

Photo by George Wright

The pigs in pen number two will be going to market this month. The old UN-L swine disease research center at 75th and Adams is being closed because a new center was built at Mead. Miles Tommeraasen, vice chancellor for business and finance, said the pigs were to be removed by July 1 but the deadline has been changed to August 1. The pigs could become a nuisance if they are not removed soon, he said. A golf course and housing projects have surrounded the pens.

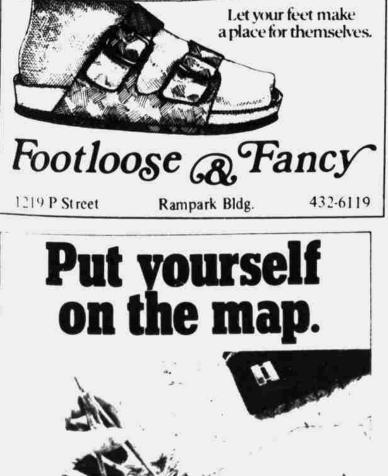


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Vet school proposed for Nebraska

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By Jill Shaw

Nebraska may get its own veterinary school if the Board of Regents and the Legislature okay a proposal being studied by a special committee.

Earl Dickinson, head of the Veterinary Science Department at UN-L, said a group of professors, advisory persons and a Billings, Mont. non-profit corporation are studying proposals for starting a veterinary program in a five-state region.

Dickinson said the states involved in the study are Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota.

Regent Kermit Hansen, Omaha, said the study was updated at the Board of Regents meeting June 17. The report was requested by Regent Robert Prokop of Wilbur.

Dickinson said the idea of a veterinary school in Nebraska had been suggested in the 1950s, but the current proposal action began in 1974.

That year the Old West Regional Commission, made up of the five participating states and a federal co-chairman, began a study of the present veterinary program.

The Commission hired Dr. Clarence Cole, former dean of the Ohio State veterinary school, to make a feasibility study for a new veterinary program. Dickinson said.

He said Cole recommended a program which would include the five states with UN-L as the base school where the second, third and fourth years of veterinary study would be completed.

The study was reviewed and a refinement study was made in March 1977. The study presented five alternatives, Dickinson said.

The first alternative dealt with updating the standards of current veterinary schools, Dickinson said. He said the second alternative would assign a study

team to plan revisions of the current situation.

The third alternative would set up a veterinary school in Nebraska. The other four participating states, he said, would be allowed to send veterinary students to Nebraska on a contractual basis.

Under the fourth alternative each state would set up its own veterinary school, said Dickinson.

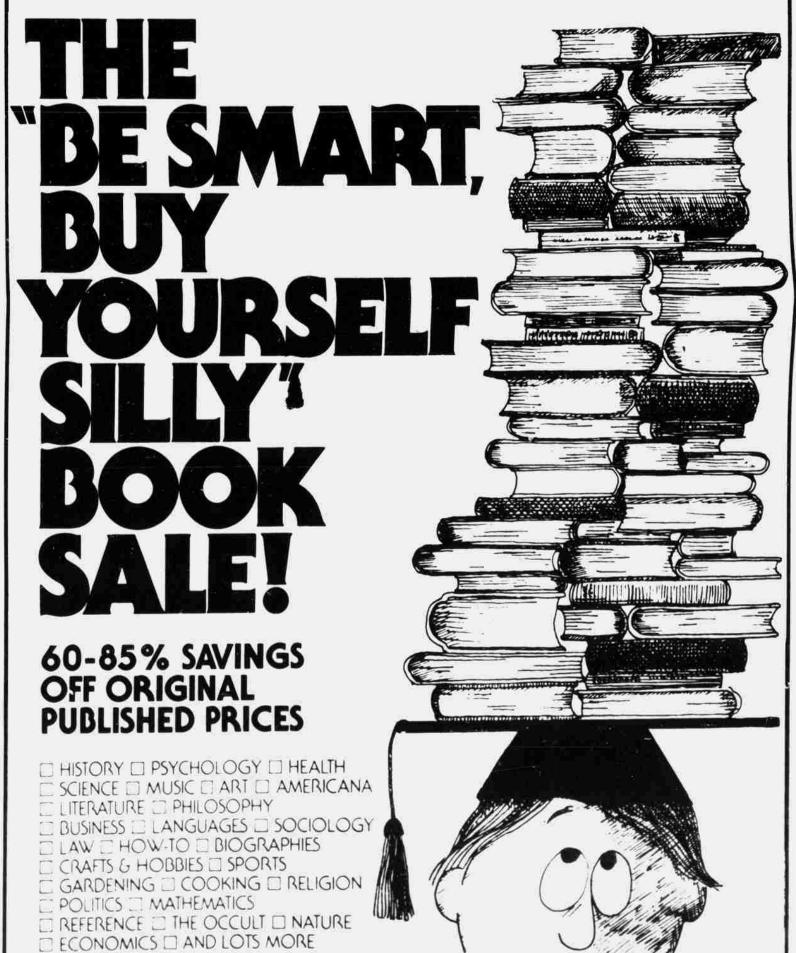
The final alternative would continue the program as it is. Nebraska now has contractual agreement with Iowa State University, Kansas State University and the University of Minnesota.

Three groups were formed to study the alternatives, Dickinson said. These groups included a study team, an academic advisory group and a legislative assistant advisory committee.

Dickinson saida'the group concluded that the present situation was not the best.

A special committee was formed to develop the material collected and prepare it to present to the various colleges, Board of Regents and state legislatures.

The Regents took no action concerning the proposal. Proposed costs of the veterinary school program were not available.



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