

Weather: Slight chance of showers in the morning, clearing by afternoon. High near 75, with southerly winds of 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy with a low of 52 tonight. Colder Friday with a high in the 60s.

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Report says UNL faculty pay among lowest in Big Eight

From Staff and Wire Reports

Faculty pay at UNL is the lowest in the Big Eight in three out of four categories, a report by the American Association of University Professors shows.

The figures show a decrease from last year when UNL ranked fifth in pay for full professors.

For the 1985-86 academic year, UNL is eighth in all categories except instructor's pay, which is seventh.

Susan Welch, president of the UNL chapter of AAUP, said that faculty salary has been declining in the last five years.

Welch, a UNL political science professor, said faculty salary in her department is \$7,000 less on the average than faculty pay at comparable institutions.

UNL's average pay for professors is \$39,000; \$29,600 for associate professors; \$25,500 for assistant professors; \$17,500 for instructors. Only the University of Oklahoma pays instructors less at \$16,300.

Welch said there has not yet been a major exodus of faculty but more staff members are looking for jobs elsewhere than ever before.

Linda Pratt, an English professor, said, "I understand that several people in the English department are looking for other jobs."

But, she said, college professors are more tolerant of low pay than members of other professions because of loyalty to the institution or family ties in the state.

There is no simple solution, she said. The University has been doing a better job of "squeezing" money out of certain areas, but there is no longer any "fat" in the university.

What we really need is increased state support, she said.

Top salaries in the Big Eight for professors are \$41,600 at the University of Kansas; associate professors, \$32,800 at the University of Colorado; assistant professors, \$29,100 at Colorado; and instructors, \$23,800, also at Colorado.

The average salary of all faculty members at public and private univer-

sities and colleges in the United States is \$33,090, the Chronicle of Higher Education reports. That is a 6.1 percent increase from last year. Nebraska public college and university faculty members got a 3 percent raise in 1985.

The figures from more than 2,000 institutions were compiled for the American Association of University Professors by Maryse Eymonerie Associates of McLean, Va. They include all full-time faculty, except those at medical schools.

The southeast Nebraska area, with schools at Lincoln, Fairbury, Beatrice and Milford, has the lowest technical community college pay in the state, the study indicates.

Average pay at community colleges is: Central, \$21,600; McCook, \$22,200; Metro (Omaha) \$21,200; Mid-Plains, \$24,800; Northeast, \$21,200; Southeast, \$20,000 and Western, \$21,500.

The survey includes salaries from Kearney, Wayne, Chadron and Peru state colleges and most of Nebraska's traditional private colleges, excluding Bible colleges.

Library left 'holding the bag'

Historical society books to be removed

From Staff and Wire Reports

The UNL Love Library temporarily has been left holding the bag — of 2,000 books.

Love Library is storing the books, owned by the Nebraska State Historical Society, in its basement. Some of the books would have been added to Love Library's collection.

But the library soon will have to return the books because the society's executive board last week rescinded an earlier agreement with the library. It decided instead to send the books to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, a private, non-profit cor-

poration. James Hanson, state historical society director, said foundation members will have the final decision on which books will be saved or discarded.

UNL Dean of Libraries Kent Hendrickson said he received word Wednesday that the books, which constitute only about a van-load of the society's total collection, will be kept at Love Library until the foundation decides where to put them.

"They would have been a plus for the collection," he said.

Members said the shift would end the dispute that has surrounded the "weeding" project ever since it was

started two years ago. The "weeding" project would have given Love Library first shot at some books the society had determined did not fit into its mission.

At a meeting Friday, society board member Nellie Snyder Yost of North Platte asked the board to fire Hanson because of his alleged mismanagement of the culling project. The board defeated the motion 9-1.

Hanson said he originally offered the books to Love Library because many of them were not related to the society's focus on genealogy and history. He said he did not know why the board rejected his decision, but he made one speculation.

Summer jobs are 'still out there' and more are opening, coordinator says

By Linda Hartmann
Staff Reporter

Finding a summer job at the last minute might not be as difficult as many students think.

