

## Job competition not noticed by UNL director

By Kara Wells  
Staff Reporter

Despite indications that the 1990 job market for college graduates is more competitive, an assistant director of the UNL Career Planning and Placement Center said she hasn't noticed the effect in Lincoln.

"I haven't seen it, though statistically it's there," Geri Cotter said.

An annual study by researchers at Michigan State University reported that 1990 has the most competitive job market for college graduates since the early 1980s.

Despite this study, which appeared in the June 13 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, Cotter said she hasn't seen a decline in employers wanting to interview at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She said there actually has been an increase in new employers interviewing.

Approximately 400 local and national firms interview on campus, she said.

Last year, reports showed that in the 1990s, the business world was supposed to "open up" in the job market for graduates, Cotter said. But she said she feels those reports are misleading, and the impact should not be felt until the middle of the decade.

Sandra Knight, assistant director at the Career Planning and Placement Center, said the reports Cotter referred to were issued by the College of Placement Council. The reports state that during the 1990s, there will be an increase in jobs and a decrease in graduates, creating a greater demand for graduates, she said.

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The University of Nebraska will need a \$76.6 million increase in its 1991-93 biennium budget to keep at its current level of operation, according to a preliminary budget presented Friday to the NU Board of Regents.

The preliminary budget calls for a 10 percent faculty salary increase, an 11 percent increase in staff salaries and a 20 percent increase in health insurance costs for the University of Nebraska and Kearney State College.

Kearney State will merge with the NU system in July, 1991.

The top priority listed by UNL, UNO and Kearney State in the budget request was additional faculty members.

UNL asked for \$30 million for new faculty members during the budget period. Robert Furgason, UNL vice chancellor for academic affairs, said most of the new teachers would be for the College of Arts & Sciences.

In the last few years, UNL has increased the number of classes offered, he said, but it hasn't increased the number of faculty members.

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