

**WEATHER:** Thursday, fog and drizzle in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. High 65 to 70. Thursday night, cloudy with patchy late night fog. Low in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Friday, partly sunny and warmer. High in the mid 70s to lower 80s.

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# State teacher supply, demand equal

By Dotti Krist  
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Education students hoping to find a job in Nebraska's metropolitan areas may experience stiff competition for the openings, school officials say.

But the supply and demand for teachers in other areas of the state is about equal, the officials say.

Teachers College Dean James O'Hanlon said the supply and demand for teachers in Nebraska appears to be equal overall. Some spot surpluses and shortages exist, depending on the region, grade level and subject matter, he said.

O'Hanlon acknowledged that this deviates from reports of teacher shortages in the sunbelt states and on the East and West coasts. In fact, graduates may not find their idea of a perfect job in Nebraska. Because many education graduates hope to find jobs in Nebraska's metropolitan area, Lincoln and Omaha schools are experiencing a surplus of applicants, he said.

Carroll Sawin, assistant superintendent of personnel for Lincoln Public Schools, said 1,800 applications for teaching jobs are on file. Only 143 positions were open for this school year.

The Omaha School District had about 2,040 applicants for approximately 150 teacher openings. Even surrounding areas have been bombarded by applications. Robert Diekmann, Superintendent of District 46, located 20 miles south of Omaha, reports 200 to 250 people applied for one elementary-school position this year.

O'Hanlon said students who are willing to relocate can find teaching jobs. Teachers College now places 70 percent of its graduates in teaching jobs. Most of the remaining 30 percent do not seek teaching jobs or are not willing to relocate. Very few, O'Hanlon said, can't find jobs at all. UNL supplies roughly half of the state's teachers.

Smaller schools generally experience a smaller applicant-to-job ratio. James Brisson, superintendent of Scottsbluff Public Schools, said 15 openings were available for this year. More than 360 teachers applied.

Pat Richey, president of the Nebraska State Education Association, said these numbers do not indicate a surplus of teachers. It is not necessarily true, she said, that teachers in search of jobs cannot find them. Because applicants apply for more than one job, the numbers seem greater than they are, she said.

Bob Crosier, director of teacher education and certification for the Department of Education, said teachers of early elementary grades, social science and physical education are competing in greater numbers. And just as schools are experiencing a surplus of applicants in some subject areas, some schools need speech pathologists, music, math, science and foreign-language teachers.

In District 46, in south Sarpy County, 12 to 20 candidates applied for a high-school science position. The problem with a small number of applicants, Diekmann said, is that some of them are less qualified. This gives schools an even smaller pool to choose from.

Crosier said he does not expect a shortage of teachers in the future.

UNL is showing an increase in Teachers College enrollment. However, O'Hanlon said, the estimated 8 percent increase in this year's enrollment will not lead to a teacher surplus because the college is considering issuing a quota and will require degree candidates to pass a skills test before graduation. A skills test now is given to those entering the college.

## East Campus animal complex nearly finished

By Linda Hartmann  
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Faculty and staff members in the animal science department are scrambling among clusters of filing cabinets, construction materials and equipment as the \$19 million animal science complex that was begun about two years ago nears completion.

Roger Mandigo, professor of animal science and department representative for construction, said the project is 65 to 70 percent done and is expected to be complete in October.

Yet the 37 faculty members who will have offices in the building are at least partially moved in.

"About half of me is here and half of me is in the old office," Mandigo said during a break from moving furniture and files from temporary or doubled up offices that faculty members used during construction.

