

WEATHER: Monday, mostly sunny with a high in the low 40s. Monday night, cloudy. Low in the 20s. Tuesday, partly sunny with a high around 50.

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Student transfers dropping

Credit transfer problems, poor farm economy cited

By Lee Rood
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The number of students migrating to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is declining because of the state's economy and difficulties in transferring credits, officials say.

According to Ted Pfeifer, director of Academic Services and the Office of Registration and Records, the number of undergraduate students transferring to UNL has dropped 14 percent since last year.

One reason for the drop is the poor farm economy, Pfeifer said.

Many students want to stay home near area community colleges or trade schools because they can't afford a four-year college anymore, Pfeifer said.

Other students have had difficulty with service and communication when they try to transfer their credits to UNL, he said.

The number of transfer students at the undergraduate level dropped from 1,043 last year to 938 this year, Pfeifer said.

While Pfeifer said he and other university officials are trying to turn the numbers around, quantity is not as important as quality, he said.

"I am not worried about numbers as much as service to the students of UNL," he said.

Pfeifer said two UNL administrators have been working especially hard to find all the available information for a book which will outline all transferable credits from community colleges to UNL. The book will be available in April.

After researching 600 to 700 files, Barbara Boettcher, assistant director of admissions, said she concluded that the transfer student needs improved communications between the student, UNL and community colleges.

Many times students change their academic interests as well as their learning institution, so it's hard to transfer all the credits students would like to, Boettcher said.

"When people change their aspirations, they get caught in a crossfire," Boettcher said.

Transferring credits successfully depends on the area of study, Boettcher said.

Associate degrees in arts and sciences from community colleges often transfer credits to UNL, she said.

Ellen Baird, associate vice chan-

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Roaches trouble hall food service



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Jerry Kapke of Lystad's Pest Elimination Services looks for bugs under the Harper/Schramm/Smith food service salad bar Friday night. Kapke said he would "rather deal with rats" because "sometimes they're a little more fun."

By Amy Edwards
Senior Reporter

More than just students have been enjoying the food at Harper/Schramm/Smith food service lately.

Roaches have been seen several times in the cafeteria, according to Nancy Bauman, a freshman English major.

"At first I thought the complaints were just rumors," Bauman said. "But then I found a live roach in my french fries."

Bauman said she complained to food service workers at the residence hall, then took the complaint to the food service director at Seaton Hall.

People in the office told Bauman she should walk to Selleck to eat if she didn't like the food in Harper/Schramm/Smith.

"I'd rather just get out of the food part of my housing contract," Bauman said. "Why should (students) have to pay for food they don't eat?"

Doug Zatechka, director of housing/food service at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he is aware of the complaints and the severe roach problem in Harper/Schramm/Smith food service.

The food service is doing everything within environmental safety regulations to get rid of the problem, Zatechka said.

Twelve people from a contract chemical company, Lystads Pest Elimination Services of Lincoln, were in the complex Wednesday night for five hours removing any possible food substance that might attract roaches, Zatechka said.

Company employees returned Friday, and Zatechka said they would be in as many times as necessary to solve the problem.

Zatechka said he is not trying to defend the fact that roaches are in the cafeteria and said he empathizes with students who don't like the bugs. He said that although "everything possible" is being done to get rid of the problem, "no method is 100 percent when you're dealing with roaches."

The department is working with the contract chemical company and the UNL entomology department to get rid of the roaches.

Roger Gold, head of the entomology department, said warmer-than-usual weather this fall has kept more roaches around.

Gold said students who are trying to get out of their housing contracts are using the roaches as an excuse. He said the problem isn't as bad as students think. When he went to the food service, Gold said he didn't see any evidence of roaches plaguing the cafeteria.

Gary Hosek, food service evaluation officer at the State Health Department, said food services are inspected every six months.

Women injured in car accident

By Amy Edwards
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Three women were injured in a two-car accident Sunday afternoon.

Lt. Ron Bruder of the Lincoln Police Department said Leetta T. Nelson, 720 S. 30th St., was driving erratically west on Vine Street when she hit a car and drove across a yard into the basement of an abandoned house at 2744 Vine St.

Bruder said Nelson was having a diabetic reaction at the time of the accident.

The car Nelson hit, driven by Corrine M. Carey of Nebraska City, spun around facing east in the westbound lane of Vine Street, Bruder said.

Nelson was taken to St. Elizabeth's Community Health Center, along with Carey and her passenger, Josephine B. Smith of Nebraska City. Nelson sustained bumps and bruises, while Carey and Smith sustained stiff necks, Bruder said.

St. Elizabeth's would not comment on the victims' conditions.



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A car crashed into a house at 27th & Vine Sunday afternoon when Leetta T. Nelson lost control of her car.

Employee numbers lag in hall food services

By Terri Hahn
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A shortage of student employees and sagging morale are still existing problems at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln residence hall food services, said Douglas Rix, assistant director of UNL housing/food services.

Residence hall food service needs about 40 or 50 more part-time student

employees, especially during the noon hours, he said.

Rix said he is unsure why students don't want to work in housing food service.

"It seems as if during the last eight to 10 years students have put working last on their lists," Rix said.

Competition for grades and concern about long-range goals could be among the reasons for students' change in attitude, Rix said. Students

are not as willing to put in the hours for part-time work as they have been in the past, Rix said.

Terry Pieper, a full-time food service employee at Selleck Quadrangle, said in the three years he has worked there, he has seen students start the job and then later find their schedules conflict with the job.

However, he stressed that managers are flexible and try to schedule work around classes.

"They try not to let the job interfere with their education," Pieper said. Pieper said food service work is not stressful.

"Selleck is a great place to work," he said, adding that the other employees are good people to work with.

Rix said the shortage of employees makes it tough on those now working at the food service.

"The lunch hours are hit the hardest," Rix said. "Students try to sched-

ule their classes early in the day and usually do not have much free time over the noon hour."

The employee shortage didn't affect the success of an all-Nebraska dinner because it was an evening meal and student employees are easier to find for that shift, he said.

Rix said the food service is looking at options to solve the shortage prob-

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