

# 'Too many people' crowding China

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China is facing a problem of "too little land for too many people," a China specialist said Wednesday, in a speech on agricultural reform at the Nebraska Union. Dwight Perkins is director of the Harvard Institute for International Development and serves on the faculty of the Kennedy School of Government.

He wrote "Rural Development in China," and serves on the U.S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Per-

kins frequently accompanied the late U.S. Sen. Henry Jackson on his tours of China.

Perkins said China's economy is growing, but because of the country's enormous population, it won't last much longer.

Perkins compared the population-to-land-size-ratio of the U.S. and China and said that last year the U.S. had 230 million people living on 400 million acres of land. China on the other hand, had 1 billion people living on 250 million acres of land.

"Their agricultural production will nev-

er keep up with the population rise," he said.

Perkins said although the future may not look good, agricultural production, is on the rise in China.

China's free market "really opened-up in 1979" as farmers began to sell crops at higher prices, he said. The Chinese experienced the most reform in 1980.

"Chinese families were given the chance to start their own single farm operations, but only in the poorest areas of the country," he said.

Perkins said the idea spread and proved successful.

"The system caught-on like wildfire," he said. "By 1982 most of the Chinese agriculture was single-farm-operated."

Perkins said the initial impact raised Chinese grain output nearly 5 percent and overall agricultural output nearly 8 percent.

"The real income for Chinese has doubled since the mid-seventies. Half of this income comes from private activity," he said.

Perkins said though he predicts China's current economic growth to decline he said he remains "fairly optimistic."

## Police department's lost-and-found box overflows

By Anne Lowe  
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Each month, hundreds of items are turned in to lost and found at the UNL Police Department.

Bins in the property room hold unclaimed clothing, books and umbrellas. One box alone holds about 300 key rings.

"We have received everything from notebooks worth maybe 69 cents to diamond jewelry," Lt. Joe Wehner said.

But students who lose things should first look where they left them, Wehner said. Lost-and-

found items often don't reach the police for several months, he said.

Last week, someone turned in a 1983-84 checkbook and a Val-Dine card.

"That's part of the problem with lost and found," Wehner said.

University custodians turn in lost items immediately to the police, Wehner said. But most people who find things on campus turn them in at the nearest information desk or department office, he said. Some departments hold articles up to six months before turning them over to the

police, he said.

Donna Hansen, receptionist at the Nebraska Union, said items turned in at the union are kept for a day at the north desk, then sent to the director's office. Unclaimed belongings go to the police at the first of the month, she said.

Love Library keeps jackets, books and notebooks at the circulation desk "until the box gets full," Library Assistant II Mary Georgeff said. However, credit cards, money and wallets are sent right to the police, she said.

When police get lost-and-found

goods, they look for identification and try to contact the owners, who then have 30 days to collect their belongings.

Most items of value get claimed, Wehner said. The police hold the rest for 60 days, then get rid of them, he said. Books are donated to libraries and prisons. Clothing and eyeglasses go to charity. Useless things like broken calculators and unpaired mittens are destroyed, Wehner said.

Jewelry usually is kept for about a year, then appraised and sold, Wehner said. The money — less

than \$70 for the last four years — goes to the university, he said. Abandoned bicycles are auctioned, he said.

When possible, students should mark their belongings with their names or social security numbers, Wehner said. If something comes up missing, they should look where they lost it, then call the police, he said.

"If it's going to be turned in, it's likely to be turned in at the nearest convenient place," he said.

## DWI probation: 'no easy way out'

By Eric Gregory  
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Nebraska has had a mandatory sentence for DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) offenders since July of 1982. The penalty is six months suspended license, a \$200 fine and seven days in jail.

However, the law is not mandatory in the literal sense of the word. There is an alternative: probation.

Chief Probation Officer Bud Holmes said "probation is much more effective than the madatory sentence" in curbing the drunken driving problem.

In Lancaster County alone, 1,719 people were arrested for DWI in 1983. In the same year, 903 people were sentenced to probation, according to statistics from the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs.

Chief City Prosecutor Norman Langemach said that anyone may ask for probation. The proper time to do so, he said, is after pleading (or being found) guilty and before sentencing.

At this point a pre-sentence investigation will begin. The probation officers will gather as much

background information about the person as possible, including family information, arrest records, health records, employment and financial records. They will also talk to the offender and do some psychological testing.

The probation officer will then recommend either the mandatory sentence or probation to the judge, who makes the final decision, said Langemach.

Being accepted for probation is not an easy way out. "Probation is purposely designed to be as tough or tougher than the madatory sentence," said Holmes.

The minimum terms for probation in a DWI case require: a 60-day license suspension, four to six months restricted driving (allowing one to drive to work, school and probation activities only), a \$200 fine, \$21.00 court costs, a \$10.00 breath test fee, a probation orientation class, an alcoholics anonymous orientation class, a series of five educational classes and submission of monthly reports to, and meetings with, an appointed probation officer.

Offenders must also, "totally abstain from the use of all mood-altering chemicals during the

entire term of probation," said Holmes.

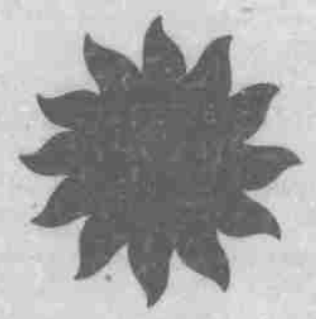
This set of requirements is for people whom Holmes calls "low risk." If there is evidence of any psychological, emotional or alcohol or drug problems, additional terms are required.

These may include: writing an essay, individual or group counseling, enrollment in alcoholics anonymous, in-patient treatment

or even holding down a job. The probation agreements are very individualized.

"We're here to help people who want and need help," said Holmes.

Nebraska's mandatory sentence law has not solved the drunk driving problem in the state, Holmes said. A mandatory probation or education program might be a more effective means of combating the problem.



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