

College names E-Week activities

By Sara Bauder
Staff Reporter

Making people more aware of engineers and what they do in college is one of the main goals of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Engineers Week, according to Lori Nabity, campus publicity chairwoman for E-Week.

This week, which is also National Engineers Week, is E-Week at UNL. The College of Engineering and Technology has events scheduled until Sunday.

Nabity said public awareness is especially important this year as the College of Engineering and Technology faces the possibility of having to put another surcharge on its students' tuition.

Engineering students currently are paying a \$9 per credit hour surcharge to pay for undergraduate instructional lab equipment. The college needs future funding for the equipment to assure its accreditation.

"We want the public more aware because the state Legislature hasn't funded lab equipment yet," Nabity said. "We want to avoid another surcharge on our college."

One E-week activity expected to increase awareness is the open house, which will be in the Walter Scott Engineering Center Feb. 24 and 25.

Nabity said the open house will give students a chance to show off some of the projects they have done. She said there will be about 60 projects on display.

There also will be a high school conference on careers in engineering on Feb. 25. This conference, sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers, is expected to attract about 100 students from around the state to UNL, according to Nabity.

Nabity said the E-Week committee tries to get a lot of engineering students to participate in the week's events.

An event designed especially for engineering students is the career fair, which will be held Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 2nd floor of Nebraska Hall. Nabity said there will be about 19 companies, mostly from Nebraska and neighboring states, represented at the fair.

A bowling and billiards party

started off the week on Sunday night. Volleyball and basketball tournaments for students also are scheduled. Nabity said these activities are designed to help get underclassmen involved in E-Week.

A new event this year is the Awards Bash, which will wrap up E-Week on Feb. 25.

"We wanted something that would finish up the week," Nabity said. "It will be like a party for the students."

Nabity said a certificate will be presented to the department with the best participation in E-Week. Individual students also will be awarded for outstanding projects. The awards ceremony will be followed by a catered meal and a dance.

Children of alcoholics can get group support

By Larry Peirce
Senior Reporter

A self-help group for people who grew up with an alcoholic starts again this semester at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to Daryl Bohac, a graduate student who will work with the group.

The group, known as Adult Children of Alcoholics, will meet every Thursday at 6 p.m. in 225 Burnett Hall. New members will be admitted at the first three sessions.

The group is solution-oriented, Bohac said. Members are encouraged

to find their own solutions to problems resulting from having an alcoholic parent. Bohac said he and another graduate student in the clinical psychology program at UNL will assist, but not lead the group.

"We encourage members to take responsibility for the group . . . to create solutions," he said.

Children of alcoholics share some problems when they become adults, Bohac said. Many children of alcoholics have low self-esteem, difficulty trusting others, making friends and tend to deny their emotions, he

said. "They've grown up with a lack of role models," he said, "and are not encouraged to show emotions. Most of them already know what problems they have, they just don't know what to do about it."

Adult Children of Alcoholics has been offered each semester by the Community Health Department for four years, Bohac said. Each group meets on campus until dead week, he said, but can continue on its own later. Last semester's group had 10 members, and seven are still meeting, he said.

The group is closed to new members after the third week to develop cohesiveness and trust among members, he said.

Without new members coming in, members become "less uncomfortable" sharing personal information, Bohac said. Other groups are available off campus.

Bohac said he sees a positive change in people who attend the group.

The group is not for everyone.

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