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# Rain, snow may mean more pheasants this season

#### **By Ed McClymont**

A population comparable to last year's "bumber crop" will greet this year's cock pheasant hunters as they take to the fields Saturday for the opening of pheasant season.

Last year's increased number of birds and this year's equal number has been the result of more rainfall during the last two seasons, according to Norm Dey of the State Game and Parks Commission.

The central and west part of the state south of the Platte River has the best supply of birds in the state. Dey said the habitat is better in those areas. Snowfall in the western area of the state this week should also aid the hunters in bringing home their limits for the weekend (daily bag limit-3, possession limit-9). Snow cover takes away the pheasant's natural camouflage for the late fall season.

The quail season also begins Saturday, lasting through

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"Education at all levels is of prime consequence to the welfare of the state, not just today, but tomorrow and forever," he said.

Roskens said he believes it is the university's role and obligation to help Nebraska realize it is not a poor state. The university exists because of the "largesse" of the people in the state, he explained.

"Our economy is based on agriculture and agri-business. There is no commodity that will be more necessary in the future and thus our economic circumstances in Nebraska are assured," he said,

If enrollment at NU should decline in the next few years, it would be up to the state to provide funds to keep the university a first-rate institution, Roskens said.

"I am aware that people are fed up with taxes. I understand that mentality. But mentality cannot be confused with ability to supply those facets of the state," he said.

Roskens said although his position as president is subject to harsh criticism and pressures, he considers himself fortunate because he is able to leave his worries at the office.

January 31. Pheasant season lasts until Jan. 7. The number of quail in the state also is near last year's number. The daily bag limit for quail is six and the possession limit is 18.

For those who haven't yet purchased a hunting license for the year, the cost is \$6.50 for the license and \$7.50 for the habitat stamp required for pheasant season. The Federal duck stamp also is \$7.50 and this can be purchased only at federal offices such as the post office.

The UNL Department of Recreation has sold 11 licenses in October, and they expect to sell double that amount in November.

The number of hunters has increased 10 to 15 percent. during last year, according to the Game and Parks Commission. There had been a sharp drop-off during the earlyto mid-seventies.

"There was a loss in bird population," Dey said. "And so there wasn't enough to stimulate hunter participation."

When pressures at the office build up, Roskens said he enjoys visiting his farm in Iowa because it gives him a chance to relax.

"All of us on occasion wish for, look for a moment in reflection, for variety. Personally, I just get myself out of here," he said.

He said he doesn't mix his job with his family, which he described as "closely knit."

The family does not discuss the university, or what he does, Roskens said. His daughters, Elizabeth, Barbara and Brenda, don't live at home any longer, but his son William does. Roskens said his children have told him they appreciate his separation of professional and personal life.

"WE'RE NOT A family that spends time on ego trips with respects to the responsibilities I bear," he said. Roskens said he enjoys "just being around" his family, and sharing in their activities, too.

However, when scheduling doesn't permit this, he said his wife, Lois, understands the situation.

"My responsibilities as president are here at the office. She does not pretend to be responsible for the administration of the university," he said.

For three or four years, the State has instituted a hunter safety propgram, mandatory for people 12 to 16 years old. The program has produced good results Dey said.

"I think the kids are getting a better awareness of hunt-ing, and they also have more appreciation for wildlife," Dey said.

The main aspect of the program is safety, a problem Nebraska has never seriously had, Dey said.

"We've never had a major problem with accidents, but I suppose any accident is major," Dey said. "Our numbers (of accidents) have always been lower than most of the other states."

When traveling through to the countryside this weekend don't be surprised to see cars stopped at state areas and highway spots.

The state is putting an increased number of field people on location for collecting data on people's hunting success, Dey said.

# Offutt runway repair no problem-Harr

Air traffic that was transferred to Lincoln Municipal Airport because of runway repairs at Offutt Air Force Base caused no problems for Lincoln airport personnel, private and commercial flights.

