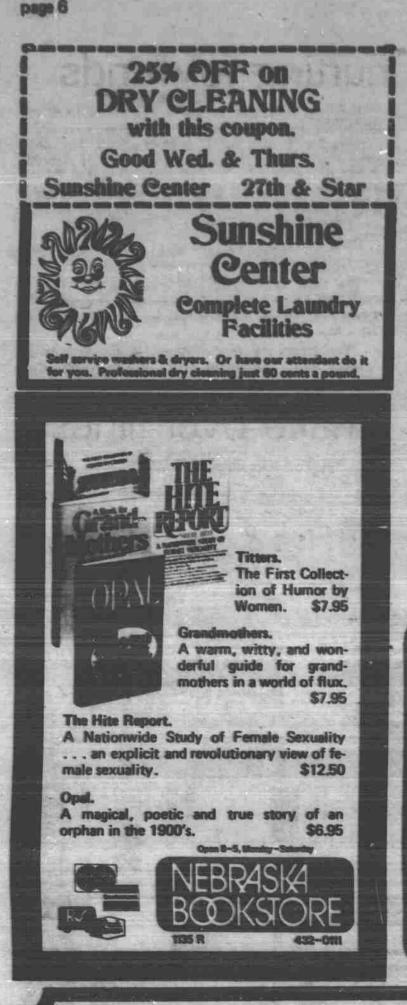
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Vet school is discussion topic

By Mary Jo Pitzl Within three weeks, administrators from UNL will meet with members of the academic communities of four other states to discuss a proposed regional veterinary science school to be built in Lincoln.

A project of the Old West Regional Commission, the proposed school would serve students from the Dakotas, Montana, Nebraska, and Wyoming. The meeting will give educators from the five states a chance to learn more about the proposed school and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal, Eugene Ingold, a member of the Old West Regional Commission, said. The date and location of the meeting have not been decided yet, in-gold said, but it will take place within the next three weeks.

The Old West Regional Commission comprises the governors of the five states. At a Nov. 6 meeting in Lincoln, the governors voted to have the conference, according to Don Nelson, alternate to the commission for Nebraska Gov. J. James Exon. Expenses for the conference, including traveling costs for the educators, will be paid by the commission, Nelson said.

The conference is the only action that has been taken on the regional vet school following completion of a feasibility study last spring, Nelson said. The study, done by Prof. Clarence Cole of Ohio State University, explored the need for a regional veterinary science school and offered proposals concerning curriculum, budgeting and construction. One of the proposals recommended the UNL East Campus as the school site.

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UNL offers definite advantages as the site for the school, UNL Prof. Howard Ottoson said. A recently completed \$8 million complex on East Campus serves the UNL Veterinary Science Dept. Primarily used for diagnos-tic and research work, the buildings also have some classroom space, Ottoson said. Construction of a regional veterinary school at UNL would eliminate building duplication, he added.

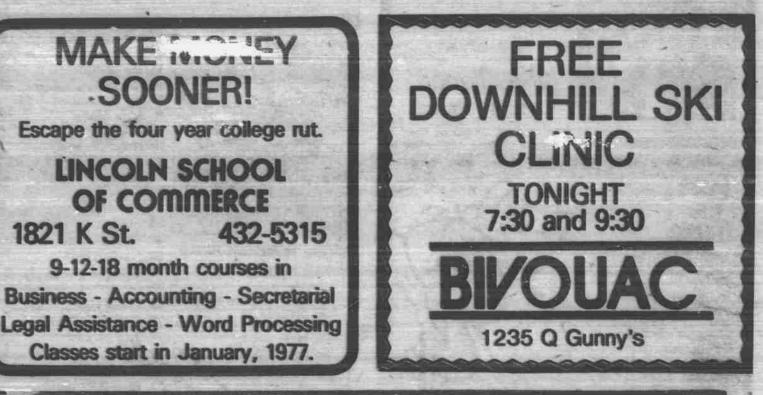
"Nebraska is the big state" as far as the use of the proposed school is concerned, according to Ottoson. Nebraska students would account for 40 per cent of the total enrollment in the five-state school, he said. Also, more than 40 per cent of the livestock needed by the school would come from Nebraska.

. Cole's proposal recommended that the regional veterinary school be located near a medical college as well as a graduate college. UNL fulfills those requirements with its graduate school on campus and the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

UNL educators who most likely will be attending the upcoming meeting support the proposed UNL location. UNL Chancellor Roy Young said it would be an advantage to the livestock industry and to the university in general to have a regional veterinary school on campus.

Martin Massengale, vice chancellor for the UNL. Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said UNL will play a greater part in the regional veterinary school program because of the proposed site.

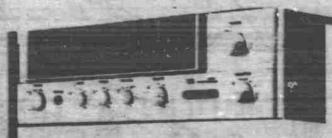
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