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Weather: Partly cloudy, windy and warmer today with a high of about 64 (18C). Friday night, not as cold with a low of about 47 (8C). Game forecast: Partly cloudy, windy and warm, high of about 68 (20C). Sunday, chance of showers with a high of about 63 (17C).

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Regents candidates clash over vet school



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Fricke pauses before responding to criticism from Schwartzkopf, seated at left in background.

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NU Board of Regents candidate Don Fricke discovered a surprise guest at his speech Thursday in the Nebraska Union.

Incumbent Ed Schwartzkopf, Fricke's opponent in the District 1 race, criticized him for statements he made about the proposed NU veterinary science school.

Fricke said the vet school would be too expensive to operate and that funds could be better used in the business and engineering colleges.

"The vet college is one of the most expensive colleges to operate per student," Fricke said. "It's like a golf course. It takes too long to mature. The trees take too long to grow to make it a good course."

Schwartzkopf said the original plan was approved by the Legislature, only if specific requirements were met. Those guidelines were not met, and a modified plan will be introduced to the Legislature for approval next

year.

"You're not giving the vet science department the credit it deserves," Schwartzkopf told Fricke.

Schwartzkopf said the vet school would provide more jobs at NU. He also applauded the school's work with calf scours.



Fricke said the vet school's long-range costs would outweigh its benefits, but that an emphasis on the agricultural sector is important.

"We need to turn raw products into finished products here in the state," he said. "Sending them out of state won't help us in making farming profitable."

Fricke said the university's farm management program is important, but UNL is behind because other small colleges started similar programs first.

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Tendency to memorize, forget facts

Specialized students lose track of big picture

By Brad Kuhn

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Editor's note: This is the last article in the five-part series examining current issues on the quality of education in Nebraska. Results of a scientific survey conducted by the Daily Nebraskan on what UNL students think about their education at the university will be released Monday.

Robert Fuller shuffles through a handful of papers in his office, entries in the "1998" contest sponsored by the UNL Life/Work Inquiry Group.

"I expected at least a hundred,"

Fuller says. The contest, which asks students and faculty what they want from the university that will be of greatest value to

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them in 1998, evolved from informal discussions between Fuller and others involved in United Ministries in Higher Education about the "short-term" orientation of education these days. So far, the contest has yielded only 20 entries.

But the very lack of entries may

prove Fuller's point. Students, weaned on the capitalist dream, are carving their niches in increasingly specialized fields and are losing track of the bigger picture, Fuller says.

Engineering students, for example, have little choice in their education. They follow a strict flow chart of mandatory classes that allows little room for electives outside of the engineering field, say, world politics for instance.

Fuller says he's concerned with what he sees as a tendency for students to simply memorize facts, regurgitate them for a test, then promptly forget them.

"Knowledge is not just spitting

back what someone has told you," says Fuller. "To know something is to be able to pass it on."

A recent poll conducted by the UNL Division of Continuing Studies revealed that although 87 percent of a sample group of 463 UNL alumni who graduated in the supposedly liberal 1960s and 1970s were satisfied with the education they received as undergraduates, 75.5 percent said they had returned to school after graduation for additional education.

John Naisbitt, in his best-selling book, "Megatrends," blames the country's economic distress on short-term thinkers and a demand for instant gratification.

He predicts that during the next decade, economic trends will be toward long-range planning.

If long-range planning is the vogue of the future, at present students still wallow in the here and now. Of the few students who have responded to the "1998" contest so far, most of them emphasized the importance of grades and social contacts. No one mentioned philosophy, political ideology, sociology, art or music.

As long as there is no immediate danger knocking on students' emotions, Fuller says, they don't see any need to challenge the status quo.

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Regents dedicate Scott Engineering Center

By Kevin Dugan

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The Walter Scott Engineering Center at 16th and Vine streets was officially dedicated Thursday by NU Board of Regents Chairman Ed Schwartzkopf.

This formally initiates construction of a \$1 million building project that is part of an overall plan to centralize the UNL College of Engineering and Technology.

Construction of a connecting link between Nebraska Hall and the Nebraska Engineering Center (renamed the Walter Scott Engineering Center) will begin this fall.

Walter Scott Jr., president and chairman of Peter Kiewit Sons, Inc., donated the money to the

NU Foundation in honor of his father. The late Walter Scott Sr. is recognized for his contributions to the engineering profession and to the UNL engineering college.

Scott Sr., a native of Nebraska, was a 1923 UNL engineering graduate, faculty member and key figure in the early development of the Kiewit company.

"Walter Scott represents the epitome of generosity," said D.B. "Woody" Varner, NU Foundation board chairman.

About four years ago, Scott Jr. established a \$1.5 million engineering scholarship.

Stanley R. Liberty, dean of the college, said construction of the linking corridor and general-use

computer-terminal facility will be completed during the spring semester of 1986.

The two-level building will house the Electrical Engineering administrative offices and some Mechanical Engineering faculty offices.

Liberty said the lab space underneath the offices eventually will contain micro-computers as well as central process technology. Funding for extra equipment will come from private donations to the foundation and from state taxes appropriated for the college's budget.

Plans for the new complex include the addition of a 500-seat auditorium, complete with audio-visual equipment, to be built on the south side of the center. Liberty said he hopes relocating the

Mechanical and Chemical Engineering departments to the center project.



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Scott Jr. stands next to an engraved plate bearing his family's name during the dedication ceremony of the Walter Scott Engineering Center on City Campus.