

Weather:

Cloudy and colder today with a 20 percent chance of light freezing rain. Winds northeasterly 5-15 mph with a high of 28. Cloudy tonight with a 40 percent chance of snow. Low of 18. Sixty percent chance of snow on Tuesday with a high of 27.

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Just clowing around
Giant balloons were the primary attraction at the Star City Holiday Parade in downtown Lincoln Saturday morning. An estimated crowd of 50,000 attended the parade.
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Shortage of teachers could result in hike in enrollment, Teachers College dean says

By Molly Adams
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become teachers. He said that figure now is less than 10 percent.

A national shortage of teachers could mean larger enrollment in teaching programs, says James O'Hanlon, dean of UNL's Teachers College. O'Hanlon was responding to the National Education Association's assessment that between now and 1990, America's schools will need an estimated 1 million new teachers. As the demand for teachers increases in the market place, O'Hanlon said, more students likely will go into teaching programs.

Above national average

Although enrollment figures probably won't ever reach the peak they were 10 years ago, O'Hanlon said, they will increase some. Despite the decline in enrollment, he said, enrollment has stabilized in the last four years.

Several factors have created the shortage of teachers, including the aging of the baby boomers who now are raising families of their own. He said teachers who were hired to teach the baby boomers are quickly nearing retirement. "One indication that we are facing a teacher shortage was apparent at our Teachers College Fair last year," O'Hanlon said. "We had school districts come in and offer contracts to students that very day."

"UNL had 11 percent of its undergrads enrolled in Teachers College in 1984, which is just a little higher than the national average," O'Hanlon said.

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Appeal lost

Teachers College statistics indicate that over the years, teaching has lost its appeal. During the first semester in 1975, 2,780 undergraduates were enrolled in the Teachers College. That figure for 1985 is 2,098.

However, students who graduate from Teachers College can expect positive results when looking for a job, O'Hanlon said. Placement percentage of students is as good as it has ever been. Graduates shouldn't have trouble finding a job as long as they don't care what part of the country they live in. He said UNL attracts administrators from school districts in other states. He said they want to hire students specifically from UNL.

As career opportunities increased for women, O'Hanlon said, the predominantly female profession began losing its once-abundant teacher supply.

"That is a good indication that Nebraska has a very well respected teaching program," O'Hanlon said.

O'Hanlon also said negative publicity about schools tends to turn students away from choosing teaching as a career.

Part of UNL's teaching program includes sessions on how to interview, and encourages students to learn to teach more than one subject.

"People read and hear things about teacher dissatisfaction and strikes that present a rather gloomy atmosphere," he said. "Teachers just don't encourage students to enter the field like they used to."

"Most of the students who choose to go into teaching as a career have really enjoyed their own school experience, or had a teacher who had a lot of influence on them," O'Hanlon said.

Ten years ago, O'Hanlon said, 20 percent of the nation's college students were preparing to

UNL sets computer competency goal

By Sandy Gordon
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UNL computer facilities are a disaster turning into a solvable problem, says Douglas Gale, director of UNL's Computer Resource Center.

UNL's computer facilities should more than compare in quantity, type and quality to competitive peer institutions by 1990 through a development plan called "Project Hermes," said Gale, who develops UNL's computer facilities.

"Project Hermes," named after the Greek messenger to the gods, is a master plan designed to interconnect micro and mainframe computers

throughout UNL.

Just as everyone once had to share a telephone through party lines, computer facilities have been connected in a similar way to the old telephone party lines, Gale said.

Through "Project Hermes," the computer "party line system" will be replaced by specific bridges or "gateways," connecting local area networks, he said. The cost-efficient gateway and network system is designed to increase computer hook-ups and allow computer users to communicate with each other.

By developing and expanding UNL's computer facilities, instructors will be able to incorporate computers into their coursework, Gale said.

The Wick Alumni Center currently is conducting IBM microcomputer laboratories for faculty and staff.

The laboratory, said George Veomett, associate professor of life science, helped him get acquainted with computers. Although course record-keeping was the principal reason for attending, Veomett said he might look into software that he can use in his coursework.

When the threshold price drops to around \$600, Gale predicts that more students will buy their own computers. If the current trend continues, by 1990 more than 50 percent of incoming freshmen will bring their own computer with them when they come to col-

lege, Gale said.

Residence halls offer an ideal location to house the public computers because students as well as the computers should be in a safe location, he said. Students wouldn't have to walk to and from these facilities.

"Though we know where we're going," Gale said, reaching UNL's computer expansion goal by 1990 depends on the budget allocated by the Legislature.

Despite recent NU budget cuts, Gale said he remains confident.

"We're moving forward," Gale said. "We aren't behind the eight ball anymore."

Police action possible if snowball fights recur

By Diana Johnson
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Although no arrests were made during a snowball fight Wednesday, UNL police might take action if a similar incident happens again, said Woody Getz, Residence Hall Association ad-

viser.

Getz spoke to RHA senators during a regular meeting Thursday night about the snowball fight between UNL housing residents and fraternity members.

The snowball fight resulted in minor injuries to participants and caused traffic problems near 16th and Vine

streets. Neihardt Residence Center and the Delta Upsilon fraternity house also were damaged.

Doug Zatechka, UNL housing director, said in a phone interview he discussed the incident with Getz.

"If this thing continues and becomes damaging to both parties, then police

action may have to occur," Zatechka said, "University kinds of judicial action may also take place."

Getz and Zatechka suggested that senators speak with hall residents about the incident.

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Student recovers halls' master key, receives reward

From Staff Reports

The recovery of a grand master key for UNL's Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex means the Office of University Housing will reinstall the old locks during Christmas break, Assistant Housing Director Glen Schumann said Friday.

Schumann said Max Jacobs, a freshman living in Schramm Hall, found the master key in a snowbank near the complex. The key had been missing since Oct. 16, when it and 15 other keys on a ring disappeared from the complex. All of the missing keys were returned, said Mike Hansier, Harper-Schramm-Smith maintenance manager.

"Quite honestly, we had given up on them," Schumann said.

For returning the key, Jacobs will receive a \$500 reward offered by the Housing Office.