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Exchange programs need vet students

In an attempt to increase the number of Nebraska veterinary students who attend out-ofstate vet schools, NU might have "gained a little" through exchange programs with the University of Missouri (MU) and Oklahoma State University (OSU), according to Miles Tommeraassen, vice chancellor for business and finance.

The "gain" comes after four UNL administrators traveled to MU and OSU the weekend of Oct. 4 to examine vet programs there which allow Nebraska students to obtain doctorates in veterinary medicine at resident tuition rates.

In exchange, UNL allows an equal number of Missourians to receive graduate degrees in architecture and actuarial science at resident rates, Tommeraasen said. At OSU, Nebraska students pay resident tuiton rates under contracts which specify that the state of Nebraska pay OSU the difference between resident and nonresident rates.

The attempt to gain spots for Nebraskans comes in the face of an increasing demand for more veterinarians while there are only 18 veterinary schools in the world, according to Tomeraasen. He said, "The pressure to get into vet school in more intense than for any other line of study in the world.

While NU has "always had agreements" with the two schools visited, Tommeraasen said those on the trip were trying to increase the number of Nebraskans admitted.

Joining him on the trip were Duane Acker, vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Dr. Marvin Twiehaus, chairman of the Veterinary Science Dept., W. Cecil Steward of the College of Architecture also made the trip to Missouri.

Tommeraasen said the numbers situation is serious since only 70 students from Nebraska are enrolled in the out-of-state veterinary schools-'not enough to supply agriculture and small animal resources in Nebraska, even if all of them were to return to the state."

He said the state "needs 30 new vets a year." OSU agreed to use Nebraskans to fill vacancies that other states with exchange programs may leave, Tommerraasen said, while Missouri promised to attempt to accept more Nebraskans.

Newspapers now teachers, too

Not only are newspapers the watchdogs of the nation, but they are becoming teachers as well.

The academic year of the two programs begin a different times.

But that doesn't rule out that we will

On September 29, The Omana World-Herald, in conjunction with the State University of Nebraska (SUN). began publishing study material. Howe said SUN officials first asked

The World-Herald's support about three years ago. The World-Herald donates news space for SUN lessons.

"We were already interested in such a program after studying the Copiey News Service (CNS) results," Howe said. The Copley News Service publishes study material for more than a thousand national newspapers.

But The World-Herald didn't subscribe to CNS at SUN official's request. he said.

Didn't want competition

"For one thing the University didn't want competition from the other program," Howe said. "And we would have to switch programs in the middle of the year because of the overlapping."

run both programs in the future, "Howe said.

Although newspapers have dispensed informal information for centuries, Howe said he couldn't explain their hesitancy in entering formal education. But he noted a newspaper's advantages over other media.

Can keep lesson

"A student can have the lesson in print to refer to at his own schedule, Howe said. "If he missed a lesson, he could tear it out of the Sunday paper and keep it. Also if you listen to a lesson over a TV you're not sure if your notes are always correct.

The Omaha World-Herald will evaluate SUN's success, Howe said.

'We're toying with the idea of surveying the readers," he said. "This includes publishing coupons for people to fill out and send back. Then we'll have evidence how many people are interested in this program.

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