

WEATHER: Fog lifting and mostly cloudy Thursday with a high in the mid-30s. Wind east around 5 mph. Cloudy with areas of fog forming again Thursday night. Low in the mid-teens. Cloudy Friday with a high in the mid-30s.

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Pharmacy dean selected after national search

By Lee Rood
 Staff Reporter

Clarence T. Ueda, former chairman of the NU Medical Center College of Pharmacy's department of pharmaceuticals, was named dean of the college by the NU Board of Regents Saturday.

Ueda has been interim dean of the college since May 1986 and was selected after a nationwide search of candidates by a committee of UNMC faculty and administrators.

The promotion came as a surprise, Ueda said. But after reassessing his career goals, the change fit his plans, he said.

Previously the College of Pharmacy has been threatened by budget cuts, but because the regents decided not to review the college recently, Ueda said he thinks it is out of danger.

"If I do my job right, there's no reason the college should become an issue again," he said.

Ueda said the college's enrollment hasn't declined because of the threat of cuts. The college has had a steady number of students for the last six or seven years, he said.

Ueda said he hopes to emphasize research more than in the past and find more innovative drug-delivery systems.

Ueda has been a UNMC faculty member since 1974 and became chairman of the department in 1976. He has written and co-written more than 60



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professional articles and abstracts. Ueda came to Nebraska from California in 1974. But he says he likes the Midwest and doesn't plan to leave for awhile.

"I like it here. I like the people and I like the program," he said.

Kentucky looks at Massengale

By Lee Rood
 Staff Reporter

According to an article in a Kentucky newspaper, UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale is being "seriously considered" to be president of the University of Kentucky.

The Courier-Journal reported that Massengale is one of a half-dozen candidates being considered to replace the current president, Otis Singletary, after he retires in June.

Bob Bruce, director of the University Information Office, said Massengale was not considering the job. Bruce said he was speaking for Massengale on the matter so the chancellor could "get

some work done." Massengale was scheduled to interview for the Kentucky job but canceled because of bad weather. Bruce said Massengale had made no plans to reschedule the interview.

Other candidates being considered for the position include Frank Horton, president of the University of Oklahoma; David Rosell, provost of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and Charles Wethington, chancellor of the University of Kentucky's statewide community-college system.

Robert T. McCowan, head of the search committee, said the committee would not make a recommendation until all the candidates were interviewed.

ASUN wants more fund raising

By Merry Hayes
 Staff Reporter

Stating that the academic integrity of the University of Nebraska has been threatened by budget cuts, the ASUN senate Wednesday passed a bill requesting football coach Tom Osborne, Athletic Director Bob Devaney and the NU Foundation to mail letters to NU supporters requesting donations for the university.

Sen. Jon Stick, the bill's sponsor, said Osborne, Devaney, and the NU Foundation's fundraising efforts were successful in gaining funds for the Student Recreation Center and could also help gain funds for academics at UNL.

"This bill has nothing to do with the Recreation Center other than noting that the Rec Center has proven that there is support out there for

this university," Stick said.

"This is a vote in support of academics and education and not against the Recreation Center," Stick said.

The bill suggested the donations go to support endowed faculty chairs, an air conditioning system for Morrill Hall and improved university libraries.

Stick said the endowed faculty chairs would show support for faculty and staff academic contributions. He said faculty and staff morale is at "one of the lowest points ever."

He said Morrill Hall is also in need of a \$4 million air conditioning system to preserve its decaying exhibits.

Stick said, "I think it's time people realized that they have a commitment to this institution which extends beyond athletics."

Empty pool remains full

By Tami Schuetze
 Staff Reporter

The closed Coliseum pool remains filled with water because the sides of the pool could collapse if it is emptied, the director of the UNL physical plant said.

Harley Schrader said that if the pool is emptied, pressure from an unusually high water table could force the walls to cave in and the floor to be pushed up.

