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Drop and add, which begins Tuesday through Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Ballroom, will also be easier, Pfeifer said. This year, students will have access to one of four computer terminals and

will be able to see whether the courses they want are still open. If a course is closed, the computer will list alternate courses that are open.
Pfeifer said students should consult open course lists first to simplify the drop and

add process.

Michael Stein, a graduate student from Lincoln, said the new system is faster. "It's about time we have a good system," he said.

But, not all feedback on the computerized sys-

tem was positive. Vivian Carriker, a graduate agronomy student from Clay Center, said she could not see a difference in this year's registration from the past.

"It's just as confusing as ever," she said.

Law seminar explored federal court practices

By Christopher Galen

More than 125 practicing attorneys attended the Third Annual Federal Practice Seminar Friday at the College of Law on East Campus.

The seminar was designed to help the practicing lawyer in Federal Court become "more familiar with practices and procedures," said Thomas Thalken, an assistant U.S. attorney in Omaha and a seminar program committee member.

The seminar, at the Welpton Courthouse, was sponsored by the Federal Practice Committee of the U.S. District Court of Nebraska and was called "Winning Your Case — Before and After Trial."

Among the featured speakers was Chief Judge Warren Urbom of the U.S. District Court in Nebraska, U.S. District Judge C. Arlen Beam of Omaha, U.S. Magistrate David Piester of Lincoln and Senior U.S. District Judge Robert Van Pelt of Omaha.

"The whole seminar has to do with finding ways to streamline litigation so that every case moves with the least loss of effort to a conclusion that is fair and just," Urbom of Lincoln, said. "We try to look at every stage of a case, and what the judges and lawyers can do to get it satisfactorily resolved."

This year's seminar dealt with pre-trial motions and conferences, as well as post-trial procedures that are common in Nebraska, Thalken said.

"Lawyers here can keep up with the current trends," he said.

Because of the increases in litigation facing U.S. courts, there is a need to try out new ideas and reforms to reduce the workload and time involved, Urbom said.

The discussion at Friday's seminar should have a three-fold effect on the legal system, he said.

Some of the ideas discussed are only suggestions that may be used by individual lawyers. Some are legally imposed by judges in local courts in Nebraska's district, while a few have been incorporated into courtrooms nationwide by Congress, Urbom said.

"Reforms go on all the time. There's a lot of experimentation going on now," he said, adding that at no time should legal safeguards be removed in order to expediate the system.

"We don't want a reduction in quality, only in the time necessary to try cases," he said. "We always worry that somebody will be stepped on. All the procedures we have are designed to protect everyone, big or small."

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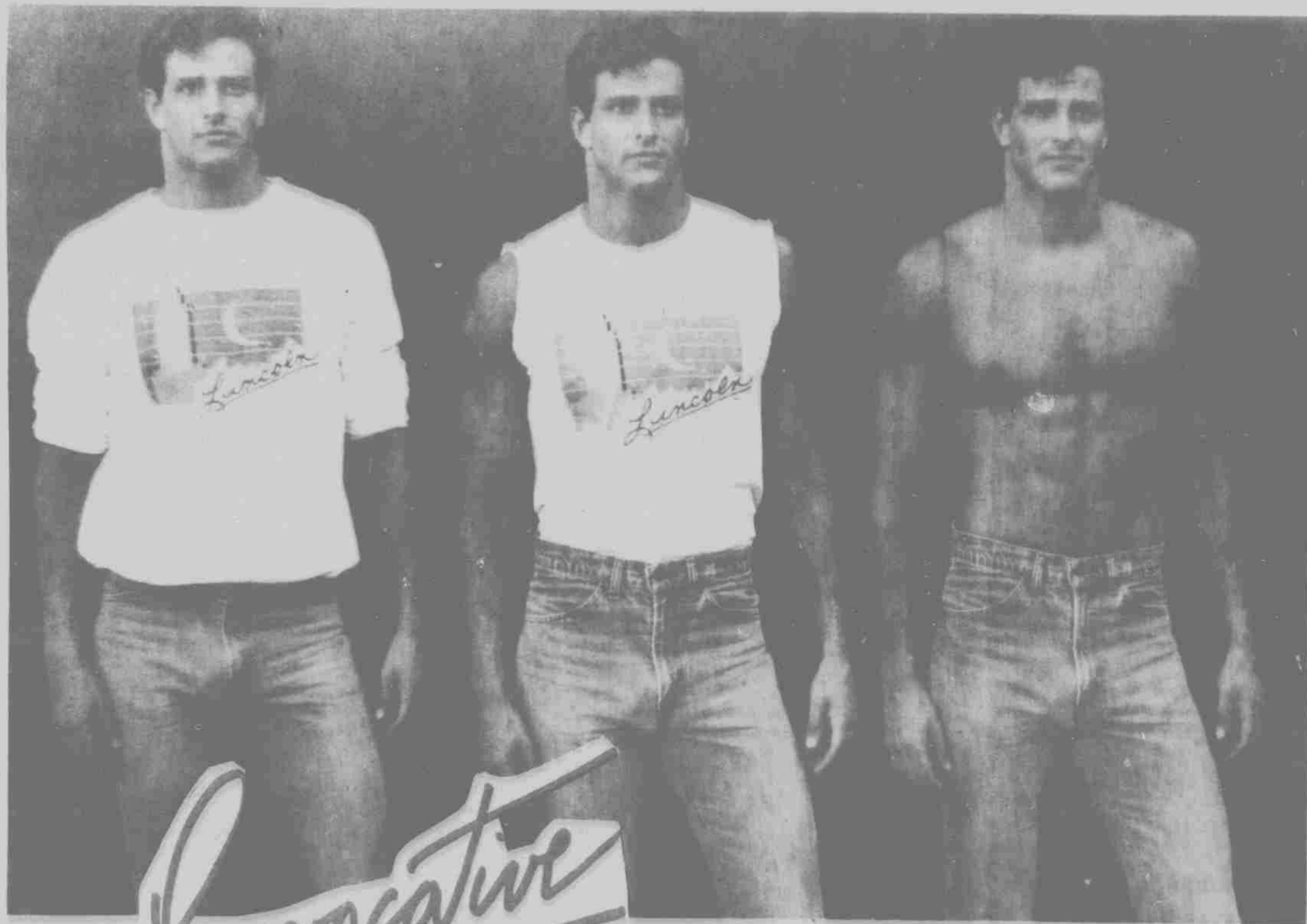
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