As the final days of the spring semester near, the job board on the first floor of the Administration Building is full of job descriptions. Lynn Ford, coordinator of job location and development at UNL, said each day she receives information on five to seven job openings.

"It's not exactly last minute," Ford said. "The jobs are still out there."

Ford said students who need jobs should look at the job board every day. They also should look through the summer job book in the office of scholarships and financial aid.

Several summer camps still are looking for counselors and workers, Ford said. To save time, students should contact the camps by phone rather than mail, she said.

Ford said most of the jobs on the board are in Lincoln. Others are in Omaha, and a few are outstate.

Some of the employers, both on and off campus, have positions they really want to fill, Ford said. Many calls come from mothers who want someone to care for their children for the summer. Many fast food restaurants are seeking employees as well, Ford said.

One particular place, Wright Printing in Omaha, is looking for about 18 employees. Ford said these jobs include some valuable training.

Millie Katz, coordinator of experiential education, said students who had hoped to find a career-related internship this summer and haven't succeeded need not despair. Katz said in the last week alone she has received four or five requests from employers to interview UNL students for internships.

Several openings in Omaha for positions in public relations and human services still are vacant, she said. And

some jobs in the art field among others are available, she said.

But, Katz said, students must differentiate between jobs and internships. Many internships offer no pay. Others offer grants for the next school year as payment or reimbursement for job-related expenses.

Students who find that the only paying jobs they could get for the summer are pumping gas or waiting tables should still consider interviewing for a part-time, non-paying internship as well, Katz said. The additional volunteer job will give them valuable experience and help them find paying internships next summer, she said.

Katz said most employers who interview with the Experiential Education office are looking for students with specific backgrounds and skills.

"They've got to learn to get into the system," she said.

The Experiential Education office is located in the Teachers College, room 102.



David Creamer/Daily Nebraskan

Georgette, controlled by Paul Mesner, talks to Rick Valentine, an undeclared graduate student, north of the Nebraska Union Wednesday afternoon.

Lincoln puppet master combines Reagan, Mr. T and the talking toilet

By Lise Olsen
Senior Reporter

A walking stage packed with Mr. T, Boy George, Khadafy duck, Reagan, the talking toilet and about 10 other puppet pals trotted around Broyhill fountain.

A voice altered to different octaves rasped, yelled, whispered and screamed as each character appeared from behind the cloth screen to perform.

A tree told a joke: "My parents were a birch tree and a peach tree. So I'm either the son of a birch or a son of a peach."

Ronald Reagan, whose head resembled a "tall boy," shared a military secret.

"We had to find a large, hollow place to store the MX missile, so..." Slowly a missile protruded from his head and then disappeared, back into the cavity.

"Nancy has one too — I guess you could call us a nuclear family," Ron says.

Khadafy duck took over a farm for puppet miniseries titled "Nebraska" a take-off on Amerika.

The puppet "emcee," a dowdy, velvet-dressed hook nosed, pointed-chin matriarch named "Georgette," shared beauty tips:

"I put acid on my hair and then rinse it out in a chlorinated pool," she rasped and then giggled, putting her fuzzy locks.

The hand controlling her move-

ments belonged to Paul Mesner. Mesner, whose father Dale is a UNL math professor, shared his puppets at UNL Tuesday as part of UPC Arts Week.

Mesner created all 300 of his puppets — each with a personality, a voice and distinctive characteristics.

He spent an hour at UNL, sweating and windblown under the portable stage. Audience response was good, he said. At least one student admitted he was cutting class to watch the show.

Mesner said he performs about four shows a week at schools, festivals and churches in an eight state area.

Other performances included a concert for the Abendmusik series ("Peter and the Wolf") and various Nebraska Art Council events.

Gov. Bob Kerrey chose Mesner to represent Nebraska at the International Children's Festival in Washington, D.C.

Mesner got his start as a 12-year-old in theater classes at the Lincoln Community Playhouse. Seventeen years later he's a full-time professional puppeteer.

"I starved for my required two or three years, but now I'm sitting pretty," Mesner said.

The walking theater idea was borrowed from the Chinese, who developed the concept hundreds of years ago, he said.