

## Placement center opens for liberal arts majors

By Leslie Kendrick

Students majoring in humanities often have ample qualifications for jobs but don't know how to get them, according to UNL officials.

Bonnie M. Brown, assistant to the dean of the College



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The new career information center for students in the college of Arts and Sciences is open in the Nebraska Union. Bonnie M. Brown, left, assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Jan Haun, a center adviser are in the center, room 225 L.

of Arts and Sciences, said many humanities majors don't know how to educate themselves to get good jobs and go through longer interview processes than do students in other departments.

"Our general impression is that people (majors in humanities) are more qualified than they realize," Brown said.

Brown said although it is hard for humanities majors to get jobs in fields such as teaching, there is a great demand for students specializing in liberal arts in other areas, especially in government jobs.

"There is an academic work crunch," Brown said. "It is a very competitive event. However, I feel it will open up very soon. There are fewer students going to graduate school."

Brown said students majoring in humanities have trouble getting jobs because they have not been trained to go through interviews and write letters describing their reasons for wanting a specific job.

To help alleviate this problem, a career information center for students in the College of Arts and Sciences has been established, Brown said.

Jan Haun, adviser for the service, said the program serves as a clearinghouse for career information. Haun said the service refers students to other career services such as Career Counseling in Seaton Hall, the Career Planning and Placement program and to individual advisers.

The service's office is located on the second floor of the Nebraska Union, 225 L.

Brown said the idea for the program came from a task force formed by Arts and Sciences Dean Max Larsen a year and a half ago. The task force was created to investigate career advising in the arts and sciences college.

Brown said most liberal arts students have difficulty selling themselves to potential employers. The students have a hard time assessing the skills they have gained

through a liberal arts degree, she said.

Brown said when an employer asks a liberal arts major why he should hire him the student will be less articulate about his abilities.

"Often times our students say 'Gee, I don't know. I worked at McDonald's and I was a history major,'" Brown said.

Brown said the service is gaining support among the faculty. She said more advisers are making files of career choices or investigating internships or listing skills gained through specific majors.

Brown said she would like to see more students make career decisions earlier in college. Both she and Haun encourage arts and sciences students to use the office.

Haun said there are ideas for additional services such as workshops in persuasion skills and interviewing. Haun said some alumni have expressed interest in talking with students about their experiences in different careers.

Haun said with enough demand, any ideas for additional services would be used.

## Sen. Wesely to ask ASUN's support for cooler museum

State Sen. Don Wesely and James Gunnerson, director of the University of Nebraska State Museum, will ask the ASUN Senate to support a legislative bill seeking \$1.5 million for installation of an air conditioning system in Morrill Hall.

Wesely authored the bill requesting state aid to control the climatic conditions in the hall, which would slow skeletal and exhibit deterioration.

Temperature and humidity variations in the building are causing bones to crack and are seriously damaging several other museum exhibits, Gunnerson said.

Wesely will address the senate at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Nebraska Union. He will seek the support of university students and lobbyists of the Government Liaison Committee, said ASUN Sen. Fran Grabowski.

## Program places students as interns from union office

By Tricia Waters

A UNL service that places students in internships has a new office in the Nebraska Union.

The Office of Experiential Education has expanded its office from Oldfather 1218 to include room 225G in the Nebraska Union. The union office's hours are Monday, 9:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 through 4 p.m. and Friday, 8:15 through 11:15 a.m.

Millie Katz, experiential education coordinator has two interns working for her, helping place students in internships. Maureen Roen and Deb Keaschall work in the union information office and the Oldfather Hall referral office.

The internships offer students a chance to get work experience in their career fields or in areas they have a strong interest in, Keaschall said. Because certain skills are required for the work, junior, senior or graduate status is necessary, she said.

Interns may assist a staff member, do work similar to a regular staff member or complete a research project.

The interns work 10 to 20 hours a week, usually for three hours of credit. They have a faculty sponsor who requires that they write a paper or keep a journal of their work experience.

Depending on the resources of the agency or organization that hires the intern, the student may receive a stipend, Keaschall said. However, most interns receive only college credit and work experience, she said.

"An internship looks good on a resume," Keaschall said. "It lets the student explore his interests and career plans."

Some of the many work activities available are research in art galleries and museums, work in law offices or state senators' offices, physical therapy work in hospitals and crisis counseling.

National internships offer work in cities such as Washington, D.C. and London. The Experiential Education workers have also placed interns in summer work in their hometowns, such as Norfolk and Grand Island.

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These onlookers are enjoying some warm Nebraska weather while watching the National Jet Ski Championship. The competition was at Holmes Lake Saturday and Sunday. See Page 9.

## Students wait to buy parking permits

Campus parking permits went quickly this year, keeping with tradition.

Parking areas one and two, surrounding residence halls, are sold out, said UNL police Sgt. Mylo Bushing.

The waiting list for area one parking lists 110 people, and 37 for area two parking, he said.

Students are not the only ones with parking problems, though. Faculty member parking in areas 12, 15 and 16 is sold out, he said.

Bushing said the number of requests for permits this year is about the same as last year.

"Many kids, for some reason or another, decide against using their parking permit after purchasing it. So now what we have to figure out is how many violators are occupying those empty spaces." The same amount of parking space is available now as last year, Bushing said.

Bushing said there are constant requests to build new parking lots.

"First of all you need money to not only build these new lots, but also to maintain them," he said. "When the

price for a parking permit remains stable, this is hard to do."

He said the only places left to build new lots would be so far from campus that he's not sure students or faculty members would be interested.

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