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# Federal job application simplified

## Test open to UNL graduates

By Jennifer O'Ciłka  
Senior Reporter

A new government program will make it easier for graduates to apply for non-technical federal positions through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Career Planning and Placement, an official said.

Geri Cotter, assistant director of the office, said that since Tuesday, graduates can apply to take a federal job test.

The test is split into six job areas, including health, safety and environment; writing and public information; business, finance and management; personnel, administration and computers; benefits review and tax and legal positions; and law enforcement and investigation.

Before, she said, graduates applying for federal jobs all took the same civil service test. Lawsuits against the government, claiming the tests were discriminatory, led to the change

in 1981, Cotter said. But the government took about nine years to come up with the new system, she said.

"These have been pulled out of the traditional system to promote interest from college students," Cotter said.

Cotter said applications will be available until May 31 in the placement office. The first round of testing will begin in June on campus.

After graduates take the four-hour exam, Cotter said, they will be put on a new national register in order of test scores. From there, students' resumes will circulate to any federal office that has an opening, she said.

Cotter said the test is a good opportunity, because the register has not yet been established and interested job-seekers would not face competition from past applicants.

Available entry-level jobs have starting salaries from \$16,305 to \$20,195 a year, Cotter said. Although these salaries may be at or below

private-sector positions, Cotter said, federal jobs have the potential of leading to a \$29,891 salary within the first two years.

She said that because federal jobs are available all across the country, those who like to travel probably would be interested.

And "if a student has a concern for the welfare of society, they may be attracted," she said.

Cotter said federal positions are a good opportunity for any type of major, because a variety of jobs are offered.

Other options exist for entry into the federal job system, Cotter said. Graduates with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are encouraged to apply directly to individual agencies without taking the exam or to contact the federal personnel management office, she said.

"If I were a student now with about a 3.5, I'd do all three," Cotter said. "That's covering all the bases."

## Mission

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the regents.

After approval by the regents, he said, the role and mission statements must be approved by the Nebraska Legislature as a resolution.

The revised role and mission statement also will be reflected in the university's budget request, Hansen said.

Hansen said he hopes Widmayer and Associates, the Chicago consulting firm that currently is doing a comprehensive study of Nebraska post-secondary education, will not try to draft its own role and mission state-

ments. Instead, he said, the firm should make suggestions about the statements approved by the regents.

John Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance at UNL, said a committee of faculty members and administrators has been formed at UNL to draft a new mission statement.

Goebel said the new statement will reflect UNL's leadership role within the NU system.

The new mission statement also will include UNL's commitment to the development of telecommunications and education centers across the state, he said.

Goebel said he expects UNL's revised statement to be completed this week.

## Pot

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and alcohol, which are creating societal problems, he said. And making hemp legal would lead to an explosion of the economy, he said.

Blake Chance, a 28-year-old junior general studies major, said he will try to form a student group, called NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Then next year's rally for the legalization of marijuana might be held on campus rather than at the Capitol, he said.

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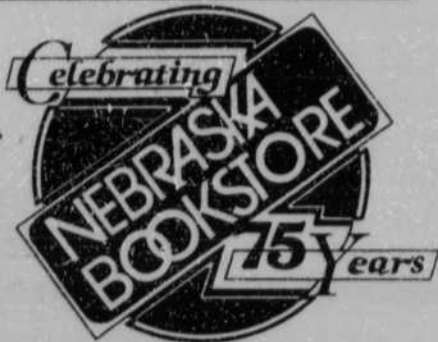
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## police REPORT

Beginning midnight Friday, May 4.

1:18 a.m. -- Stereo CDs and equipment reported stolen, Area 1-2 parking lot, 1820 R St., \$370, two non-students cited and released, items recovered.

9:24 a.m. -- Car reported dented, Area 6 parking lot, Burr Residence Hall, \$200.

11:04 a.m. -- Textbook reported stolen, Andrews Hall, \$32.

11:38 a.m. -- Bookbag reported stolen, Nebraska Union Bookstore, \$155.

2:05 p.m. -- Two-car, non-injury accident, Area 2-3 parking lot, 16th and Y streets, \$150.

3:19 p.m. -- Bicycle reported stolen, Pound Residence Hall bicycle rack, \$100.

3:56 p.m. -- Gas and gas cap reported stolen from car, Area 10 parking lot, 16th and Y streets, \$15.

4:46 p.m. -- Car roof reported dented, Acacia Fraternity, 2255 Vine St. parking lot, \$30.

9:37 p.m. -- Hit-and-run accident reported, Area 3 parking lot, Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Halls, \$500.

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