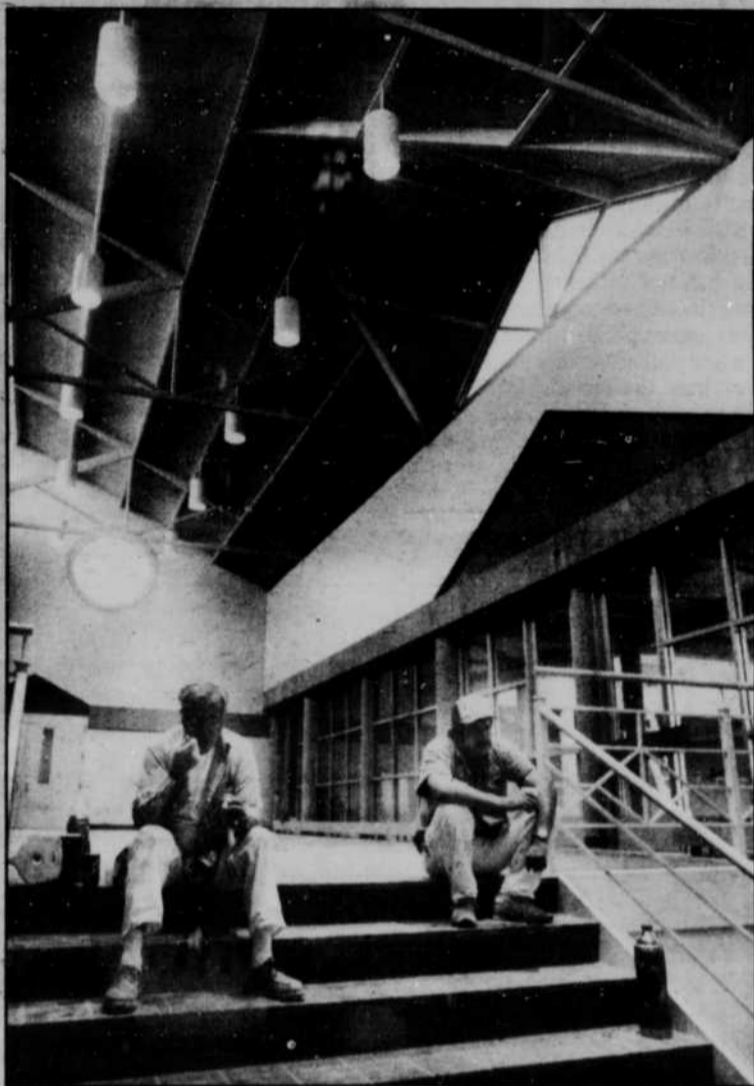
Now the faculty members and students are working around piles of pipes, lab furniture and wire in the halls and laboratories. But as spaces in the building take shape, enthusiasm is high, Mandigo said.

"Students are just bubbling over. The faculty is just very excited," he said.

The animal science complex connects to and spreads to the east of two older, separate animal science buildings, Marvel Baker Hall and Leoffel Meat Lab. The older buildings also are being renovated with new labs, carpet, paint and stairway railings.

Mandigo said the two buildings will retain their old names as part of the complex.

When completed, the complex will combine teaching labs and classrooms for 300 to 400 undergraduate students, space for about 75 graduate students and faculty members' offices. The five research groups in the department — ruminant nutrition, monogastric nutrition, physiology, animal breeding and genetics, and meats — will have areas for research, chemistry



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Roy Sterling and Don Colyer, employees of Sterling Painting Co., break for lunch at the Animal Science Lab.

labs and animal pens.

Mandigo said in the past most intensive animal research was done at the University of Nebraska-Agricultural Research and Development Center at Mead about 35 miles away.

Now the animals and equipment needed are in Lincoln.

"That allows you to do things that you could not do before," he said. For example, a researcher now can easily take hourly blood samples from pigs just steps from his or her office.

Students will be able to work with horses, beef cattle, dairy animals, pigs, sheep, turkeys and

chickens without making field trips to Mead.

"We can tie together all the aspects of animal science for the students," Mandigo said. "It's going to take a while to get it all working right, but clearly it's all here now."

All but four of the 14 classrooms and teaching labs are finished and in use, Mandigo said. Some of the animals, including cattle and horses, have not been moved in; and some of the equipment has not been installed.

