There are additional problems that involve Tully, his guide dog. Students often try to feed Tully. It is crucial that students do not feed the dog, he said, because feedings are closely monitored to control the dog's bladder and bowels.

Students also want to pet or call the dog.

"When Tully gets distracted, he leads me into other people," Sheire said. "It's the most ridiculous thing you can do."

But there is no anger or bitterness when Sheire recounts these stories. He is a warm, sensitive man, who understands that such behavior stems from a lack of education.

Increasing public awareness about blindness has become Sheire's passion.

"I don't care if you're a ditch-digger or a professor," he said. "Many people have questions, and they should know they have the right to ask."

It's time to dissolve boundaries that divide people, Sheire said.

"We are one family, and should be honest but fair with each other."

Guide dog film today

"Miracle at San Rafael," a film made by Guide Dogs For the Blind Inc. in San Rafael, Calif., will be shown Monday at 8 p.m. on Community Access Channel 14.

The film explains the training of guide dogs, where the dogs come from and how they are introduced to the blind person, said Melvin Sheire, a blind student at UNL.

Sheire received his guide dog from the San Rafael school.

He said he wants the public to know their rights and responsibilities when dealing with blind people who use guide dogs.

Sheire said he's heard too many stories about the abuse of guide-dog privileges.

Someone who "allows a dog to roam free in a restaurant," he said, probably is not using a guide dog.

Sheire said that all blind people who use guide dogs carry an identification card.

If something "doesn't seem quite right," he said, "the public has a right to make inquiries."

"Ask for an ID," he said.

Sheire said he hopes the film will promote a better understanding of the working relationship between the blind and their guide dogs.

AIM HIGH

ATTENTION BSN CLASS OF 1987.

The Air Force has a special program for 1987 BSNs. If selected, you can enter active duty soon after graduation—without waiting for the results of your State Boards. To qualify, you must have an overall "B" average. After commissioning, you'll attend a five-month internship at a major Air Force medical facility. It's an excellent way to prepare for the wide range of experiences you'll have serving your country as an Air Force nurse officer. For more information, call

TSgt Kenneth M. Miller
(402) 556-0715

AIR FORCE

On Campus

The Graduate Student Support Group will hold a brown-bag luncheon Tuesday at noon in the Nebraska Union (room number will be posted). The topic is "Loss of esteem: from full-time professional to graduate student."

A Time Management Workshop will be on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union (room number will be posted).

PPST PREPARATION (Pre-Professional Skills Test) is being sponsored by the Academic Success Center. Registration — Selleck 7005.

Registration Fee — \$6 for each area (fee includes materials, workshop and individual tutoring).

Math — sign up for individual tutoring in Selleck 7005.

Reading — workshop at 3 p.m. Monday or Tuesday.

Writing — workshop at 11 a.m. Wednesday or Thursday.

