

# '83-84 schedule confusing but logical

By Deb Kolt

Commencement on Thursday, a final on Saturday, and Friday's classes on Wednesday. Sound confusing? It is.

The schedule for the 1983-84 academic year may appear to be illogical, but it took a lot of logical planning and consideration to form the schedule.

The time classes begin, end and the vacation dates are set by a university-wide calendar committee, Tony Schkade, assistant director of registration and records, said. In 1978, the NU Board of Regents set up the committee after the merger of UNL, UNO and the Medical Center systems. The three run on a semester basis and must follow the standards and dates set by the committee, Schkade said.

The committee has to come up with an acceptable calendar for all three branches of the university.

"UNO is made up of commuting students, so it is more affected by the community," Schkade said. "They try to make their classes coincide with the Omaha Public Schools schedule," Schkade said.

UNL has students from all over, so scheduling considerations are different, he said. "It is a give-and-take situation," he added.

After the committee sets up the dates, it is up to UNL officials to set registration and dates for finals.

"We start with Christmas and work back," Schkade said.

The committee has certain guidelines to follow: There must be five days for finals, the last day of class must be five days before commencement, and there must be 15 Mondays, 15 Tuesdays, 15 Wednesdays, etc. in the class schedule, Schkade said. After all of these things have been

considered, the final schedule is made.

"We had the same basic schedule six years ago," Schkade said. Every six years the first day of classes jumps a full week because of the day change of Christmas each year.

"They try to start classes in the last week of August, but sometimes they'll start in the third week," Schkade said.

After careful consideration, the schedule is set so finals will be on Saturday and commencement on Thursday. It wasn't an error, but a few errors were made in the schedule. Thanksgiving vacation is Nov. 24 through 27, Thursday through Sunday, not Wednesday through Sunday. General registration for second semester is Jan. 11 through 13, Wednesday through Friday, not Thursday through Saturday.

**1983-84 Calendar**  
Aug. 24, 25 and 26: General Registration.

Aug. 29: First day of classes.

Aug. 30: First day of Drop/Add.  
Sept. 7: Final day that adds are accepted.

Sept. 5 and 6: Labor Day vacation.  
Sept. 28: Semester fees due.

Oct. 3: Final day to apply for a degree in December 1983.

Oct. 11: Mid-semester scholastic reports due.

Oct. 21: Last day to file drops and last day to change to or from pass/no pass.

Oct. 24 through Nov. 18: Early registration for Second Semester.

Nov. 23: Friday class schedule will be followed to make up for Dec. 16.

Nov. 24 through 27: Thanksgiving vacation.

Dec. 9 through 15: Dead Week.

Dec. 16, 17, 19 through 21: Final exams.

Dec. 22: First Semester commencement.



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The open house is the highlight of the UNL College of Engineering and Technology's annual E-Week, whose theme this year is "Engineers: Turning Ideas into Reality."

Stephen Kahne, professor of systems engineering at Case Institute of Technology will be the featured speaker at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Nebraska Union. He will speak on "Technological Illiteracy for the Masses: The American Way."

The convocation is free and open to the public.

L.W. Lehr, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of GM Corporation will be the guest speaker at a banquet for engineering students Saturday night.

A mouse-trap powered car race, a road rally and a pig roast on East Campus will also be part of this year's E-Week activities.

The UNL Engineering Alumni

Association will sponsor the first annual UNL College of Engineering and Technology Alumni reception and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

Major E-Week Activities:

**Wednesday**

Pig roast picnic, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., East Union Ballroom. Admission \$3 at the door.

**Thursday**

Tau Beta Pi Tower of Power, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Nebraska Engineering Center 126.

**Friday**

Convocation - Stephen Kahne, speaker, Nebraska Union. Pi Tau Sigma Mousetrap Race, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Nebraska Union Commons Area.

**Saturday**

Open house, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Nebraska Engineering Center. Banquet, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Nebraska Center for Continuing Education Omaha Room. Admission \$10. Tickets must be purchased by Thursday from the main office of the College of Engineering and Technology.

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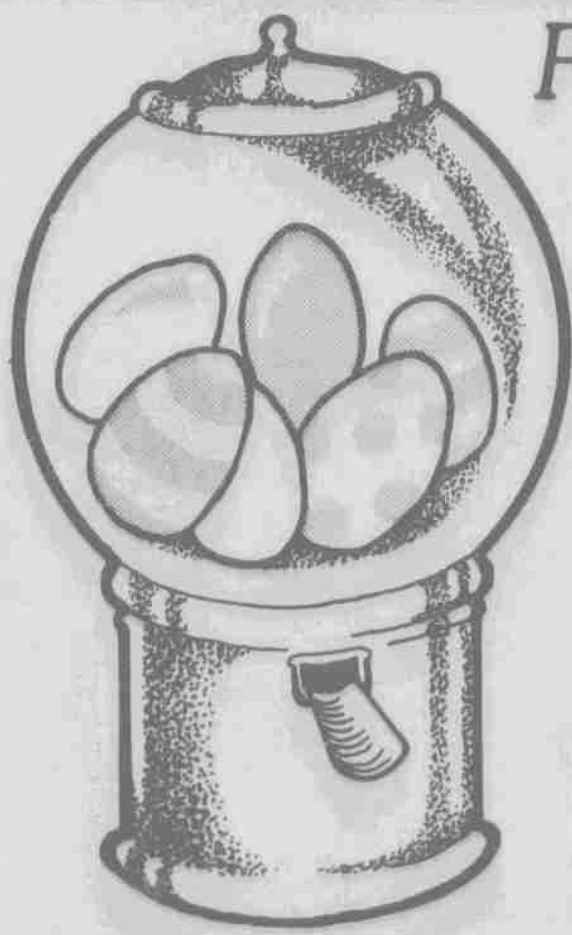
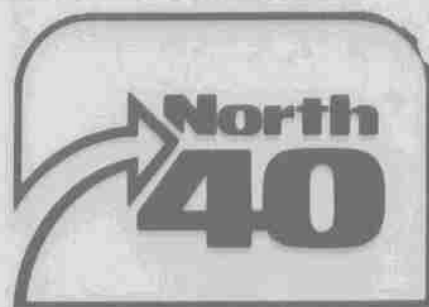
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## Shorts

Archibald Cox, who was the special prosecutor in the Watergate hearings, will speak Thursday at 2 p.m. on defamation and Friday at 10:30 a.m. on privacy at the UNL College of Law.

Warren Neufeld, of the South Dakota Department of Water and Natural Resources, will talk about "South Dakota Water Law and Policy" at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the East Union.

Omaha attorney Don Fiedler will portray the famous attorney Clarence Darrow in a one-man act Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the College of Law. Darrow won acclaim in a debate with William Jennings Bryan about evolution. The free event is open to the public, and is sponsored by the UNL chapter of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.



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