

Registrations posted, more comply with law

By Roger Aden

Efforts during the last three weeks to register young Nebraska men for the Selective Service System have been successful, the state's system director said.

Malcolm Hardin said lists of those who had registered were posted in every Nebraska county in accordance with federal law.

Nebraska's Selective Service director says he is pleased with the number of applications he has received for positions on Nebraska's draft boards.

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The lists were posted to make local people aware of who had and had not registered.

The number of registrations has increased dramatically since the lists were posted, he said.

Hardin estimated that before the postings 2,500 to 3,000 Nebraskans had not registered. Now, the number has dropped considerably although figures will not be available for about two weeks, he said.

Hardin attributes the increase to the publicity generated by the lists. At the start of the year, he said, the lack of publi-

city caused people to "just plain forget about it (registering)."

Postings "do not, in any way, involve witch hunts or whisper campaigns where people call up and say the neighbor's kid did not register," Hardin said.

Instead, his office is taking a positive attitude, he said.

"We're not going to take complaints over the phone," he said. "If someone has a complaint, they must put it in writing and sign it."

Legitimate complaints will be forwarded to the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. where federal authorities will decide what action to take, he said.

Hardin said he believes men who refuse to register are "choosing the wrong battlefield." He suggests those who disagree with the prospect of the draft should delay their protests until a national emergency occurs and a draft is started.

In that event, 20-year-olds will be the first to be drafted, he said. Underclassmen will be allowed to finish the semester and seniors will be allowed to earn their degree before joining, Hardin said.



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Four-car derailment causes spilled milo

Missouri Pacific Railroad workers Thursday morning cleared away four rail cars that derailed near the UNL campus late Wednesday afternoon, spilling nearly 3,000 bushels of milo.

The train was enroute to Galveston, Texas when it struck a broken rail about 200 feet from the 16th and Y street crossing. Two of the derailed cars overturned, the other two remained upright.

Officials: economics influence students now, later

By Charles Flowerday

Students may be paying a price for the change in economic priorities now being pursued by the Reagan administration, said Campbell McConnell, UNL economics professor.

The UNL Economics department had varying opinions on the impact of putting supply-side economic theories into practice.

However, all agreed there would be significant changes in students' lives, both while they are in school and when they enter the job market.

After graduating, today's students will probably have to adjust to a different lifestyle than adults are used to now, McConnell said.

"It may be extremely difficult to realize the American dream of graduating and buying a home at all," he added.

"Modernizing our national factory won't happen in two or three years," he said. "Even if tax cuts increase the modernizing, there will be no great dent in productivity for a long time."

When a policy change of great magnitude occurs, McConnell said, sacrifices are made.

If efforts to stimulate the private sector shift priorities from housing and government spending to improved production technology, home buying will become a problem.

"It is also possible, without too much imagination, to envision a bad scenario where no more supply is stimulated, only more demand," he said.

This could add to inflation and increase the government's deficit, he said.

"We are likely to see bigger deficits," said Wallace Peterson, another UNL economics professor. He said he based his comments on the possibility that present tax cuts will stimulate more spending instead of more investment.

He said he is skeptical of the present administration's plans to cut taxes, increase defense spending and balance the budget, while also curbing inflation and creating jobs.

The United States has never been able to provide full employment, except during World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War, Peterson said.

Because cuts in social programs do not outweigh increases in defense spending, Peterson said, tax money lost through cuts exceeds the reduction in spending.

"There could be a real boom in inflation," Peterson said.

Frank Hallgren, director of the UNL Office of Career Planning and Placement, said supply-side policies might open some fields for a while, even as the job market in others remains tight.

"Technical fields continue to be strong," Hallgren said. "Remember, no matter what the economy, supply and demand is never in exact balance."

He urged students facing an uncertain economic future to think in terms of career alternatives and the flexibility of the individual, regardless of what disciplines they pursue.

He said students should think in terms of the skills they can use in a constantly changing market.

John Felton, a UNL economics professor, said he had "considerable misgivings" about the potential success of current supply-side policy.

"The benefits of productivity that the policy presupposes are greatly exaggerated," Felton said. The employment prospects for someone graduating in 1984, may be less than the administration is saying.

If the government is still running a budget deficit, it will be forced to rely on policies that would increase interest rates to curb inflation, Felton said. The higher interest rates would be bad for those seeking to buy houses, cars or borrowing to start a small business.

Such a scenario could occur, Felton said, if there is not enough production per worker to offset the decrease in tax revenue.

If military spending continues at present levels, Peterson said, it puts inflationary pressure on the economy.

McConnell urged students to be cautious about job market predictions.

"If you're very interested in some field, don't go by predictions in the newspapers," he said.

The current boom for those graduating with masters degrees in business administration may later cause a drag on the market, he said. The good market for engineers may create a bumper crop when today's freshman graduate and overcrowd the field.

Union board approves repair plan, expenditures

By Ward W. Triplett III

The Nebraska Union Board approved plans for \$279,000 worth of repairs and installments in the Nebraska and East Unions in its first meeting of the fall semester Wednesday night.

The money, as explained by Larry Emmons, union business affairs director, is from funds left over after money from student fees and housing payments is sent through the University Facilities Operating Fund, the Bond and Interest Fund, and the Bond Reserve Fund.

After the three funds are filled, the remainder goes into the replacement fund, and then the surplus fund.

"I heard Ron Wright (former chancellor for business and finance) present this to the NU Board of Regents, and it is a very healthy situation," said union director Daryl Swanson.

The surplus fund was used to build the East Union five years ago, which Swanson said indicated the strength of the bond situation.

Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for academic affairs, has tentatively decided that \$750,000 will be used by the unions, the university Health Center, and the Office of University Housing.

"Vice chancellor Armstrong is continuing his commitment to the Nebraska unions, as seen by the amount we will be allowed to spend," Swanson said.

The breakdown is \$300,000 to the unions, \$75,000 to the health center, and \$375,000 to housing.

"This is clearly student money," Swanson said. "In the form of fees, or university housing payments, every dollar that we have is there by student contribution. Therefore, all three of us place emphasis on student impact in spending these funds."

The board approved the major expenditures for the unions listed below:

-\$82,500 to replace the divider wall in the Centennial room, to make it more attractive to potential renters.

-\$69,900 for furniture refurbishings in both unions.

-\$50,000 for repairs in rooms 220, 115, and 232 in the union.

-\$16,800 to add capacity to the mini-computer system in the union.

-\$11,000 for a new van for the catering service.

-\$7,500 for electronic employee time cards.

The package also includes improvements in video equipment for the East Union's Great Plains room, and an automatic machine for improved maintenance at the East bowling lanes.

The total amount the union is asking, some \$20,000 below its limit, has to be approved by the regents, and then looked at by the Nebraska Legislature, Swanson said.

"We won't be seeing any of this money until after the first of the year," he said.

In other business, Steve Hardy, Food Service Committee member, said that the Bakery was doing \$600 worth of business a week, as compared to \$135 last semester. He also said food service director Ron Pushcar was pleased with the Taco Crib's

business.

The Colonial room's business also increased early in the week, as the 155 customers Tuesday exceeded by five the number needed for the room to break even, Hardy said.

Swanson said this week's opening went as smooth as can be expected.

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