Rolland Harr, airport executive director for the Lincoln Municipal Airport said Air Force personnel from Omaha were brought to Lincoln for maintenance and security. They leased a building and area of the landing apron and paid rental and landing fees at Lincoln.

Harr said the added military air traffic through Lincoln didn't affect private or commercial flights since air traffic at Lincoln could easily double without any serious problem. The Air National Guard and Army Guard are already based at the airport.

No additional equipment or personnel were required, said Quentin Reichmuth, chief of the air traffic control tower in Lincoln. Some 747 aircrafts, which are not scheduled to stop in Lincoln through any commercial airlines, were based in Lincoln during the transfer. However, Reichmuth said, these planes have used the Lincoln air port for training mission flights and pattern work.

"I'M VERY FORTUNATE in my makeup-maybe it's hereditary-that I am able to close the door when I leave the office," he said.

He said he has a "sixth sense" that someday he will leave the administrative arena, and possibly enter a private business or return to the farm.

"I have a deep feeling about agriculture and getting out and sniffing and working with soil. It's a real recreation for me," he said.

Still, he said, his schedule sometimes gets him "into trouble."

"If upcoming events include both of us, I may just forget to tell her until the last minute," he said.

Whatever his schedule is, however, Roskens said he always finds time to jog. He said he feels he has an obligation to be physically as well as mentally fit.

"It's also my obligation to urge my associates. I cajole them a lot," he said.

About one-third of the Offutt operation air traffic was transferred to Lincoln. The rest was channeled to Ellsworth Air Base in Rapid City, S.D., and Eppley Airfield in Omaha, Harr said.

An Offutt official said the runway at Offutt was closed for extensive concrete repair work and all flying missions were tranferred to the other airports. He said 100 military personnel from Offutt stayed in motels and hotels in Lincoln, but have returned to the Omaha base.

Favorable weather was one of the factors contributing to finishing runway construction before the original Nov. 13 completion date.

# Getting student loans harder; other kinds of aid available

#### **By Kris Hansen**

Federally guaranteed student loans will be harder to get next semester because of repercussions from the tightening money market, but money will still be available from other sectors, the director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids said.

Financial Aid Director Don Aripoli said, "We want students to be aware that federally insured loans will be hard to get, but we don't want them to give up hope. There are other types of aid and other banks may pitch in and fill the gap."

The gap is left by the Union Bank and Trust Co. of Lincoln, which used to be the biggest lender for student loans, Aripoli said. Rising credit rates have cut into the bank's secondary market, preventing it from loaning students money.

Aripoli explained that loan money arrived through a chain reaction. The student borrows money and leaves a promissory note with the bank, who in turn sells it to the Nebraska Higher Education Loan Program, a non-profit corporation formed to raise cash for loans and sell bonds to buy the notes.

While the educational loan program sells its bonds at 8 percent interest, people can buy United States Treasury bonds for 11 percent less than current rates, Aripoli said. People are not buying the educational loan bonds and they cannot buy the promissory notes, cutting off loan funds, he said.

The Higher Education Loan Program, which has delayed its December bond sale because of the credit rates, probably will start selling as soon as the rates drop, Aripoli said.

Aripoli said the Union Bank would process all loans received before the Oct. 22 cut-off date, but will not accept future loans. He added, however, that students' home-town banks will often make the loans.

Aripoli said that UNL is lucky because most students who planned on a loan have already applied, unlike many other colleges. He added that the cut-back occurred early enough for students to find alternate means of borrowing money before next semester begins.

Aripoli said other types of aid, available through the scholarships and financial aids office, were available for next semester. Applications for basic and supplemental grants, work-study programs and national direct student loans for next semester came out Wednesday, he said.

"We look at it (federally insured loans) as a last resort anyway," he said. "We would rather get you a grant, a scholarship, a job or a three percent loan before it. We'll help you with a less costly payment program.

Aripoli said more than 3,500 students guaranteed loans, amounting to more than \$7 million in aid, have already been awarded this year.

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