"The water table is very high this year around the Coliseum, so it is impossible for us to empty the water from the pool," he said. We are taking care of the water in the pool and it's not hurting anything being there right now."

Last May, a lifeguard at the pool reported suds surfacing in the pool water. The State Health Department examined the problem and concluded that backflow from sanitary and storm sewage was entering the pool.

Schrader said nothing could be found wrong with the pool or sewage system when UNL employees inspected it last summer. But changes ordered by the State Health Department would cost \$50,000 to \$70,000, funds the university does not have, Schrader said.

He said that eventually well points will be put in to pump the water from around the pool so the pool can be emptied. No immediate plans are

being made to get the water out because the pool still has a slim chance of survival, Schrader said.

"If the plans go through on renovating the Coliseum, then steps may be taken to fix the pool as well. That decision may be a long way off," he said.

However, until a decision is made, the 60-year-old pool will remain empty but filled with water.

Plaza parlor bites the crust

Plaza parlor, a new dining and lounge area, is set to open in the new Rocky Hoesco building at 65th and O streets. The parlor will feature a variety of dining options, including a full-service restaurant and a lounge area. The building is a prime location for businesses and is expected to attract a wide range of customers.

Batch said the company spent two years at the downtown location and that was plenty of time to gauge the store's performance. The downtown location did not meet the company's sales expectations, he said.

The company will continue to operate the Rocky Hoesco's at 65th and O streets, Batch said.

Computer services are new 'meet' market

By Libby York
 Staff Reporter

You've seen the scenario a million times: Boy meets girl; boy gets girl; boy and girl live happily ever after. However, today's new technology has altered this formula: Boy goes to dating service; boy meets ideal girl, as selected from computerized information . . .

Within the past decade, computer dating services have increased in popularity, providing singles with an alternative to traditional dating scenes, such as singles bars.

From 1975 to 1982, computer dating services participation skyrocketed to more than 60,000 members. Although the latest statistics available are from 1982, the trend is continuing, experts say. This increase is due to the number of single people in the United States, they say. The U.S. Census Bureau released figures in 1982 showing 53 million unmarried adults.

New Beginnings-Video, an Omaha dating service, has been open for about seven years. Officials from New Beginnings-Video said that they have matched 200 couples.

"They're (dating services) the coming thing. People are getting burned out on the bar scene," said Donnie Ward, an employee. Ward said the service has more than 700 members from 19 to 70 years old.

A new member first must answer questions on his or her age, physical attributes, hobbies and interests. Then the member's picture is taken for a book, which is divided by age groups. Finally, he or she is interviewed on videotape.

New Beginnings-Video is a member of the Better Business Bureau and the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. The company screens participants

for drug and alcohol abuse, criminal records and mental instability.

"What we attract are singles looking for quality companionship," said Charlene Johns, owner of New Beginnings-Video. "People aren't looking for one-night stands; they want lasting relationships," she said.

Nebraska is a conservative state, Johns said, so people did not adjust to video dating quickly.

Sixty-eight percent of New Beginnings-Video's members have college degrees, Johns said.

Members contract for one year, with a guarantee of finding someone. If, by the end of a year, a "significant other" isn't found, Johns said, membership may be retained, at no extra cost, until a match is made.

New Beginnings-Video's fee is \$395.

