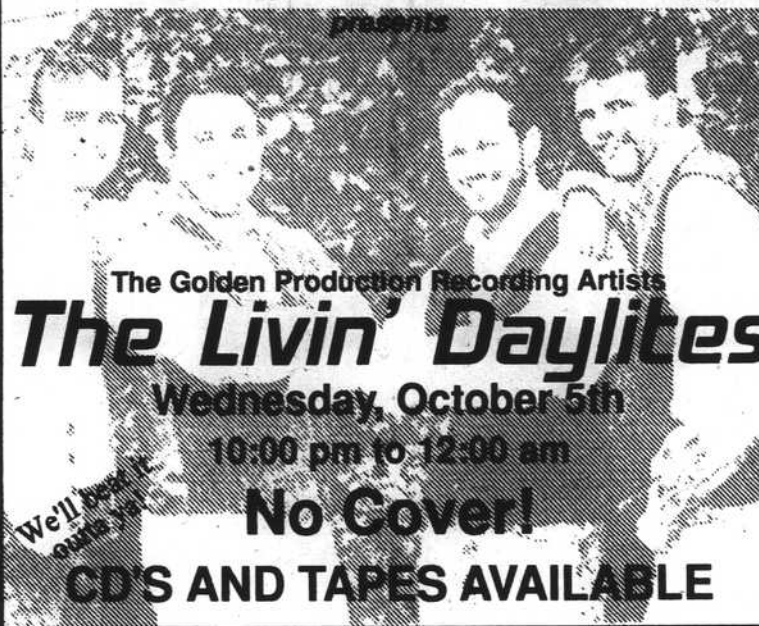


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## Senate to attack cuts

From Staff Reports

Tonight's student senate meeting will focus on organizing efforts to protest Congress' proposed financial aid cuts, said ASUN President Shawntell Hurtgen.

The proposed cuts will be brought before the senate floor Oct. 10, giving the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska one week for protest efforts, including a letter-writing campaign.

John Beacon, director of schol-



arships and financial aid, agreed there was little time.

"In the short time we have left, it is critically important that we tell legislators not to cut aid to federal education," Beacon said.

Phone campaigns, media attention and letter writing all could bring results, Beacon said.

While ASUN's meeting will focus on letter writing, Beacon suggested that students make the most of phone campaigns.

"There are a lot of numbers that have been set up that students can call to put them in direct touch with their legislators," he said.

Phone numbers include the Alliance to Save Student Aid (1-800-574-4AID) and the Congressional switchboard (202- 224-3121).

## Program lets groups learn about Internet

By Rebecca Simpson  
 Staff Reporter

Many homes across Nebraska could soon be linked to a whole new world of information, thanks to the new "Navigating the Net" program.

The program is offered through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Karen Loftis, program coordinator of agricultural economics, said the program was essentially an Internet show and tell.

The increasing popularity of the Internet has raised many questions about how to access it and its vast resources, she said.

"Navigating the Net" was started this summer to help answer some of these questions for many Nebraska residents. The program consists of guided tours of the Internet and its various resources, such as the World Wide Web.

Once the guided tour is complete, program participants can spend time exploring and learning for themselves what the Internet has to offer.

Loftis said the program's main purpose was to "increase the number of Nebraskans who are accessing online information, using computers as a tool."

Regardless of where people live, she said, the vast information available on-line can have a tremendous impact on their lives.

With the Internet, she said, location becomes irrelevant. Whether someone is conducting business across the country or merely "surfing the net," an almost infinite spectrum of information is available.

To use the program, community organizations and other non-profit groups must contact Loftis. After groups set up and organize the program, Loftis, as the instructor, comes to them.

For groups of up to 25 people, the charge is a flat \$250 fee, she said, which is generally either divided among those taking the class, or paid by the group itself.

Those interested in "Navigating the Net" should contact Loftis at the UNL Center for Rural Community Revitalization and Development, 1-800-328-2851 or 472-1725.

## Food systems education grant funds program

By Tasha E. Kelter  
 Staff Reporter

A program to change food systems education at UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources has completed its first phase.

Nebraska Network 21 has just finished its visioning phase, which was financed by a \$134,415 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, said Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for IANR. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln was one of 12 institutions nationwide to receive the grant.

Food systems education informs UNL students and others about food processing, production and marketing for 21st century consumers.

"We want to provide the consumer with the kinds of food that will be in demand in the years ahead," Omtvedt said.

Out of the first stage came a comprehensive visioning statement, which outlines what direction the program will take.

