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# Job hunts pose challenge

By Jane Campbell  
Staff Reporter

The new school year presents a lot of challenges for everyone, but for graduating seniors prospective job hunts add to the list.

And the pressure is on. Gerry Phaneuf, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, said the time to start looking is now.

Many corporations hire in advance, Phaneuf said.

The center was established to help students and alumni of the university in career planning.

To register, students can pick up a registration packet from the office, 230 Nebraska Union. The packet contains several forms — a personal data sheet, an academic record form and a computer referral form.

finding a career," he said. "We assist by providing an opportunity for employers and students to meet."

About 2,000 students are registered with the center, most of whom are involved with on-campus interviewing.

The center has 18 interview rooms. During the peak month, which will be October of this semester, around 1,000 interview slots will be available each week, he said.

But students and alumni do not have to be registered to use the center.

The center also offers a career and corporate library with occupational information, resume and job-hunting seminars, interviewing skills workshops and graduate and professional school testing.

"These are available to all students and alumni," Phaneuf said.

The center can help individuals understand what they are looking for in a career, he said.

"We help individuals organize the best job-hunting campaign for their goals," he said.

Registered seniors and alumni can interview with about 220 companies that come to campus each semester looking for new employees.

The center's computer referral system enables registered names to be given to companies who call for candidates with certain qualifications, Phaneuf said.

A job opportunities bulletin and a teacher vacancy bulletin also is published regularly for registered individuals, he said. More than 20,000 job vacancies are listed with the center, he said. But the center is not an employment agency, Phaneuf said.

"Our job is to prepare students for

"Finding a career-related occupation requires a lot of time, especially with schoolwork and part-time jobs," Phaneuf said.

The center is able to help students better during their senior year, said Jim Schiefelbein, assistant director of Career Planning and Placement in the teacher placement division.

Although the center is more of "an exit service," Schiefelbein said staff members also offer career counseling and other services for underclassmen.

The center encourages students to register with the office for on-campus interviews one year before graduation.

## Culture center move to improve service

By Adare O'Connor  
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After nearly 10 years of waiting and planning, UNL's Culture Center now has a new home.

The new location at 333 N. 14th St.

means improved service to students, said Kathy Shellogg, activities coordinator of Campus Activities and Programs.

The building, formerly occupied by the United Ministries in Higher Education, will provide more room, so center officials can expand benefits and programs for minority students, Shellogg said. Some of these benefits include a larger library and more study room. The larger center also will accommodate more students, she said.

Arlett Moss Brooks, student supervisor of the center, said the new center will provide offices for minority groups such as the Afrikan People's Union, the Mexican-American Student Association, the Native American Student Congress and the Vietnamese Student Organization.

The center is not designated specifically for minority students, Shellogg said. Social and educational programs also are provided for the entire campus and specific groups. For example, last year the Multicultural Affairs Council sponsored a black student orientation meeting and a program on black male-female interracial relationships.

"The center is also a social place

where minorities can have a social outlet on a basically white campus," Brooks said.

Last year the center sponsored a video night, game night and several dances. The center also has a game room, a TV lounge, kitchen and a study room that has typewriters.

The culture center is coordinated by the Office of Campus Activities and Programs.

This July the CAP office hired Deborah Logan as the program coordinator. Logan worked for the past eight years for the Department of Social Services.

Logan's goals include formation of an advisory board for the groups in the center. Logan said the board would give input on various programs and activities. Students, the CAP office, the Multicultural Affairs Center, the Union Board and the Culture Center supervisor all would be represented.

The center originally opened on campus 11 years ago in a building that was intended to be a temporary location. The move to a new building, however, was delayed.

A task force was formed to find a permanent home.



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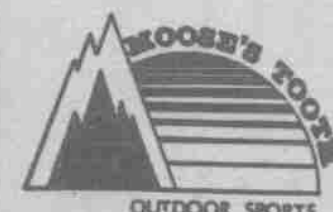
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