Increase in freshman, transfer students expected

Fall enrollment at UNL will be increased, based on preregistration figures, said the UNL director of Admissions.

"It's all speculation," said Al Papik. "We're assuming that if we have an increase in pre-registration, we'll have an increase in enrollment."

A total of 19,166 students registered early, an increase of 663 over last year, he said.

Anthony Schkade, assistant director of registration and records, said he expects more than last year's 3,500 students to go through general registration this year.

Papik said new student applications are also on the rise, but may not necessarily mean increased enrollment because of "multiple applications" and the uncertainty of federal aid.

"Students are applying to more than one institution and closer to home," he said. "At UNL, we are anticipating a slight increase in both freshman and transfer students." Freshman pre-registration increased 149 over last year, transfer students are higher by 174.

Papik speculates that the increased numbers may be because of a greater precentage of graduates attending college. He also said that "the cost of education is such that there may be a trend" toward attending public institutions.

"Some of the problems NU has experienced because of increases have been insufficient classes for freshmen in business, engineering and freshman English," Papik said.

Harry Allen, director of institutional research and planning, predicts that enrollment will decrease within the next few years because of a declining number of high school graduates.

"I suspect it will decrease within the next few years," said Papik. He expects to see a decrease in first-time freshmen in the fall of 1982.

Students can register from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Late registrations will be accepted Aug. 24. Drop-add begins Tuesday.

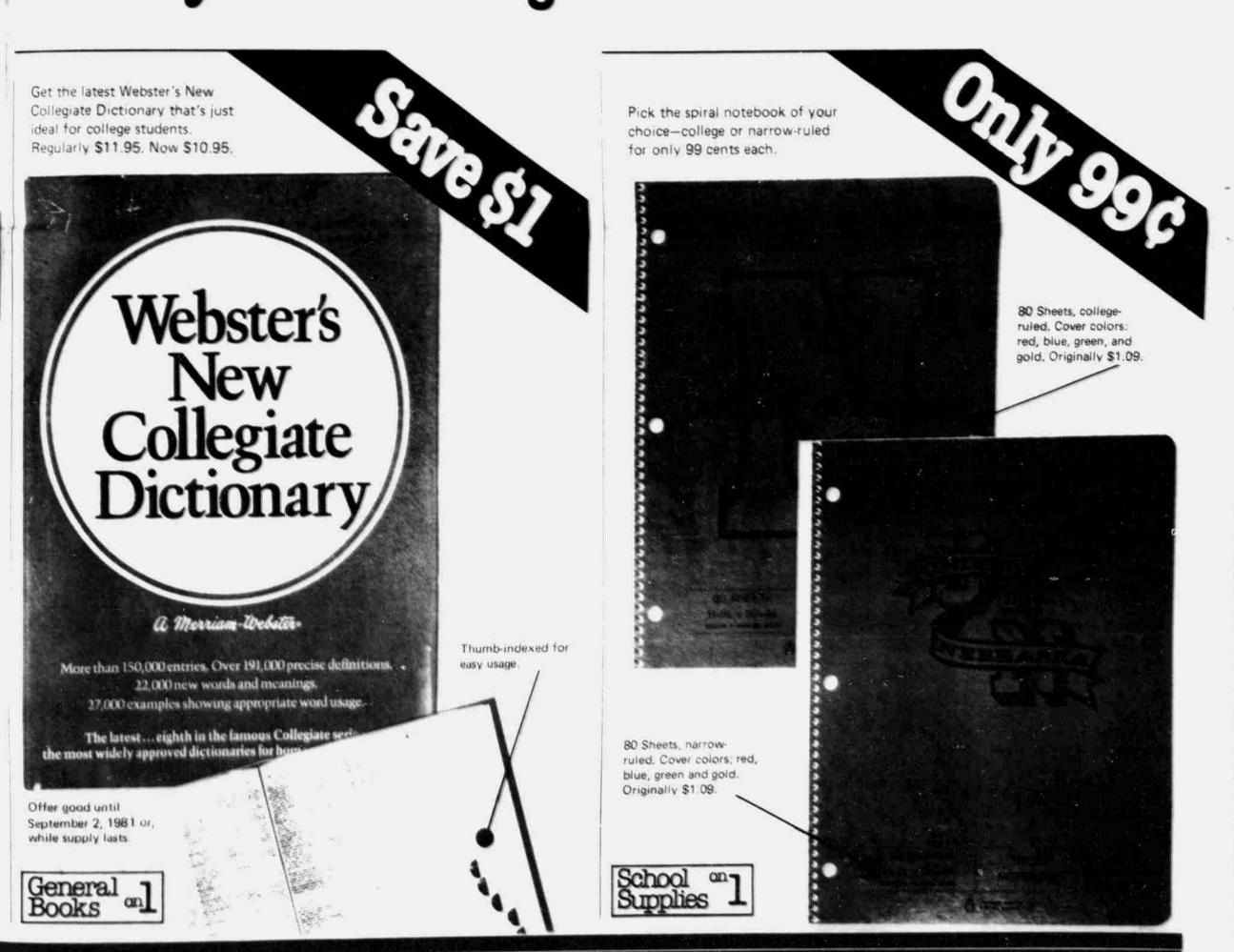
General registration begins today and ends Friday. After filling out a worksheet and obtaining permit, fee, and time appointment cards at Administration Building 103, students wishing to register should go to the Nebras-ka Union Second Floor at their appointment time. Students can make either a deposit or pay full tuition at that time.

Temporary identification cards will be issued at general registration. Permanent IDs will be mailed to local addresses after Aug. 31, Schkade said.

Part time students who want to change to full-time status can have their IDs updated at drop-add by presenting the pink copy of their drop-add transaction, he said.

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