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That's twice the amount allotted to either UNO or the NU Medical Center, he said.

A second myth is that the equality of students at UNL is going down, Schwartzkopf said. UNL now has 175 National Merit scholars and is in the top 4 percent of U.S. colleges and universities in merit scholar enrollment, he said.

But the number of merit scholars is down from last year, Schwartzkopf said, because UNL has not increased the scholarship award. He said the scholar-

ship should be raised from \$500 to \$750 or more to compete with other major universities.

Many people also think the UNL faculty is "going downhill," Schwartzkopf said. The regent defended the faculty, pointing out that three UNL professors belong to the National Academy of Sciences, an association of scholars who have made outstanding contributions to their fields.

Many UNL faculty members are executives in professional organizations, he said. Former UNL professors and administrators have risen to top jobs at other universities, he said.

Schwartzkopf said Fricke had been invited to debate him, but had declined. He said his oppo-

nent "throws figures around" but is unable to back them up.

For example, Schwartzkopf quoted Fricke from an Oct. 14 article in the Lincoln Journal and Star that UNL enrollment increased by 6,000 students between 1970 and 1984, but UNO enrollment remained the same. Schwartzkopf said, however, that these figures are wrong — that UNL enrollment rose 3,954 between 1970 and 1983, and UNO enrollment gained 1,346.

"That's public information," Schwartzkopf said in an interview. "For him to want to be a regent — it's frightening."

Schwartzkopf said his goal for the university is to give students an education that is "so good that you'll be on equal footing with graduates of any university in applying for jobs and graduate programs."

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"I think most people agree the most positive way to address this problem is for the university to work cooperatively with schools in improving the quality of education and preparation for college," Yost said.

Beyond the ninth-grade standardized tests, Lincoln Public Schools rely on teacher-created evaluations of students' writing to determine whether students are meeting stated objectives, according to Ruth Lyness, English consultant for LPS.

Leslie Whipp, who works with Nebraska teachers through the Nebraska Writing Project, said teachers have "a fear of writing." They have learned that it cannot be taught and that interferes with their teaching of writing, said Whipp.

If 12 years of public school have not taught students to write well, it's hard to change that in a semester, said Gerry Brookes, UNL English professor.

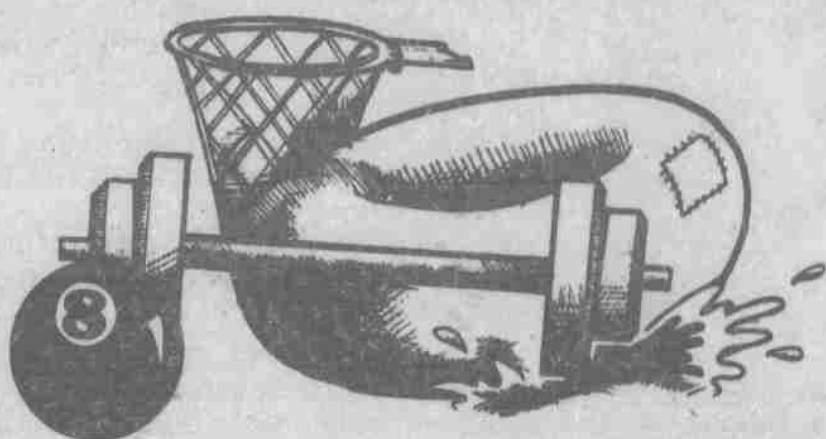
The solution may be new admissions standards scheduled to go in effect in the summer and fall of 1986, which would require increased course work in the language arts, Yost said.

Setting it Straight

The date of a fashion show by UNL alumnus Marv Graff was incorrectly stated in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan. The fashion show will be at 7 p.m. tonight in the East Union. For more information, call 472-2913.

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Officer's deaths in crash may hurt military morale

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — The deaths of El Salvador's top field commander and three senior officers in a helicopter crash Tuesday are a devastating blow to the government's morale in the 5-year-old war against leftist guerrillas, military and diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

The insurgents claimed they had shot down the helicopter Tuesday near Joateca, about 75 miles east of the capital. But an army spokesman said the crash appeared to have been caused by mechanical failure.

Among the 14 people who died were Col. Domingo Monterrosa, 42, credited with most of the military gains obtained since he took over the Third Brigade — the most important command in the country — last December. Shortly after Monterrosa's death, Guerrillas attacked police patrols in two parts of the capital in what military sources said was an indication of the insurgents' recent tactics of moving the war closer to the center of the country and away from their northern and eastern strongholds where the army has become more effective.

Marcos report faces U.S. attack

WASHINGTON — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos came under sharp attack in the United States Wednesday after publication of official reports charging a military conspiracy in the killing of opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

A majority report Wednesday by four of five members of the panel appointed by Marcos to investigate Aquino's murder on his return home from exile last year implicated, Philippine Armed Forces chief Fabian Ver in the alleged conspiracy.

There was no immediate reaction to the report from President Reagan or Democratic challenger Walter Mondale.

Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y. and head of the House subcommittee on Asian and Pacific affairs, told Reuters he finds it "inconceivable that those high up in the Marcos government did not know about the assassination."

But U.S. State Department spokesman John Hughes said the reports were "a testimony to the vigor of democratic traditions in the Philippines and to the Filipino respect for the rule of law."

Port closed for 'important cargo'

WASHINGTON — Nicaragua's government has closed the port of Bluefields while a Cuban barge offloads large crates from a Bulgarian ship amid unusually strict security measures, U.S. intelligence sources said Wednesday.

"Something very unusual is going on there," an intelligence official told Reuters. The sources said Bluefields on Nicaragua's Atlantic coast was closed last weekend and is being patrolled by aircraft, two minesweepers, several patrol boats and an attack helicopter.

The sources said the "extraordinary" security measures and a special group of stevedores called in to offload the crates from the Bulgarian ship Christo Dotev "suggest this could be an important cargo." The Christo Dotev had been tracked from the Black Sea. U.S. intelligence last week was reported keeping watch on a Black Sea port with a shipment of crated Czechoslovakian L-39 aircraft in case they were destined for Nicaragua. Washington has warned Nicaragua against obtaining sophisticated combat planes from the Soviet Union.

FEMA charged with misconduct

WASHINGTON — The federal agency that helps plan the nation's civil defense was charged Wednesday with misconduct and mismanagement amounting to several million dollars by a House subcommittee.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has allowed a number of improprieties in its dealings with contractors, according to Rep. Albert Gore, D-Tenn.

Gore said the agency's director, the Reagan-appointed Louis Guiffreda should resign. Gore charged that Guiffreda and his wife attended a \$250-a-person reception in honor of Vice President George Bush. Their seats were paid for by Triton Corp., which does business with FEMA. Later, Gore said, Triton billed \$2,000 for a table of eight back to the agency as "conference and luncheon expense." Also there was a pattern of double billing for services provided by contractors and forged signatures of payment vouchers, Gore said.

Former president pled for Jews

WASHINGTON — Former presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford and four former secretaries of state Wednesday wrote to Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko urging him to allow increased emigration of Soviet Jews.

Besides Ford and Carter, the letter was signed by former secretaries of state Dean Rusk, William Rogers, Cyrus Vance and Alexander Haig as well as several religious leaders and Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Charles Percy.

The letter noted 721 Jews have been allowed to emigrate in 1984 compared to 51,320 in 1979. It urged Chernenko to follow the commitments to emigration and religious freedom contained in the Helsinki accords.