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Friday, March 19, 12:00 Noon**

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Submit application and resume to the Daily Nebraskan Business Office, Room 34 Nebraska Union.

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Job market bleak for most seekers

By Tom Shelton

It doesn't require an extensive survey or computer data to determine that jobs are difficult to get these days. College graduates and those with master's and Ph.D.s are even finding it difficult to get a job.

But although the outlook may be bleak — some people even call it a depression — there are still jobs available, according to three UNL placement directors.

Diversification, a willingness to relocate and compromise, are some of the major characteristics the directors said students should have to improve their chances of getting ahead in dreary economic times.

"There's darn little demand for anybody right now," said Jim Neal, director of career placement for journalism students. Neal referred not only to those interested in a journalism career but those looking for any position.

"Outstanding students may still get four or five offers," he said, but other students may have trouble. "Even good students may have to wait awhile to get jobs."

The closing of schools and the effects of the post-baby boom make for a surplus of teachers, said Fred Wendel, professor of educational administration. But Wendel said the situation in Nebraska is better than in most states.

Wendel said the demand for teachers in Nebraska has decreased only slightly, in some areas more than others, but overall less than the national decline.

The director of UNL's Career Planning and Placement Center, Frank Hallgren, said he has seen the job market fluctuate a lot during his career. Right now, he said, the economic picture is on the "downs."

"The job market is much tighter than it has been," he said. "Because of the difficulties employers can be more selective and those entering the employment market may have to sacrifice a little."

One of those sacrifices, Hallgren said, may require students to compromise in their job selections.

"Many students have been unrealistic in some aspects, expecting to get just the kind of job they want in precisely the location they want it. They've got to compromise."

Hallgren said he has seen difficult economic times before, but while conceding that the current situation is bleak, he said it isn't a complete collapse by any means.

"This is not a disaster year, but it is one of the tighter years in the 20 since I've worked here. But it seems to always go in cycles from good to bad to good again."

Neither Neal, Wendel or Hallgren predicted depression, and Neal predicted economic recovery.

Neal's advice to prospective journalists is to be proficient in both print and broadcast media.

"It's an advantage for students to be able to go both ways," he said, adding that questions about the newspaper industry and the influence of cablevision on broadcasting complicate matters further.

"I don't know what the outlook is for newspaper jobs," he said. "Many are going out of existence."

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The Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center is offering a support group for victims of sexual assault. The group will meet March 25 at 7 p.m. at 1133 H St. For more information, call 476-3327.

The Recreation Department has set the following Coliseum swimming pool hours: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

This schedule will remain in effect for the rest of the semester.

The Wick Alumni Center Building Committee has recognized the Harold G. Wright Co. of Blair, Neb., as the apparent low bidder for the new alumni center and has directed the Gwathmey/Siegel & Associates architectural firm to begin negotiations with the Harold G. Wright Co.

The Christian Science organization will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Room will be posted and everyone is welcome.

The 47th Annual All-State summer residential program in art, theater, dance and music has been scheduled for June 6 through 18 at UNL. Contact Raymond Miller or Becky Hanson, 472-2490, for more information.