



UNL Outdoor recreation coordinator, Mark Ebel, and a crew of adventurers pull into shore along the Dolores River in Colorado.

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"The problems existed before that. There's an awful lot more people taking a lot more math. It's difficult getting the kind of budget they (students) need."

Enlarging class size is "our way of responding" to the problem, he said.

When classes must be cancelled, the upper-level (400-or 900-level) courses are eliminated first, he said. This makes seniors and graduate students wait longer to get into classes that are necessary for graduation.

"We should try to find space for students. We're not going to recreate the program in the Continuing Education Division," he said. The English department has had to move about 40 sections of composition over to the extension division.

Not enough faculty

Dauer said, "We don't have enough faculty to teach the courses we should offer."

He said Differential Equations 221 would have more than 40 students in it this fall.

"It's very difficult to teach a good-quality course with that many students. You need interaction. Teaching techniques have to change with larger classes," he said.

The department hasn't had trouble hiring faculty, Lewis said, but some faculty members have gone on leave this year.

Borrow graduate students

"We might normally hope to replace them," he said. "We can't replace them with faculty, but we can borrow grad students."

A graduate student would not be paid as much as a full professor, he said.

As for the quality of teaching, "graduate students often have enthusiasm which makes up for lack of experience."

"The general nature of it is that classes are larger, and thus, it's harder for us to do a good job. What we'd like and what we live with are two different things."

Students shoot the Snaggletooth rapids

The white, foaming rapids roar through the valley, bucking a four-man raft and sweeping it dangerously, violently down the river. Suddenly, the raft hits a big hole, a depression in the river bottom. It's stuck, circulating in the hole's current. One man is swept overboard. The attachment rings which hold the gear in place are torn loose by the river's force, and the equipment is also thrown overboard.

Sound like fun?

Mark Ebel, UNL outdoor recreation coordinator, said that's what happened

when he took a group on a white water rapids trip to the Dolores River in Colorado May 10-15.

"That was one of the worst trips we've ever had," he said. He and the nine students encountered rain, snow and the Snaggletooth Rapids in the seven days they were gone.

A big cooler, flipped overboard by the rapids but still attached to the raft by a 20-foot rope, pulled the raft out of the circular current, he said.

Ebel said three trips sponsored by the outdoor recreation department are com-

ing up in July and August. A Republican River canoe trip is planned for July 11 to 13 with a cost of \$25 for students. No experience in canoeing is necessary.

A group will leave August 6 to 14 for a Grand Teton mountaineering trip, and the cost to students is \$125.

A wilderness rafting trip on the River of No Return (the Salmon River, Idaho) is planned for August 15 to 24, and will cost \$225. Canoeing experience is recommended and participants must be able to swim.

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