

Enrollment up; follows national trend

By Terri Willson

Some classrooms are crowded and a few courses have been eliminated because there aren't enough teachers to teach them; the residence halls are full and football ticket requests are up, according to university officials.

It's all part of the 1975 back-to-school movement.

The increased enrollment is "not just a Nebraska phenomenon, it's happening to all colleges, in private and state institutions," said Steven Sample, NU vice president for student affairs.

The nationwide spread of higher education has not swept across the plains without leaving its marks.

Most students

Top UNL enrollment is 22,380, the largest enrollment in UNL's history, according to Gerald Bowker, dean of academic services. The total is 1,488 more

than a year ago, and 800 more than the record set in 1972.

Freshman enrollment, at 4,024 is the largest since 4,169 enrolled in 1971, and is 276 more than last year, Bowker said.

This year's Graduate College enrollment, 3,624 students, is 599 more than a year ago. Bowker said the number of part-time students continues to increase, particularly in Extension Division enrollments. This year 1,207 are in extension classes, compared to 1,051 in 1974 and 845 in 1972.

Part-time increase

Part-time graduate students also have increased from 50 per cent of the total in 1971 to more than 75 per cent this year.

Bowker said women's enrollment is up two per cent from last year to 41 per cent of this year's student body.

Although increased enrollment has caused some stress on the university, Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs,

said it has been a "pleasant surprise." He said there were housing vacancies last year, but this year's full occupancy caused some

students to be placed in temporary housing for a day or two.

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College	1975	1974
Agriculture	1517	1422
Architecture	438	476
Arts and Sciences	5175	5056
Business Administration	2344	2253
Engineering & Technology	1391	1252
Home Economics	1060	1017
Teachers	2780	2812
Undeclared	1611	1392
Visiting	317	206
Dentistry	299	280
Law	471	439
Pharmacy	146	211
Graduate	3624	3025
Extension	1207	1051
TOTALS	22,380	20,892

Chancellor search committee formed; Say left out

By Paula Damke

ASUN President Jim Say says he is confused.

Last summer he served on the search committee for the assistant dean of student development, but at Saturday's NU Board of Regents meeting he was told a "conflict of interests" would prevent him from serving on the committee to nominate Chancellor James Zumberge's successor.

The 17-member committee roster released Tuesday, and Say's name was not on the list.

Can't do both

Say said the regents "strongly objected" to him being a member of the search committee while he is a nonvoting regent.

The decision to bar Say from the search committee indicates the relationship between the regents and the student members is "not fixed," Say said.

He said he would have liked more time to select the UNL student representatives for the committee, but recommendations had to be in by Monday evening, which gave Say two days to come up with a list.

The three student representatives selected were chosen for their knowledge of student government and their activities within the university, Say said.

Members include former ASUN senator and CSL member Carolyn Grice of Omaha; former ASUN senator James Macomber of Whitman and ASUN senator Susie Reitz of North Platte.

Chairman of the search committee is Richard Gilbert, former Faculty Senate president and chemical engineering professor. Gilbert said a subcommittee will meet before the first meeting, of the committee Sept. 15 to discuss what "kind of creature we want as chancellor." Committee vice chairman is John Robinson, chairman of the English Dept.

Four faculty members were selected by the Faculty Senate president and eight liaison committee members for their ability to exercise judgment," according to Franklin Eldridge, current Faculty Senate president. Discussion of possible committee members started when Zumberge announced his resignation, Eldridge said.

Eldridge said he was informed of the immediate request for committee nominees at Saturday's regents meeting. Eldridge said, "The faster the committee is formed, the sooner we find a new chancellor."

He said the committee was not pressured for a quick list of members.

Work started

"We've been working on the list since Zumberge's resignation," Eldridge said.

The faculty members, in addition to Gilbert and Robinson, include C. Cale Hudson, professor of educational administration and Lowell Moser, associate professor of agronomy.

Members selected by the Alumni Association are Sam Jensen of Omaha, first vice president of the NU Alumni Association,

Beth Kosterman of David City, Alumni Association president, and Dr. Robert Rosenlof of Kearney, former president.

NU President D.B. Varner selected the remaining committee members, who he said represent "all parts of Nebraska and all walks of life," according to William Swanson, vice president and corporation secretary.

Not in bylaws

Swanson said Varner had to wait until Saturday's meeting to discuss the search committee with the regents, because the bylaws of the university do not specify the necessity of a search committee.

He said Varner needed to discuss with the regents how they wanted to conduct the search for Zumberge's successor.

Varner wants to move quickly with the search committee, and this was the reason for the so-called rush for the committee members, Swanson said.

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Photo by Ted Kirk

Richard Gilbert, chancellor search committee chairman

Thurston County meets requirements

Bilingual election rules affect state

By Dick Pierson

The Bureau of the Census ruled this week that Thurston County is the only political subdivision in Nebraska requiring bilingual election procedures.

Amendments passed Aug. 6, by the House of Representatives to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 made bilingual ballots and voting information mandatory for all elections under two conditions:

-If more than five per cent of the citizens of a state or political subdivision are members of a single language minority, and

-if the illiteracy rate of such persons as a group is higher than the national illiteracy rate, now 4.6 per cent.

The amendments define illiteracy to be failure to complete the fifth primary grade.

Reservations for two American Indian tribes, Winnebago and Omaha, are in Thurston county.

Nebraska Secretary of State Allen Beerman and Thurston County Attorney Mark J. Fuhrman were advised earlier this

month by the Justice Dept. that Thurston County probably would be among subdivisions in 27 states that would be required to provide bilingual election procedures.

Since most American Indian languages including Omaha and Winnebago are traditionally oral, provisions were made in the amendments for oral assistance and instructions in election procedures.

However, UNL anthropology professor Jim Gibson said the Winnebago and Omaha languages, both of the Sioux family, have been taught phonetically in Thurston county schools using the Roman alphabet.

Fuhrman said he did not know whether the county, which will bear the expense, would try to provide phonetically written ballots and information, or have an interpreter give assistance to those needing it.

Approximately 3,000 of the county's 7,000 population are either Omaha or Winnebago Indians, he said. Most of these live in three of the county's eleven precincts.

Fuhrman said there may be problems in carrying out the ruling.

"If a person cannot read or write the English language," he said, "that person wouldn't be able to read a phonetically written ballot. We would have to find someone to interpret fluently who was well-versed in election procedures and laws for every polling place."

Most of the younger tribal members speak, read and write English, according to Fuhrman, but a large number of older people could not vote without assistance and have not voted at all in the past.

Beerman said he thought the intent of the amendments was to provide needed bilingual procedures for areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking citizens. The requirements will cause unnecessary difficulties and expenses to many areas, he said.

"When the Congress passes legislation like this," he said, "the local governments always bear the expense and difficulty of carrying it out."

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Weather

Thursday, Partly cloudy and cooler, temperatures in the low to mid-70s. Thirty per cent chance of rain.

Thursday night: Cooler, temperatures in the low 40s.

Friday, Highs in the low 70s, partly cloudy skies.