

### UNL summer enrollment increases

## Growth recorded for first time in several years

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The number of students taking summer courses at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln increased about 2.6 percent this year.

Figures released by the Institutional Research Planning and Fiscal Analysis Department showed that 380 more students attended summer sessions this year, which increased this year's enrollment to 14,889 students.

Herb Smail, associate director of summer sessions, said he was pleased with the increase.

"It's the first time in several years we've had any growth," Smail said. "Summer session enrollment had been on a slow downward trend since 1986. We feel that last year was probably what we'd call bottoming out. We might be on the growth side now."

Smail said increases in the number of summer students were fairly common among summer schools nationwide.

"It seems like most were flatten-

ing out last year or starting to gain a little bit," he said.

According to the research planning department, the biggest undergraduate percentage increase -- 15.59 percent -- occurred among students in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The number of students increased by 46, four during the pre-session, two in the eight-week session, 16 in the first five-week session and 24 in the second five-week session.

The College of Arts and Sciences posted the highest gain in the number of summer students with 176. This was a 7.48-percent change from 1989-90.

The Teachers College lost the most students, 72. The decrease was 4.99 percent. The Division of Continuing Studies lost 71 summer students, a decrease of 9.67 percent.

On the graduate level, 132 more students attended summer sessions, an increase of 3.36 percent.

Smail called the changes "a steady growth over everything" that was not

yet attributable to any one factor.

But Smail gave many reasons why students benefit from summer sessions.

For entering freshman, summer sessions offer a "jump start on the year," Smail said. When fall rolls around, freshmen can take lighter course loads while adjusting to the pressures of life on campus, he said.

"It just makes that fall a whole lot easier," he said.

Students who have been at UNL for a year or more may get into courses during the summer that were full in the fall. Smail said his office urged departments to offer courses during the summer that many students couldn't get into during the academic year.

Some courses, such as geology, anthropology and bioscience field camps, are not offered at times other than summer, Smail said.

The summer sessions office already has begun work on next year's course schedule. The schedule will be available to students right before or after Christmas Break.



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Donald Neff, a transfer student, registers for classes with the help of Wendi Baus, a New Student Enrollment host. After one of the highest summer enrollments in years, fall enrollment is expected to decline slightly.

## Reserves

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Allison said his drill sergeant told his unit that it probably would not be activated.

Being activated depends on the need in the Middle East and at bases vacated by servicemen and women fighting in the Persian Gulf.

White House press secretary Martin Fitzwater issued a statement Wednesday that said jobs in such areas as cargo handling, airlift, food and water handling, surface transportation, medical services, construction and intelligence needed to be filled.

All reservists said they thought deploying forces in the Middle East was necessary to stop the aggression of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

David Larsen, a corpsman in the Navy Reserves, said he thought U.S. forces were just following international law and protecting Saudi Arabia from aggressors.

Larsen, a junior nursing major, also said most of his friends in the unit were excited about serving.

"I really don't want to go," he said. "But if I'm called up, I'll go serve my country."

## 800 graduates get degrees from UNL

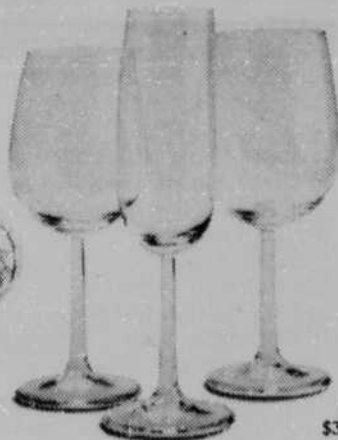
About 800 graduates received baccalaureate, professional and graduate degrees during University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Commencement exercises Saturday.

The exercises were held in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Martin Masengale, UNL chancellor and interim president, presided. John Goebel, associate chancellor and vice chancellor for business and finance presented the commencement address.

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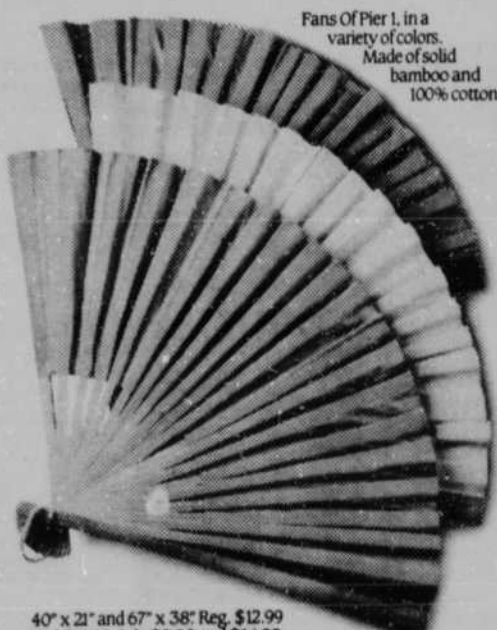
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