Nevertheless, Mandigo said, "It's nice to be working in a pleasant place."

## Merck awards vet program money for graduate classes

By Christine Anderson  
Staff Reporter

Plans are underway to upgrade education and research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's department of veterinary medicine graduate program.

Department head John Schmitz, who submitted the grant proposal, said the money will be used to upgrade a multi-viewing microscope. The equipment was purchased three years ago with a similar grant provided by the Merck Foundation. The microscope is primarily used to supplement pathology, parasitology and immunology courses in the veterinary science program.

The existing microscope has five viewing heads, or ocular lenses, which allow five people to view a single slide simultaneously, he said.

With the new grant, two lenses will be added to the scope. This will benefit the program because graduate student enrollment in veterinary medicine has increased, and more students will be

able to participate in laboratory activities.

Upgrading laboratory equipment also will cater to the need to attract more research scientists in the field of veterinary medicine, Schmitz said.

"There is a definite need for vet research scientists," he said. Most veterinary students enter private practice rather than research.

Since Jan. 1, the veterinary department has received \$380,000 in grants, up from the 1983-84 total of \$17,000.

Two grants were awarded to the department by the United States Department of Agriculture. One \$120,000 grant will be used to research pseudorabies in swine, and another \$96,000 grant will be used to study a cattle virus. Financing for these two projects will begin in October.

Normally, the department receives federal, state or private grants that can be used only for research, unlike the

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## FarmAid III stickers sold

From Staff Reports

The University Bookstore began selling its bumper crop of FarmAid bumper stickers Wednesday.

All profits from the 5,000 stickers will go to FarmAid, said Dick Lewis, operating manager of the University Bookstore.

"We received our first out-of-state requests for the stickers today," Lewis said Wednesday.

Lewis said the bookstore is the only place in Nebraska he knows of that sells the stickers.

The stickers that have been sold since the first FarmAid concert were

sent to the university by the FarmAid office in Texas, Lewis said.

"The university wants to be the place to sell the stickers," Lewis said.

Originally, the stickers were sent to anyone who sent a donation more than \$1 to FarmAid, but later the organization decided to sell the stickers.

If the bookstore sells all 5,000 of the stickers on stock it can send for more, Lewis said.

The sold-out FarmAid concert will be at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 19.

The red, white and blue stickers cost \$1 plus tax. Mail orders are \$1.50.

The mail-order price includes postage, handling and taxes.

## 500 student IDs missing; cause of problem unknown

From Staff Reports

More than 500 student identification cards have not reached students who pre-registered last spring, said registration and records officials, but the cause is unknown.

The IDs were mailed about two weeks before classes began, said Anthony Schkade, assistant director of registration and records.

The IDs can be forwarded, but not returned, he said. The return guarantee was eliminated two years ago because it cost 27 cents per card.

The university separates the IDs according to ZIP codes. But no pattern has been seen with the missing cards,

he said.

"We have no indication of Uncle Sam having anything to do with it," Schkade said.

Post office officials said they have no idea what happened to the cards unless a specific pattern can be traced.

Students who registered last spring and have not yet received their pale blue ID cards should go to Administration Building 117 and fill out a replacement form. The cards are made on the spot.

Students who did not receive their cards will not be charged the regular \$5 fee for replacement. Another form of photograph or signature ID is required to pick up the cards.

## Students 'Party on Plaza' Friday

From Staff Reports

ASUN's "Party on the Plaza" that was rained out Tuesday has been rescheduled for Sept. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. north of the Nebraska Union.

Marlene Beyuke, ASUN director of development, said there were no problems with the postponement. The vendors knew a decision would be made by 11 a.m. on whether the party would go on that evening, she said.

ASUN President Andy Pollock said

the party has been shortened from three to two hours since it is now on a Friday night, when there are usually more events.

The party is scheduled at the same time and place as the pep rally for the Nebraska-UCLA game, he said.