

NU enrollment up

Ten years ago there were five junior colleges in Nebraska. Today there are seven, and the state gives them tax support to boost their budgets. As a result, junior colleges can now operate less expensively and are more appealing to prospective students and their families, according to UNL's director of admissions.

John Aronson said the number of pre-enrolled freshmen at UNL in 1969 was 4,100 but in 1970 the same group dropped to 3,900. "We attribute this decrease to the junior colleges taking a larger number of students." Thanks to the state help, he said. This year there are 4,200 freshmen pre-enrolled.

Aronson said there was a real increase in transfer students, mainly from these junior colleges. He said junior college students who pre-enrolled are finding no problem getting into classes, though some of the late-comers may find difficulty in getting into the classes they want.

Aronson said entrance requirements are generally no stricter this year despite UNL's austere budget. But "in the case of foreign and out-of-state students, the stated requirements have not changed, but rigid conformance to them is expected". "Before, they were more flexible."

As for UNL, Dean of Student Academic Services Lee Chatfield said total enrollment is up from last year's 20,810. This year, 20,400 students are already registered, with another 800 expected when final enrollment figures come in.

Enrollment in the second summer session totaled 5,632 compared to 5,375 students a year ago. First summer session's enrollment was 7,488, compared to 7,720 in 1970's first term.

Total Summer session enrollment in 1971 set a record for the tandem summer sessions. In the two 1970 sessions, 13,095 students signed up. This year, 13,120 students took courses.



As waiting lines grew, an administrator informed waiting students Monday afternoon that their I.D.'s may not have been processed.

New line forms

Students battle I.D. lines

The legendary chaos of drop/add paled before the unending line of freshmen awaiting their student identification cards in the Nebraska Union Monday and Tuesday.

Approximately 4,500 of the 4,800 new students this semester were handled in the first two days of the semester, the administration said. This is nearly twice the number dealt with in the same period of time in prior years.

Administrators speculated that new students moving into the dorms on Sunday, instead of the middle of the week, all converged on the Union Monday morning.

Next year's freshmen IDs may be mailed out to avoid a similar tie-up, officials said.

Thanks to a week of free drop/add before school began this semester the ranks of regular drop/add were too severely thinned to challenge the ID lines. The administration instituted the early drop/add period to simplify registration problems before the shortened semester, UNL's first one with finals before Christmas.

Usually one-third of all students go through drop/add each semester—nearly 6,000 students according to Gerald Bowker, director of Registration and Records. And drop/add is also usually a scene of widespread campus confusion.

The schedule changes themselves, which are in turn the result of insufficient classroom space and increased enrollment. Alternative systems of handling the changes are plentiful and almost uniformly inefficient.

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Roy Baldwin, ASUN senator, was involved in an interrupted effort to reform the system which has yet to be resumed. He recommended students getting the signatures of their professors for add classes and submitting the necessary forms for both drop and add to the administration by mail. Bowker said one problem with this system involves timing—acknowledging receipt of the drop and publicizing the available space.

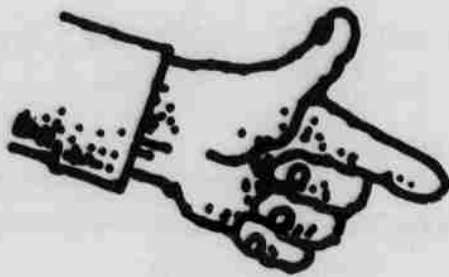
Baldwin admitted this system might prove to be as inconvenient for the student as the present system.

Another suggested procedure known as the "scramble system" involves no arrangements for space problems in scheduling classes. "Scrambling" students find space the best they can. Although Bowker said this system is not as impractical as it sounds, it is not counted among current alternatives.

Any change in drop/add procedures would have to go through the Calendar and Examinations Committee and the Faculty Senate. Such changes, as yet unspecified, would not be effective until next fall.

Time Appointment Cards were recently instituted to minimize fruitless hours spent waiting in line, but many students tend to show up early, negating the intent of the cards, an official said.

The administration claims to receive few complaints on recommendations from dissatisfied students.



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