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**CORRECTION:** The planetarium schedule was incorrect in Diversions (DN Oct. 5). The Yee laser show is this weekend and the Beatles laser show is Oct. 20 and 21.

**WEATHER:**  
Friday, sunny and 50s, high in low to mid-60s, winds north 10 to 15 miles per hour. Friday night, fair and cool, low of 35 to 40. Saturday, sunny, high of 60. Dry Sunday through Tuesday, high near 70 Sunday, highs from upper 50s to mid-60s Monday and Tuesday. Lows in 20s to 30s.

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## Officials say committee will comply with law

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**N**U Regent Don Blank of McCook said Thursday the NU Board of Regents' presidential search committee will not violate Nebraska's open meetings law if it withholds the names of some applicants for the NU presidency.

Blank said NU Vice President and General Counsel Richard Wood said the search committee must comply with Nebraska's open meetings law. But the committee can go into closed session to discuss individual candidates, since that is a personnel matter, he said.

Assistant Nebraska Attorney General Dale Comer said the open meetings law specifies that meetings may be closed if a public body is discussing medical records or past job performance of an applicant.

All paperwork of such a committee should be public, except things such as medical records or past job evaluations. Regular directory-type assistance information, such as names and addresses, should be available, he said.

Comer, while not giving an official attorney general's opinion, said, "I'm not sure how they can keep them (the names) secret."

"You have to assume they're acting in good faith."

Blank said the issue reflects two attorneys' opinions, but to him it is an issue of confidentiality and what is in the best interests of the state and the university.

Some of the best candidates may be secure in their jobs and not want it

known that they are talking with another university, he said.

"You may have to go out and woo someone," Blank said. "They'll talk to you only if you assure them of confidentiality."

The University of Minnesota had this problem, Blank said. Their open meetings law mandated that they release the names of any candidate they talked with, and they lost some "good" applicants as a result, he said.

In the initial stage of applications for a replacement of ousted NU President Ronald Roskens, there will be about 200 candidates, Blank said.

"There's a lot to be lost and nothing to be gained by releasing all the names," he said.

The meetings will be open when the committee is discussing job specifications and number of applicants, Blank said.

"The public has a right to know where the search committee is at," he said.

When the 12-member search committee presents the narrowed list of four to eight candidates to the Board of Regents, Blank said, those names likely will be released.

Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, said he doesn't think most universities release the initial list of applicants. Only "bona fide" finalists are released.

"There's a little bit of room for argument," as to whether all names legally must be released, Rowson said. "The basic thing is that the committee will comply with the open meetings law."

Wood said he has advised the board that it must comply with the open meetings law, but did not make additional comments.

## Report shows enrollment decline

By Diane Brayton  
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**E**nrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has declined slightly this fall although overall enrollment in the NU system increased by 1.5 percent, according to the official fall enrollment report.

The number of UNL students dropped by 0.3 percent, despite the increase of new students enrolled.

The biggest decline in enrollment was experienced in the Division of Continuing Studies' evening program. Deanna Eversoll, director of the evening program, attributed the 13.5 percent drop to the facilities fees added to night classes in late July.

Eversoll said the program, which had been experiencing a gradual increase in enrollment, had cancellations because of the increased cost.

Previously, those attending only evening classes were not required to pay facilities fees.

Eversoll said other colleges don't break down fees the same way UNL does, so students are not always aware of what they are paying for.

"Other institutions in the state don't have a breakdown. The University of Nebraska is probably the most honest in making fees payable," she said.

"It's good but it also can be bad because students object to what they're paying for," Eversoll said.

Students who only attend night classes usually don't use university facilities and may object to the fees, she said.

An enrollment drop of 4.6 percent in the College of Engineering and Technology was a result of

1989 Enrollment Trends	
<b>Overall Changes</b>	
NU System	+ 1.5
UNL	-0.3
<b>Selected Changes</b>	
UNL Continuing Studies (Evening Program)	-13.5
UNL Coll. of Eng. & Tech.	-4.6
UNL Teacher's Coll.	-4.5
UNL Graduate Studies	-2.8

figures in % Source: UNL

student attrition, rather than a lack of admitted freshmen, according to Dean Stan Liberty.

