

# Space-sharing to mean a long drive

Students taking advantage of a space-sharing agreement between UNL and Southeast Community College (SCC) will have to travel farther to class in the future.

Students taking SCC classes will be traveling to 86th and O Sts. for classes in about two years.

Last week Southeast Community College (SCC) officials approved construction of a \$6 million building which will consolidate the now six different Lincoln locations on one 117-acre piece of land in east Lincoln.

The new location affects at least 50 UNL students in the industrial education department who take SCC courses for credit. Instead of going to one building for welding, another for drafting and another for mechanics, they will go to one location.

Max Hansen, chairman of the industrial education center, said he has supported that location from the beginning.

"Southeast Community College desperately needs its own identity and its own location," he said. SCC now provides vocational training at six leased Lincoln locations.

"As it is, students seldom see each other," Hansen said. "They are scattered all over town."

NU Regent Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, said he was

hoping the two colleges could be closer together.

If enrollment decreased in the future, there might be a possibility of sharing residence halls and recreation programs.

"I'm a great believer in the two education institutions working together," he said. The important thing is to provide quality education, he explained.

Hansen said building close to UNL campus was a ridiculous idea.

"The cost of land would be prohibitive," he said. He said he did not think the location at 86th and O Sts. would affect enrollment.

"Just look around campus," he said. "You'll find every student has a car anyway."

Bob Eicher, area president of SCC, said he did not think the location would effect enrollment either.

"It will be a consolidated community," he said. Some students will have to go farther to class, he added, "but others won't have to travel as far."

# Computer will aid irrigation systems

Nebraska farmers soon may be able to increase the efficiency of their irrigation systems with help from a new microcomputer being developed by two UNL professors.

The computer system calculates soil moisture evaporation by measuring the amount of sunlight, vapor pressure and temperature. Once the evaporation rate is determined, the computer turns the irrigation sprinklers on and off accordingly, giving the soil the specific amount of moisture needed, according to Lex Akers, UNL electrical engineering assistant professor involved in developing the system's electrical aspect.

By supplying the correct amount of moisture at the right time, farmers can effectively increase the efficiency of their farming operations and conserve water by not over irrigating.

Albert Weiss, agricultural engineering assistant professor involved in the testing end of the project, is studying an experimental model at NU's Panhandle Station in Scottsbluff. The unit, placed in a field and protected by a metal box, prints out the information gathered.

One of the best things about the computer is that its small size makes it affordable for farmers, Akers said. The unit can be adapted to each farmer's individual irrigation system, he said.

"We're still just testing the system," Akers said. It could be a year or more before the computer is on the market, depending on the results of the tests in Scottsbluff, he said. The system already has been in the developing stages for about a year, he said.

Funds for the project were obtained from the A.H. Elliot Fund, consisting of money donated to UNL in an effort to promote agricultural research.

## ASUN agenda

Prior to the regular ASUN meeting, there will be an open meeting at 6:30 p.m., room number to be posted.

The open meeting agenda is:

- I. Introduction
- II. Presentation of guests and format
- III. Presentation of proposed budget and fees
- IV. Open forum
  - A. Time for each

- speaker five minutes; time for response by Senators five minutes
  - V. Closing comments by Senate and chairman
- The agenda for the regular ASUN meeting is:
- I. Call to order and roll call
  - II. Minutes
  - III. Executive reports
  - IV. Open forum
    - A. UNL comptroller
    - B. Open hearing, fees
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  - VI. New business
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