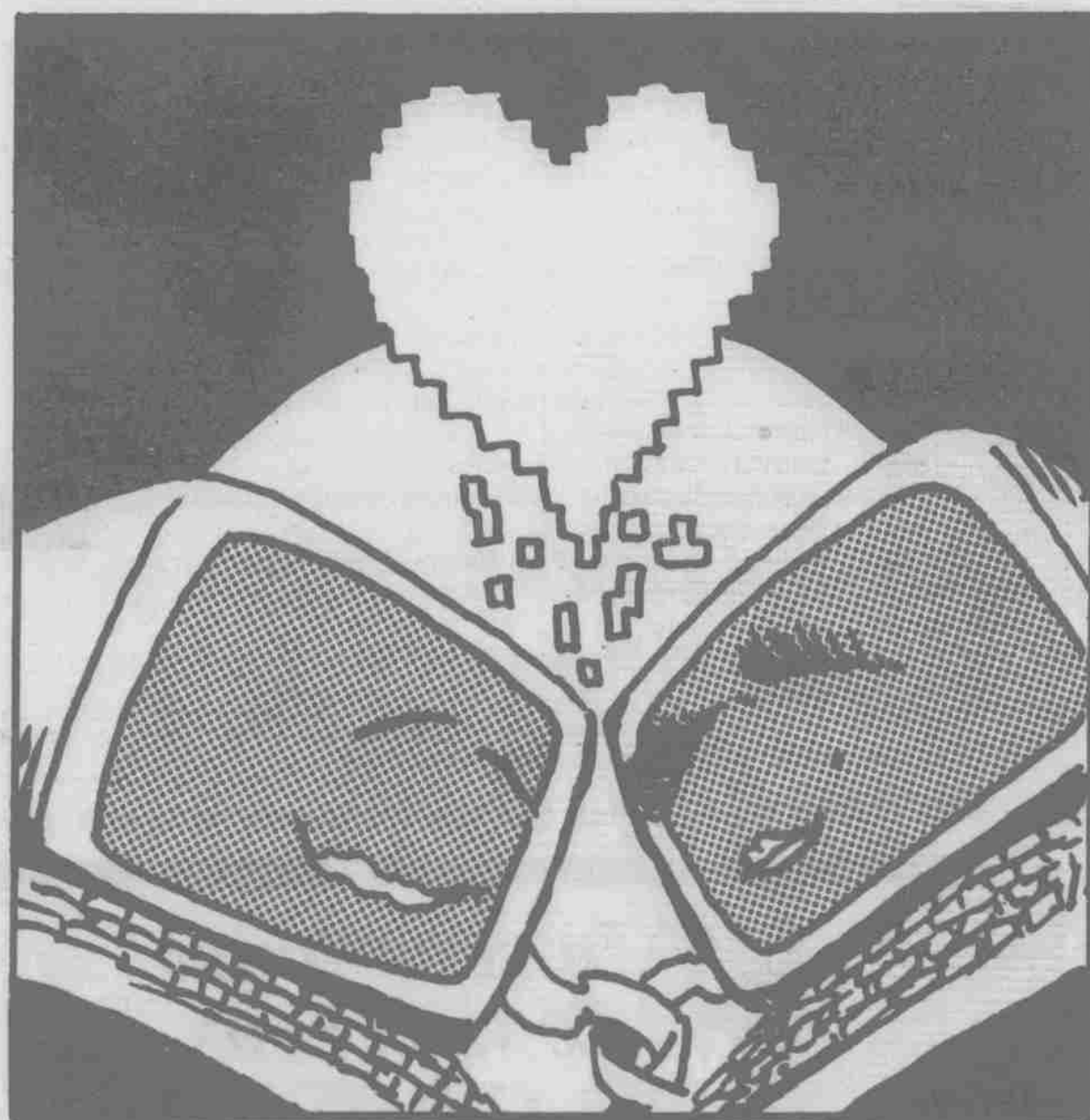
"We save people a great deal of time and are very inexpensive compared to a year of the bar scene," Johns said.

Another local service for singles is the Perfect Strangers, a club founded five years ago. The club has more than 600 members, who can attend weekly activities — dances, group discussion, picnics and sports — with other singles for a yearly fee of \$70. Club officials compile photo albums containing information on members.

Carol Lee, co-owner of Perfect Strangers, said although the average age of participants is from 30 to 55, the number of young people is increasing.

"The younger crowd is starting to get sick of the singles meat markets," she said.

Dateline, a nationwide dating service, arranges dates for its members based on personal information they provide.



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