Liberty said a decline in freshmen enrollment since 1984 appears to have "bottomed out." He said a decrease in college enrollment is a result of students failing to meet the 2.5 grade point average requirement.

"The bulk of attrition occurred between last year's freshmen and this year's sophomores," Liberty said.

The engineering college is studying the cause of so many not making the required grade point average, he said.

The Teachers College experienced a 4.5 percent decline in enrollment. James O'Hanlon, dean of the college, said the drop was a

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result of adding a requirement to enter the college.

Students wishing to enter the Teachers College must satisfy two of UNL's three entrance requirements, rather than just one needed for admission.

O'Hanlon said the requirements were changed to make sure students were adequately prepared to handle course material.

"Unless students were at that level, they couldn't meet our standards later on," he said.

Graduate studies also experienced a 2.8 percent drop in enrollment. John Yost, dean of graduate studies, said the decrease was seen in the number of undeclared students. He attributed this to a new law that taxes the financial assistance the students receive.

## Teacher's colleges receive upgraded guidelines

By Jana Pedersen  
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**N**ew accreditation guidelines for teachers colleges may create some problems for faculty members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, according to one university official.

James O'Hanlon, dean of UNL's Teachers College, said that under the new guidelines, teachers college faculty members collectively will spend about \$500,000 worth of staff time preparing for re-accreditation.

An accreditation team from the

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education will evaluate UNL's teachers college in 1991, O'Hanlon said.

But before the team arrives, he said, the college must submit about 4,000 pages of reports. The college will submit the first report next spring, he said.

O'Hanlon said the reports are part of higher standards adopted by NCATE about two years ago.

Previously, colleges only had to submit one 400-page report, he said.

But, he said, "the feeling was that too many colleges and universities

were being accredited. The old standards weren't tough enough."

The new requirements were developed to raise the quality of programs, O'Hanlon said, "but in the meantime it made the process almost unwieldy."

Under the new standards, he said, each institution is required to submit separate reports from most sub-fields in the college.

Sub-fields that will have to file separate reports include physical education, English education and special education, he said.

He said the special education re-

port alone will be about 800 pages.

Preparing several lengthy, in-depth reports will take a combined total of at least a month's worth of staff time from faculty members in each sub-field, O'Hanlon said.

The new standards also require colleges to demonstrate how each course is consistent with the most recent research in teaching, he said, which requires extensive documentation.

Graduate follow-up procedures also will be held up to stricter standards, he said.

O'Hanlon said that means UNL

will have to provide better follow-up services for graduates, which may be difficult to do as graduates move to other areas.

Colleges also will have to evaluate how their graduates are performing to determine how well they were prepared by their college training, he said.

One change that has affected students is a requirement for more student teaching experience, he said.

In the past, O'Hanlon said, some UNL students spent four hours a day student teaching. But the new standards require six hours a day, he said.



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Animal Science professor Keith Gilster estimates the fat thickness of a Hampshire market lamb during a livestock evaluation lab at the Animal Science Complex Thursday morning. Gilster, the UNL livestock judging coach, placed the class 4-2-3-1.

## Research reveals caffeine could hurt more than it helps

By Diane Brayton  
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**S**tudents in search of an energy boost may want to think twice before turning to soft drinks or caffeine pills, according to a study by Oklahoma University's Health Sciences Center.

The frequent use of caffeine by students could hurt them more than it helps, according to biological psychologist Gwendolyn Pincomb, part of an OU team that has been researching caffeine for seven years.

This research has shown that caffeine increases high blood pressure and demands on the heart, Pincomb said.

Although this is not a problem for many people, caffeine can accelerate hypertension with those who already have it or who are in a high-risk group, she said.

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