

Aviation classes taking off

By Joshua Gillin
Staff Reporter

Now Omaha isn't the only place NU students can soar.

This semester, for the first time, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students can start earning an aviation degree without leaving Lincoln — on the ground, anyway.

Mike Siders, the liaison between Omaha and Lincoln campuses, said aviation training at UNL was long overdue.

"We decided to try and expand down to the Lincoln campus to see if there was any interest," he said. "Right now, we've got about 80 students enrolled."

The degree, a bachelor of general studies with a concentration in aviation, has been offered at the University of Nebraska at Omaha since the fall of 1990. Classes count toward a UNO degree for Lincoln students.

Currently two divisions of classes are available on UNL's campus — ground training and flight training. The ground training division is holding classes for private pilot theory and commercial piloting, and the flight training division is working under contract with Capitol Aviation, located at the General Aviation Building at Lincoln Municipal Airport.

Students earn a Private Pilot rating, then work toward a Certified Flight Instructor by logging flight hours with another CFI at Capitol Aviation.

Tuition is the same as for other students with one exception: the cost of flight training.

Siders said he was concerned that many students would balk at the \$3,000-plus price tag for a Private Pilot rating. Becoming a CFI is even more expensive.

But he said, "You should look at it as more of a lab fee. It costs about \$3,000 to get a rating anyway, so it should cost about that much to take the flight classes."

The UNO Aviation Institute plans to complete the implementation of the UNL program by next fall. By then, an Introduction to Aviation and Aerospace class will be offered, as well as a History of Aviation class that will be taught over the Internet by a UNO instructor.

Siders said financial aid also would be available to aviation students through both federal loans and grants and departmental scholarships.

Dr. Brent Bowen, director of UNO's Aviation Institute, said several students were using some sort of financial aid.

"In many cases we have students using funds from a stipend that we have set up for undergraduates," Bowen said. "We also have a general scholarship fund established for those who qualify."

Students also can apply for loans and money disbursed by the Nebraska Space Grant Consortium.

Bowen said he hoped the program would work as well in Lincoln as it had in Omaha.

"We're really working from the model that the criminal justice program started," he said. "If this works out, we have a program in Aviation Administration which we would like to get started."

The Omaha program had an original enrollment of 125 students with five different classes. It now has expanded to 500 students taking 30 different classes and is still growing.

UNO also offers an aviation minor, which Bowen said he hoped to bring to Lincoln soon, along with another new major in Aviation Studies.

"What we're trying to do is expose more of Nebraska to careers in aviation," Bowen said. "We believe the best possible way to do that is to open the program to other schools."

Yet Bowen said he hoped NU students would not be the only ones to learn more about aviation.

"These credits are transferable to any university in the country," he said. "That should make it easier for a lot of students."

Siders encouraged students to become involved in the new program, and he was optimistic about the future.

"I love flying," he said. "It's a great industry and it's growing. That's why I got into it."

"But most all, it's fun."

Students interested in aviation can contact Siders at 472-4432, or call the UNO Aviation Institute at 1-800-858-8648.

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Police searching for suspect

ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION

Police are asking students to look for a man who tried to abduct a female University of Nebraska-Lincoln student in December.

UNL Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said the man was a white male in his mid- to late-20s, about six feet tall, with a medium build.

The night of the attempted abduction, he wore a dark, zip-up, hooded sweat shirt, a thermal cap that was possibly red and pulled down to his eyebrows, dark pants and white tennis shoes.

He drove a white or light-blue four-door sedan with tan interior. The license plates were plain white with black letters, much like Nebraska's plates without scenery.

On the night of the abduction, the female student was walking to her vehicle in a university parking lot when she saw the man looking under the hood of his car, Bushing said.

He called out to her and asked if she would help him start his car, Bushing said. The man told her he had to go see his wife in the hospital.

When she reached for jumper cables in the back seat of his car, he tried to push her completely into the back of the car, Bushing said.

She fought the man off and ran to her car. He got into his car and drove away, Bushing said.

Anyone having information about the case or a possible match to the description of the man or the vehicle should call University Police at 472-3550.

—Chad Lorenz

Students can get e-mail accounts in just minutes

From Staff Reports

Students wishing to take their first dive into the Internet with their own e-mail account will now spend only minutes waiting to get one — for a limited time.

Previously, students waited up to a week to receive account confirmation, which includes an account number and password. Students can take advantage of

this rapid process through the end of this week.

