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Companies offer more jobs

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Industrial and energy-related fields are hiring fewer persons and expanding less, Phaneuf said. He said the job market also is competitive for graduates in fine arts and in agriculture.

In past years, 85 percent to 90 percent of agriculture graduates found their first job in Nebraska, said T.E. Hartung, dean of the College of Agriculture. The percentage has dropped to about 70 to 75, he said.

Beyond the Midwest

"It's not as easy as several years ago to round up job offers," he said. "We're trying to encourage students not to limit themselves — to search the Midwest and beyond," Hartung said. He said more regional and national companies are recruiting on campus.

Hartung said he also sees growth in self-employment, not farming or ranching, but in services such as consulting.

The demand for teachers also has increased — the first increase in a decade, Phaneuf said.

Teacher shortage

According to Phaneuf, the United States is experiencing a nationwide teacher shortage. Fewer people are choosing to become teachers, he said, and many teachers are picking different occupations. If graduates are flexible and willing to relocate, they are guaranteed a job, Phaneuf said.

Special education, math, science and language teachers are in greatest demand, and the sunbelt region of the United States needs many teachers.

Phaneuf said that opportunities nationwide might be different than opportunities in Nebraska. He said that although teachers are in demand nationwide, they are overabundant in Lincoln.

The number of recruiters at UNL has increased five percent to six percent since last year, Phaneuf said. Last year the number of recruiters increased by 10 percent from the previous year, he said. Companies coming to UNL are offering more jobs than companies in the past, he said.

According to the College Placement Council, the number of job offers nationally is up about two percent to three percent from the year before, Phaneuf said.

Roskens to speak at UNL graduation

NU President Ronald Roskens will speak at UNL's commencement exercises at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

About 1,200 graduates are expected to receive baccalaureate, professional or graduate degrees at the exercises. UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale will be master of ceremonies.

Roskens has been president of the three-campus NU system since 1977.

Nurses graduate Friday

The UNMC College of Nursing in Lincoln will have its annual winter convocation Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Nebraska Union's Regency Suite. A reception for faculty members and graduates and their families and friends will be in the Heritage Room immediately following the convocation.

Gowns distributed

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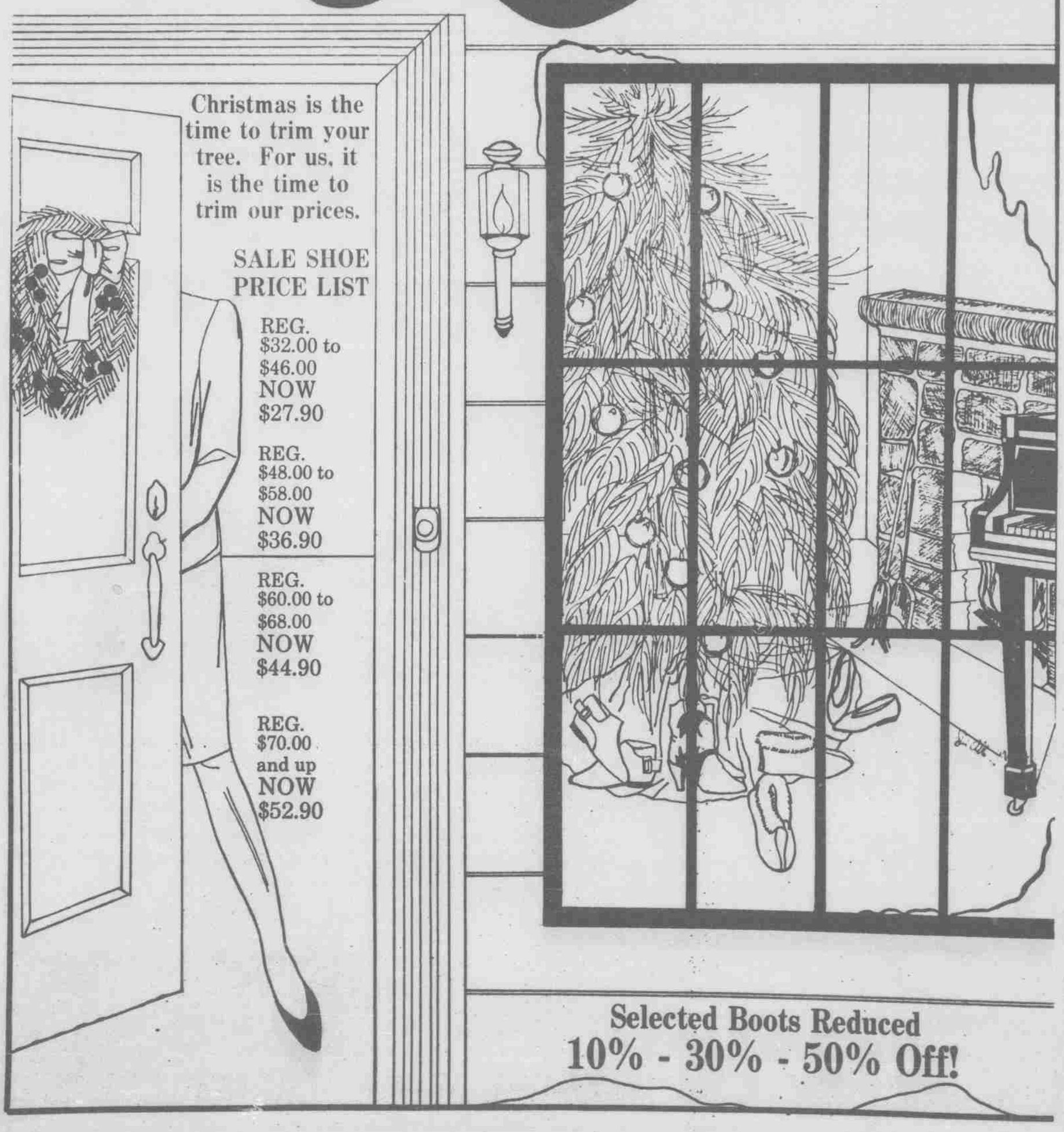

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