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Weather: Friday, mostly sunny and cool, high 55-60 with winds from the NE at 5-10 mph. Friday night, mostly clear, low around 30. Saturday, sunny and warmer, high in the mid 60s.

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Centers to aim at ag affairs

Regents to vote on projects May 6, Omtvedt hopes for success

By Lisa Donovan
Staff Reporter

Two new centers may be integrated into the University of Nebraska-Lincoln curriculum, combining the knowledge of several colleges, said Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"It's not a curriculum change," he said. "It's providing students with technical assistance, marketing assistance and business assistance to businesses, producers and entrepreneurs."

One center, the Nebraska Product and Market Development Center, will deal directly with the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources combined with the College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering and Technology.

He said the center will focus on non-food uses of agricultural commodities.

"We're going to be looking at value-added products such as fuels,"

he said.

The center also would integrate into university courses the possibility of creating biodegradable plastics out of corn, Omtvedt said.

"This is an effort to diversify our economic base in the state, and we've worked with several community groups to devise the center," Omtvedt said.

The other center, the Center for International Policy and Research in Agribusiness, Economics and Law, draws on resources from IANR and the business and law colleges, Omtvedt said.

The focus of the center will be a multidisciplinary approach to economic and legal issues. The center will deal with problems that result in the changing conditions in world agriculture and related trade, Omtvedt said.

Omtvedt said he has worked on the project since August 1987 with several deans.

Omtvedt said he hopes the Board

of Regents will approve it May 6. "Then we can begin putting it together," he said.

The Center for International Policy and Research will be activated in 1988 or 1989, Omtvedt said.

"The extent of the program will depend on the availability of resources," Omtvedt said.

State money is not being requested for the two centers, Omtvedt said, but donations from federal, private and foundation sources are sought.

"The Nebraska Corn Development, Marketing and Utilization Board allocated \$60,000 for the policy and research program," Omtvedt said.

Omtvedt said they will make a proposal to the Nebraska Ethanol Authority to launch the Nebraska Agricultural Product Market Center.

"We'd like to use the money for an ethanol pilot research plant," he said.

If the regents approve the centers, a director will be appointed to design the program.

Student to study and live in Africa

By Shawn Schuldies
Staff Reporter

Fred Ewald not only wants to study less-developed nations, he wants to live in one.

Ewald, the first University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate student accepted to study at an African university, said he hopes to learn to see things from a less-developed country's perspective by studying there.

Ewald, an international relations student, will begin studying in June at the University of Dar es Salaam in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania.

Ewald said he chose the university because it is located in a less-developed country and it offers classes taught in English.

By studying in Tanzania, Ewald said, he hopes to better understand how the country views the current balance of world power, Tanzania's role in the international scene and the country's goals for development.

Ewald said he wants to enroll in classes that emphasize African economic development and geography. He also wants to study a foreign language.

One class Ewald wants to take deals with Tanzanian development. Ewald said he will see firsthand how a country tries to solve its problems and plan its development by taking



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this class, Ewald said.

Ewald said he thinks many people overlook less-developed countries because the more developed capitalist and communist countries still dominate the international scene.

Ewald said he thinks less-developed countries have problems, such as overpopulation and being dependent on a small number of exports. The less-developed countries' future looks exciting, Ewald said, and he hopes to be involved with it.

The Tanzanian university is mod-

eled after the British system, Ewald said. Students pick about six classes that last for an entire year. Students get four breaks a year, he said.

"At least you don't have to worry about registration after each break," Ewald said.

Ewald said he became interested in foreign service while living in Barbados, where his wife works as a budget officer for the U.S. Embassy.

He said he also became interested in less-developed countries while attending a political-science class, Politics of the Non-Western World, at UNL.

"I could relate the experiences I had living in Barbados to the theories and ideas I was learning in class," Ewald said.

Currently Ewald studies at UNL because members of his family are considered Nebraska residents by the military.

Because he's leaving in June, Ewald said, he has little time to get ready. Many details like immunizations, organizing finances and arranging for school credits to be transferred need to be taken care of, he said.

Living in another country could also cause culture shock — even after living in Barbados, he said.

He said it doesn't matter how many times a person has traveled — a traveler doesn't know how he's going to react to a foreign culture until he gets there.



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Just a little longer. . .

Lynn Alexander of Lincoln consoles his daughter, Jessica, 4, while she poses for UNL art professor Dave Routon.

Dow Jones average takes plunge

By Brandon Loomis
Staff Reporter

An unexpected announcement that the U.S. trade deficit is increasing sparked a plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average Thursday.

The average fell 101.46 points to 2,005.63 after the Commerce Department reported that the trade deficit increased from \$12.44 billion to \$13.83 billion in February.

David Rosenbaum, assistant professor of economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said two factors may have triggered the panic after the announcement.

Rosenbaum said foreign investors may have sold their U.S. stocks be-

cause they fear a devaluation of the dollar. Devaluation of the dollar is a common policy response by the U.S. government when the trade deficit increases, he said.

Devaluation of the dollar also means devaluation of U.S. stocks, he said, which is why foreign investors will want to sell out before the dollar drops.

Rosenbaum said the increasing trade deficit also shows U.S. goods are not competing well on the world market. The inability of U.S. goods to compete causes shareholders in U.S. companies to sell their stocks, he said.

The 101.46-point drop was the second three-digit loss in the Dow Jones industrial average this year.

Love Hall may be excluded from RHA

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

Love Memorial Hall could be kicked out of the Residence Hall Association under a bill passed at Thursday night's RHA meeting, but RHA President Larry Koubsky said some questions need to be answered before he will sign the bill.

The bill, called a "Definition of Membership Residents," says that a member residence hall is defined "as a University of Nebraska-Lincoln living unit in which the residents of that community contribute to the general fund of the association."

Koubsky said Love Memorial Hall does not contribute student fees to RHA, so would not be a voting member of RHA if the bill was enacted. Love Hall currently has two voting members of RHA.

"It's been a concern for a number of years with the Executive Board about the situation at Love Memorial Hall," Koubsky said.

Koubsky said he won't sign the bill until he talks to Love representatives to try to work something out. There is also a question of constitutionality about the bill, he said.

RHA Election Commissioner Christopher Lehan, one sponsor of the bill, said the intent of the bill was not to exclude Love, but would

require RHA executives to work out an agreement with Love.

The bill was passed at the RHA meeting without any discussion, and Koubsky questioned whether most senators knew what the bill would do.

"I'm actually kind of disappointed the Senate passed it without questioning what it does," he said.

Koubsky said he will probably sign the bill if it is constitutional, but said it's not really fair to Love Memorial Hall.

Cindy Dowding, president of Love Memorial Hall, said she wasn't really upset about the passage of the bill because it doesn't really

matter whether Love has a voice.

"A lot of it (RHA business) doesn't have to deal with us," she said. RHA decisions are also usually unanimous or have a large majority, so members input doesn't matter that much, she said.

Paula Moss, Love's RHA senator, said she didn't think it would be fair to exclude Love from the RHA. Moss said she had no prior knowledge the RHA was considering such a bill.

Doug Zatechka, director of housing, said he doesn't think Love contributes money to RHA. "Love Hall should be a member of the Residence Hall Association," though, he said.