

# Technology sustains job market

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Witte said that although the future is hard to predict, jobs for engineers should remain plentiful. He said current economic problems, such as the drop in oil prices, and the agriculture crisis, are hard to foresee. These economic problems, Witte said, have caused declined chemical and agricultural industries.

Witte said the technological revolution that has taken place in recent years is the reason for the growth in the engineering job market. Technological advances in the electronics and computer industries have led the way, he said.

The technological revolution also has dramatically increased freshman enrollment in engineering for the past six or seven years, Witte said. In 1985, about 2,500 freshmen enrolled in engineering, Witte said. Enrollment has leveled off to about 2,100, he said.

Witte said that of all the students graduating from the engineering college, about 20 percent take jobs in Nebraska. Students prefer to take jobs in states such as California, Arizona, Texas and Minnesota because they have the big industries, Witte said. The loss of these engineers, he said, hurts the state.

"Those clever people with ideas are taking their ideas and applying them to other states and helping the other state's economies," Witte said.

Meisels said Nebraska is not a good place for scientists to get a job. About the only places for scientists to go in Nebraska, Meisels said, is Norden Laboratories, Dorsey Laboratories and Isco in Lincoln. Because these companies are small, they cannot provide scientists with fields that interest them, he said.

Meisels said Nebraska needs to make an investment in the future to attract employers who can provide interesting jobs for scientists and engineers.

# Students can get credit for water talks

"Wildlife Habitat and Competing Water Demands" is the topic of the 1987 Water Resources Seminar Series that begins today at 3:30 p.m.

The seminar series meets every Wednesday afternoon in Bessey Hall 117 and features speakers from the university and other environmental experts.

Students can receive one credit hour for attending the seminar series, which runs until April 29.

Topics in January are:  
Jan. 14: "Hydrology of Nebraska's Streams and Reservoirs," presented by Lee Becker, state hydrologist, State Department of Water Resources.

Jan. 21: "Wetland Complexes and Inventories by Remote Sensing," presented by Ann Bleed, assistant professor, Conservation and Survey Division, UNL, and Donald Rundquist, associate professor, Conservation and Survey Division.

Jan. 28: "Recreational Demands for Water Resources," presented by Charles Duncan, chief of the State Parks Division of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The Series is free and open to the public. All or any of the seminars can be attended. Students wanting to receive credit for the series can register by calling the Water Resources Center at 472-3305.

# Couple adds UNL to volunteer stops

By Mark Davis  
Senior Editor

Whether they're volunteering their time in the M through O lines at the Nebraska Union grade-report tables or at a grade school or a nursing home, Larry and Leola Frahm are always together.

And they're still enjoying themselves after 53 years of marriage.

Although the couple has volunteered for RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) for 10 years, Larry and Leola are working at the university for the first time this week.

"Most students picking up grades go away smiling," Leola said, "but some aren't so happy. I wish I could change their grade."

Larry and Leola, 74 and 73 respectively, have worked with young people since they bought the Ashland Roller Rink about 35 years ago. Their secret of success, Larry admits, is that they don't take their jobs too seriously.

"Larry is the jokester," Leola said.

The two met at a Fourth of July celebration — she was 8 and he was 9.

"He flashed me a wink and I ran home to start a quilt," Leola said.

"We've worked together ever since," Larry said. The couple's first 25 years were spent on a farm in Ithica. Then they bought the roller rink, which they operated until they



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Larry and Leola Frahm

retired 10 years ago.

Larry and Leola end their stint in the grade-report lines today, but said they would like to come back to

UNL.

"It's a thrill to see these kids. They look so nice, and they act super," Leola said.

"You read so much about the bad kids. It makes us proud to see all these great kids — just like me," Larry said.

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