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Weather: Very pleasant is the outlook for this week as unseasonably cool conditions will prevail. Today will be partly cloudy and mild with a high of 78 (25C). Fair and cool tonight with a low of 56 (13C). Much the same can be expected again for Wednesday and Thursday with highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s (26C), lows in the upper 50s (14C).

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Graduates will find good job market

By Deb Pederson
Senior Reporter

Saturday's UNL summer graduates are facing one of the best job market situations in the last three or four years, Career Planning and Placement Center Director Gerry Phaneuf said Monday. But graduating in the summer is neither an advantage nor a disadvantage.

Career opportunities are equally available throughout the year, Phaneuf said. While more openings occur in the early summer months, more students graduate then so the ratio of competition remains about the same, he said.

Students who are mobile and have a clear idea of their abilities and what they want to do fare best, Phaneuf said.

According to a College Placement Council report, the federal budget deficit, the huge trade imbalance, disappointing profits and conflicting forecasts by economists combined together to turn what might have been a boom college recruiting year into one that was good but fell short of expectations. The number of companies recruiting

at UNL has jumped from 180 last year to 240 this spring, he said. Over 20,000 openings were posted in job bulletins and advertisements. Almost 1,000 interviews a week will be held this fall in the placement center, Phaneuf said.

But most companies rely on contacts and people sending in resumes rather than college recruiting, Phaneuf said.

"The career opportunities are there," Phaneuf said. "Employers are looking for people who are committed and have a sense of direction."

The College Placement Council report, based on data collected between Sept. 1, 1984 and June 7, 1985, from 187 placement offices at 163 participating colleges and universities, indicated engineering disciplines fared best, with nearly all recording gains. Among the other disciplines, some did slightly better and others slightly worse than last year.

Liberal arts graduates recorded an above-average pay increase of 6.4 percent, bringing the average yearly salary to \$18,540, College Placement Council manager Judith O'Flynn Kayser said.

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Andy Martinez, a professional diamond cutter from New York, carefully sands one angle of a previously cut diamond. Sartor Hamann Jewelry held the first diamond cutting exhibition in the state last weekend in the Gateway Mall.

Summer classes suit needs of many

By Fred Groenke
Special to The Nebraskan

Ah, summer. A time for sunshine, swimsuits ... and school? For approximately 10,000 UNL students, summertime is a time for just that: summer school. Why do these students attend school during a season that most spend on vacation?

Their reasons vary, but most agree that the length of the sessions and size of classes are more helpful than regular semester classes.

In an informal survey of about 40 summer students, most agreed also that they enjoy focusing on just one or two subjects.

"They give you more time to get into the subjects," said Kirk Hicks, a senior accounting major.

"You can concentrate on one or two subjects."

Greg Morgan, a graduate student with a secondary education degree, said he agrees with Hicks.

"It's kind of nice spending more time on one class," he said. "It's a lot more intense, and it's easier to grasp the material."

Although most students questioned said they liked the length of summer classes, not all classes were without their drawbacks.

"Sometimes the homework load can get pretty bad," Chris Semmler, a junior art and advertising major, said. "I took summer school because I work during the school year, and I wanted to lessen my class load in the fall."

"But in summer classes," Semmler

said, "you're crammed with homework every night. Two summer classes are about as bad as the regular semester."

Still, only having one or two classes to contend with lets Bill Bolmeier learn and remember more than when he's got a full load of classes.

"I feel I've been able to retain more things for a longer period of time. I tend to lose things over the course of the regular semester," he said.

Senior broadcasting major Julie Snyder said you get more for your educational dollar because of the size of summer classes.

"I think you learn more in summer classes," she said. "The classes are smaller and more informal. You

seem to get a lot more discussion and not all lecture."

Morgan said that he thought the smaller classes "give you a little more individualization."

The reasons for taking summer classes are as varied as the students themselves. They range from trying to graduate in three years to trying to graduate in four after changing majors twice ...

Said one young woman, in too much of a hurry to stop and give her name: "I'm a graduate student. I go to school all the time."

The most interesting reason was probably that of Kristi Kleine, a junior political science major from Grand Island.

"I took summer classes for the first time this summer," she said, "because I need to find myself. I felt like I wasn't growing as a person when I would go home for the summer and live with my parents."

The enrollment figures for this summer's sessions which weren't immediately available are expected to be similar to last year's figures. The summer of 1984 saw 2,625 students enrolled in the three-week pre-session, 785 in the eight-week session, 7,251 in the first five-week session and 4,862 in the second five weeks.

Many students take classes in more than one session, so UNL officials cannot easily determine an exact number of total students.

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Why do they choose to die?

By Gene Gentrup
News Editor

Suicides are increasing at a rapid rate across the country, and according to the latest figures a "major problem" exists in the 19-24 age group nationwide, according to an official of UNL's Mental Health Center.

Karen Kelly, head of UNL's Mental Health Department and a clinical psychologist at the University Health Center, said 600 students visited UNL's mental health clinic last year, some of whom have attempted suicide and others who have strongly contemplated such an act.

Kelly said depression was the most common reason students visited the clinic. Their depression resulted from a number of reasons including an inability to find a career identity, separation from family, development of a relationship, and pressure to live up to college stereotypes.

Neither Kelly or Lt. Joe Wehner of the UNL Police Dept. were aware of any reported campus suicides in the past year, but Kelly said the report is a bit "distorted" because many suicides attempted among college students occur at home during school vacations like Thanksgiving, Christmas and spring breaks, she said.

Statistics from the American Association of Suicidology in Denver show that nationwide in 1960, 764 or 7.1 per 100,000 people in the 19-24 age group committed suicide. In 1980 that number more than doubled to 3,442 or 16.1 per 100,000.

According to information compiled in part through the Readers' Digest College Resources Program, psychologists say the concrete reason behind suicide remains elusive. Psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud suggested that suicide is anger toward a lost love object turned back on the self. Others suggest suicide may be linked to depression

but this did not explain why patients often kill themselves after depression has lifted. Biologists talk of chemical imbalance in the brain. Sociologists have looked for a "lack of connecting" such as family breakdown. Some clergy cite erosion of faith. Yet no single theory has surfaced that could explain all forms of suicidal behavior.

Without a true remedy for suicidal acts, psychologists and clinical specialists have suggested identifying warning signs from possible victims. Suicidal talk, moodiness, turning excessively to a diary, failure in school and philosophical preoccupation with death are just some of the warning signs people should be aware of, said John Mack, a psychiatrist at the Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. The most reliable predictor of suicide risk is a previous suicide attempt, Mack said. Between 30 to 40 percent of suicides have tried before.

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