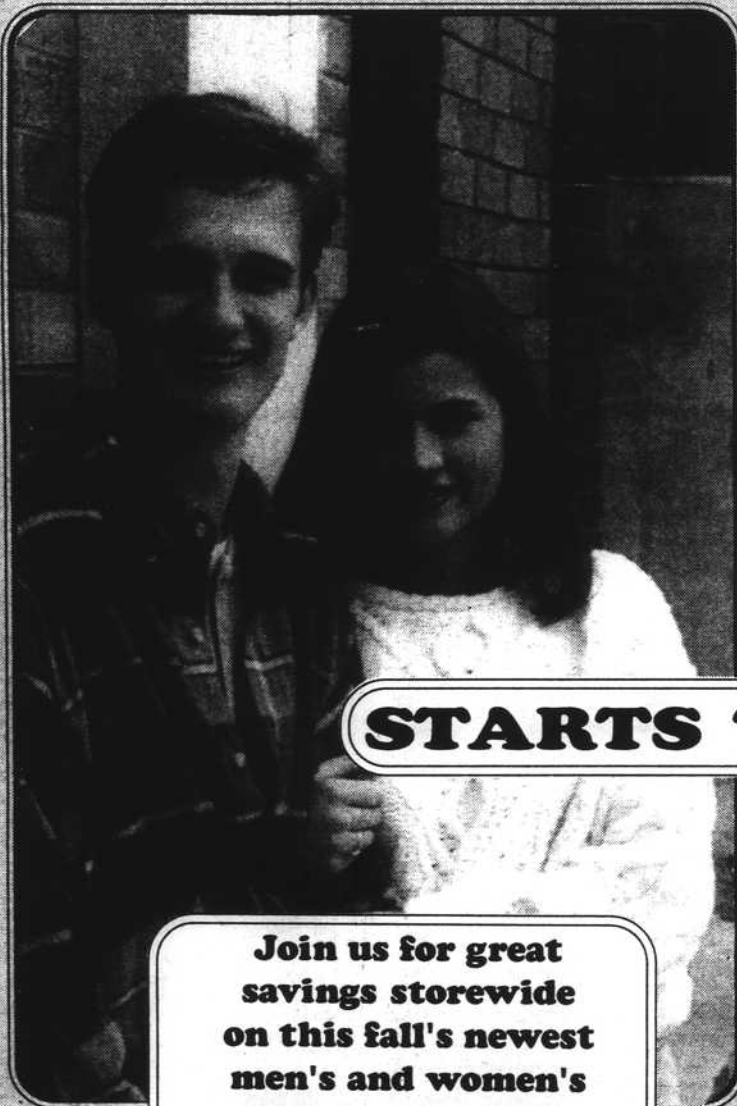
The program will focus on making food systems education affordable and accessible in the future, Omtvedt said.

One of the ways food systems education will change is that IANR will emphasize distance education through the increased use of computers, satellites and other technology.

The program now will enter its second stage — implementation. Omtvedt said he expected to find funding for this stage by 1996.

"The bottom line is that there will be significant changes," Omtvedt said.

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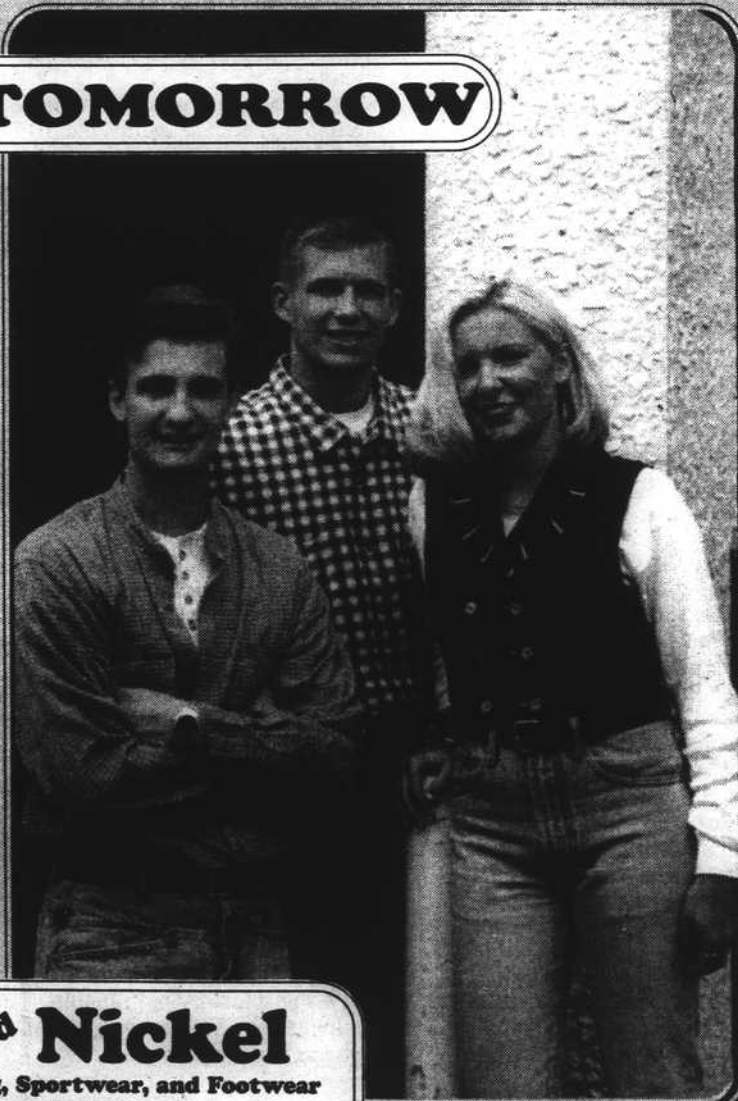
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