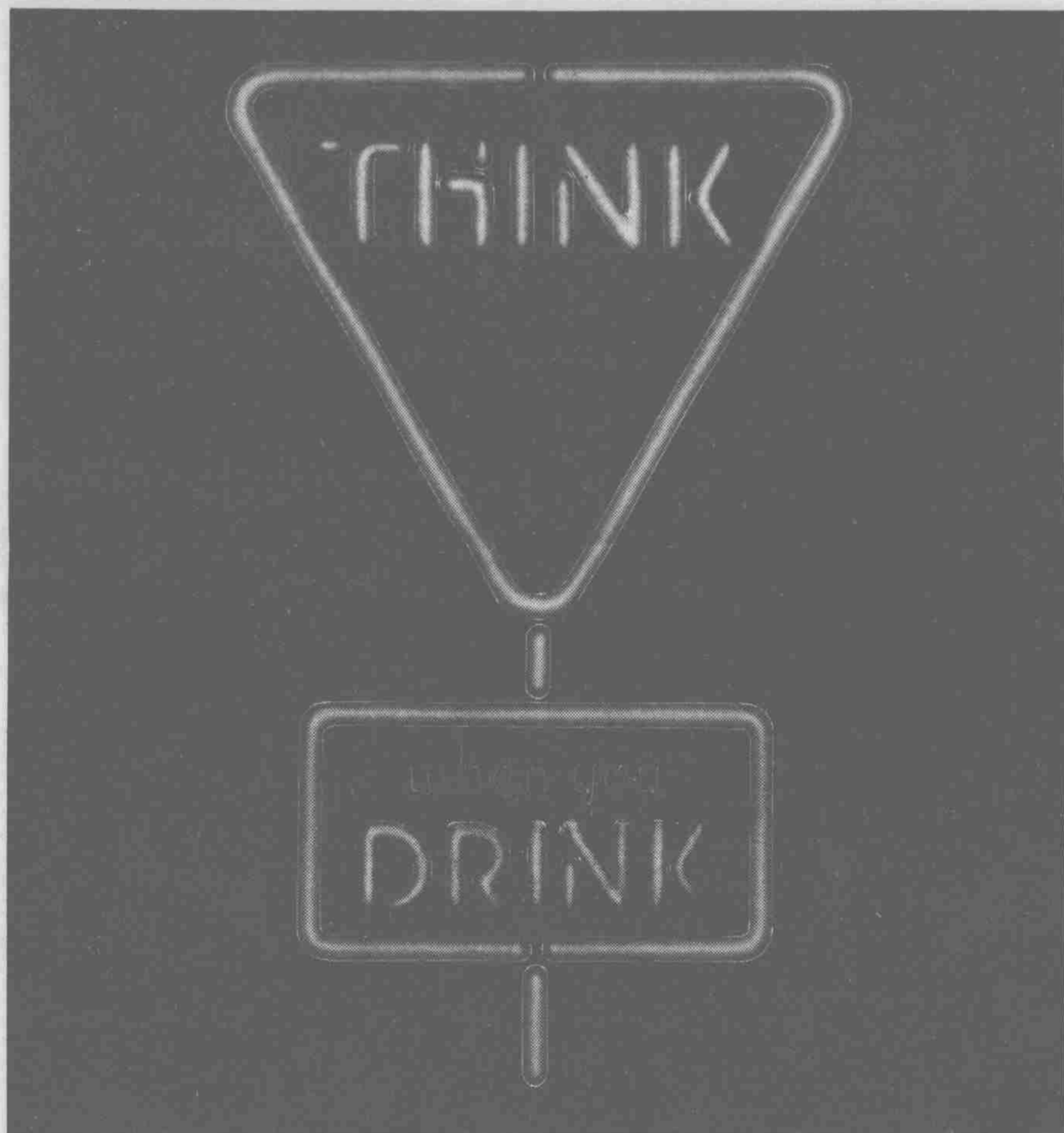
A professional geologist specializing in photogeology and geomorphology will speak in classes at UNL Monday and Tuesday.

Stephanie B. Urban is with the TGA Division of Petroleum Information in Littleton, Colo. She has mapped large portions of the Rio Grande Rift Zone of southern New Mexico, the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas and the Basin and Range province of Nevada. She also analyzes aerial photographs and Landsat images.

Her talk is part of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists' Visiting Petroleum Geologist Program. The program is designed to improve communications between students, faculty, administrators and petroleum geology professionals on the current energy situation, the role of petroleum geology in society, new developments, industrial aid to education and career opportunities.

Dr. Helen Fisher, an award-winning anthropologist, will speak of "The Sex Contract: The Evolution of Human Behavior," Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union's Centennial Room. Fisher will explain her theories on how and why relationships have developed to their present form. The program is free for UNL students with a current student ID and is \$2 for others.

The program is sponsored by the Talks and Topics Committee of the University Program Council.



SUPPORT NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 20-26, 1986



Miller Brewing Co., Milwaukee, WI