

Culture classes to be eliminated

Material to be made up in other language courses

By Trevor Meers
Staff Reporter

A series of modern language courses will be phased out over the next three to four years, but students still can learn the same material in replacement courses, a UNL official said.

Robert Shirer, vice chairman of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, said the cultural civilization sequence of language courses — numbered 111, 112 and 211 — would be phased out because they had deviated from the focus of UNL's language requirement.

The cultural civilization courses focus on the culture and customs of nations where target languages are spoken, Shirer said.

"We felt the alternatives (courses) were getting away from the main objective, and that was learning the

language," he said.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's language requirement, implemented in the 1970s, ensures that students are exposed to target languages they choose to study, Shirer said. Many students who had chosen the cultural civilization sequence were concerned that they were not receiving sufficient instruction in the language, he said.

"Often there would be a couple of days of culture in the five days (the class met each week), and some of it would be in the target language," Shirer said.

While learning about the culture of countries that speak the target language is important, he said, it is not the primary focus of the language courses.

Shirer said other courses in the modern languages department exposed students to culture.

"It's insane to believe you can have just language without getting some culture," he said. "You can get some culture in every elementary or intermediate sequence."

Little difference exists between

the cultural civilization sequence and other sequences of courses, Shirer said. Many students thought the cultural courses would be easier, he said, but the only difference was the amount of exposure to the target language.

The cultural civilization sequence allowed students to complete 16 hours of language study in three semesters. This still would be possible, Shirer said, with a block course that would be available in frequently taught languages such as German and Spanish.

While the traditional 101, 102, 201 and 202 sequence still will be offered, students can consolidate 201 and 202 into one six-hour course. The courses will meet five days a week with the sixth hour being made up in lab and other activities.

Shirer said the traditional sequence of courses would remain intact because of students' different language needs.

"We will retain the option of taking 201 and 202 as three-hour courses because that's essential for some high school kids with more language experience," he said.

Massey

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things the university has to offer.

"One thing I'll bring to the university is a positive attitude," he said. "Sure there are problems, but we've

got to handle them and emphasize and publicize our strengths."

The agriculture college has a worldwide reputation for quality instruction and research, Massey said, and more needs to be done to publicize the quality of the business, agriculture and journalism colleges.

One problem Massey said he would work to improve upon as a regent was the dropout rate at UNL.

"The ability to retain students after their first year is certainly a problem," he said. "There apparently are a lot of students at UNL who shouldn't be there, and I would support stricter admission standards."

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Thursday

11:38 a.m. — Accident, Nebraska Union dock, \$200.

12:34 p.m. — Fence broken, 1531 S St., \$500.

4:14 p.m. — License plates stolen, parking lots at 17th and R streets.

4:28 p.m. — Backpack stolen, Nebraska Union, \$75.

4:44 p.m. — Plants stolen, Architecture Hall, \$100.

6:22 p.m. — License plates stolen and recovered, parking lot at 17th and R streets.

7:45 p.m. — Domestic dispute, individual arrested for vandalism and assault, Ruth Leverton Child-care Center.

Beginning midnight Friday

12:27 a.m. — Clothing stolen from vehicle, parking lot at 14th and Avery streets, \$305.

Beginning midnight Saturday

2:57 a.m. — Phone mouthpiece taken, Smith Residence Hall, \$10.

3:29 p.m. — Cash stolen, Lee and Helene Sapp Recreation Center, \$155.

5:37 p.m. — Man assaulted and robbed, Memorial Stadium restroom, \$35.

6:47 p.m. — Parking sign damaged in hit-and-run accident, Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Hall parking lot, \$25.

Beginning midnight Sunday

1:45 a.m. — Fraternity fight, Sigma Nu Fraternity, 625 N. 16th St.

8:30 a.m. — Speakers and athletic

4:22 p.m. — Clothing stolen, 1510 Vine St., \$830.

4:40 p.m. — Tape-player and cassettes stolen, 1510 Vine St., \$120.

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Crackin' down on books

Scott Nelson, a sophomore business administration major, studies for his economics final in the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery's sculpture garden Monday.

First DaVinci's store to be turned into park

By Virginia Newton
Staff Reporter

The downtown DaVinci's Pizza and Hot Hoagies, the first of the Knudson franchise, will close in December after 14 years of business at the location.

The DaVinci's property at 13th and Q streets was purchased by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1985 as part of the development of the Lied Center for Performing Arts, Ray Coffey, UNL business manager, said.

Coffey said the area might be cleared for a park along with the adjoining property, which was bought in 1984. The property is the site of the International Affairs office, Coe Computer Center and The Hole Works.

A donation was made to help pay for the cost of making the area into a park, he said, but the amount is not enough to pay for the park.

Although plans for the park construction are in the works, Coffey said, the future of the property has not been decided.

"One thought is — if nothing else happens — is that when DaVinci's moves out in December, you can make a university information center," he

said. "It will be a drive-up place where people can find out where to go.

Kent Knudson, an owner of DaVinci's, said his family knew about the closing for a long time. The delivery element of the business already has been phased out because of the closing date, he said.

"Since the time that we decided to close, our eat-in business is up 75 to 100 percent," he said. "We are very pleased with our customer response."

Sharon Kuhn, owner of The Hole Works, said plans for that business' future were still undecided. She had not set a closing date or decided whether the business would stay in the downtown area.

"We're just kind of on hold for a while," she said.

Knudson said all of the downtown Davinci's employees would be employed in other locations or at a new downtown location if one was constructed.

"We are for progress in the community, and the Lied Center is progress in the community," Knudson said. "It just doesn't seem fair that they take a profitable business and turn it into some bushes, sidewalk and a fountain."

New Yugoslavia created

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Lawmakers from hard-line Serbia and Montenegro voted Monday to create a smaller Yugoslavia from what's left of the former six-republic federation.

The United States and the 12 European Community nations boycotted a proclamation ceremony staged by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, which included hoisting a new Yugoslav national flag — the last in Europe to drop the Communist star.

Milosevic pledged the formation of a new Balkan state would halt an ethnic war that has claimed more than 10,000 lives since June and resulted in the secession of Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Macedonia has broken from the federation too but has not gained the same recognition as the other new states because of opposition by EC member Greece, which fears its own northern Macedonia region could be coveted by an independent Macedonia.

The West, weary of Balkan strife and wary of Milosevic's pledges of peace, is demanding concrete action from Serbia to curb violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina and relinquish territory captured by Serbs there and in Croatia.



The 51-member Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe has threatened to expel Yugoslavia if violence in Bosnia is not halted by Wednesday.