"Administration decided that the turnaround needed to be quicker," said Gary Kimminau, assistant manager of the Computer Shop.

Kimminau said that an operator from Information Services was brought in to process e-mail applications on the spot.

"Students can now get their account while they wait," Kimminau said. "At the most, they might have to wait 15 minutes."

Students can apply for free accounts on UNL's bigred system at the Computer Shop in the 501 Building.

Internet



an account number and password. Students can take advantage of

Students can access on-line career services

From Staff Reports

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Career Services has taken to the information super-highway.

Students wishing to access job listings, career events and job-seeking tips now can go to the NU Frontier section of their HUSKERnet account.

From there, career services can be found under campus services, organizations, services and career services.

Information on the "on-line" version of career services includes go-pher sites that have job vacancies in government, higher education, business and industry.

Other information includes inter-

viewing and referral services, student employment and internships, career fairs, career counseling and job search tips.

Career Services is planning a World Wide Web site that will go on-line this summer. For now, comments about career services should be directed to Chris Timm, ctimm@unl.edu.

Write now.

The Daily Nebraskan is now hiring staffers for the spring semester. Positions are available for staff reporters in news, sports and arts & entertainment and for graphic artists. Apply at the Daily Nebraskan, Room 34 in the Nebraska Union, 1400 R. St.

Daily
Nebraskan

Three killed in airplane crash

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

A plane crash in the southwest corner of Lincoln Saturday evening left two men and one woman dead.

Michael Wallen, 37, and Paul Osborn, 44, were killed when the single-engine airplane crashed 1/2 mile north of Pella Road and Southwest 42nd Street, Lancaster County Police Sgt. Robert Marker said.

Christine Wallen, also 37 and wife of Michael

Wallen, was alive and trapped inside the wreckage when the Hallam fire and rescue squads arrived, Marker said. She was life-flighted to Lincoln General Hospital but was declared dead on arrival from severe head trauma at 11 p.m.

A Nebraska Public Power crew discovered the wreck at 8:14 p.m. as it was investigating a power outage in the area, police said.

The three were returning from a gun show in Dallas when Osborn's plane went down, Marker said. Michael Wallen was the owner of Mike's Guns, 2727 N. 33rd St.

Comedy

Continued from Page 1

and moved the campus together to help students and faculty succeed."

Working hands-on with major issues at UNC was another accomplishment, he said.

"We have improved the number of minorities and women who have been placed in key roles," he said.

Comedy also served as chairman of the Greeley Human Relations Commission last year. The commission held 13 educational forums on issues such as gang violence and affirmative action, he said.

Some affirmative action and diversity issues at UNC and UNL are similar, he said.

"The issues of homosexuality and gay rights are similar," he said. "Being free to talk about those issues and resolving them are major issues."

Gardner

Continued from Page 1

affirmative action and diversity office," she said, "and to bring in my own research and philosophy in ways you can't do when an office is already established."

Affirmative action and diversity programs at Amherst had been in place since 1961, she said, but there had been no official director until she took over.

Starting the office took time, she said. Gardner began evaluations and designed models to relate to the campus.

"After that I reorganized the affirmative action committee and enlarged it to include students from various interests across campus," she said.

Gay and lesbian rights were a big issue at

But Comedy said diversity issues as a whole were fairly vague and needed to be discussed. Comedy said he did not have any definite plans for UNL, but instead he wanted to get a feel for the campus.

"I would like to get a better understanding of programming and see if they are doing what they should be," he said. "It would be presumptuous of me to come in and say what I think right away."

"I think UNL has a lot of potential to be successful in affirmative action and diversity. I think there are some good people who believe in giving all people an opportunity and a chance to succeed."

One general area of improvement at UNL would be to move away from labeling people, he said.

"We need to be willing to cross different lines of genders and race," he said. "We need to educate and be able to talk without fear of being labeled negatively for what you believe."

Amherst, she said. A gay, lesbian and bisexual weekend was planned by her office to help support different sexual orientations.

One issue at UNL would be making the campus more diverse and supportive, she said.

"From talking to groups, I understand that there is a concern that there be efforts to make this a more welcoming environment for all groups," Gardner said. "But right now it's hard for me to determine who is being left out."

For her to implement new programs or change others at UNL, Gardner said she would need to do more research.

But Gardner said that in general a major campus issue would be helping students become successful.

"The challenge is to reach out in our various communities and enlarge the numbers of young people that are successful in colleges and universities," she said.