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WEATHER

Today, 30 percent chance of morning showers, then partly cloudy, breezy and cooler, northwest wind 15-25 miles per hour, high 65-70. Tonight, clear and cooler, low 40. Thursday, mostly sunny and warmer, high 70-75.

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Reaching new heights

A student makes his way up the stairs in Bessey Hall on Tuesday.

Reunification excites students

Germans ready to party

By Sara Bauder Schott
 Senior Reporter

A 45-year-old wound was healed when Germany was reunited last night, and German students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln decided that was worthy of celebration.

They had a few problems putting their party together, however.

Wolfgang Dunkel, a German exchange student majoring in business, said the students had trouble finding a room for their party. They couldn't have it on campus because the party would have been noisy and would have involved beer, he said.

"We're Germans -- we have to have beer at our party," Dunkel said.

The students finally did get their party together, deciding to hold it at Chesterfield's at nine o'clock tonight.

Bernd Meindl, another German business student, said putting a celebration together in America is no easy task. He said a major problem was the 21-year-old drinking age, which meant that holding the celebration in a bar would exclude minors.

Meindl said that now that they've found a room, the German students are trying to gather flags and other German memorabilia for their party. Dunkel said the reunification is special because it involves people coming together after being split for 45 years.

"This symbolizes the end of a bad time in German history," Dunkel said,

referring to the post-World War II era of a split nation occupied by communist and Allied powers.

Because reunification has been on the horizon for several months, Dunkel said, his reaction was not spontaneous, but he feels "very, very glad." Politicians who used reunification as an election ploy have slowed the process, Dunkel said. He said he was surprised it took so long for the two Germans to become one again.

Dunkel, who is from West Germany, said he has some distant relatives in East Germany. He said his family was unable to contact those relatives while the two Germans were split.

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Long-distance choice on hold

Official has hang-ups over students choosing telephone services

By Sara Bauder Schott
 Senior Reporter

Proposed Federal Communications Commission regulations to allow on-campus students to choose their long-distance phone company would hang up the university Telecommunications Center's operation, an official said.

Ruth Michalecki, director of the Telecommunications Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said that allowing students to choose from the many long-distance companies would create a billing nightmare.

"In the residence halls, you have two students to a room," she said. "What if they want different serv-

ices? And then what happens when one of them moves out after two weeks?"

The regulations would require the university to let students choose their long distance companies instead of having the university choose one company for everyone.

Choice would be costly, Michalecki said.

Every time a student changed rooms in a residence hall or greek house, installation charges for a different long-distance carrier could result, she said. And the university would have to pay those charges, she said.

Residence hall students change rooms frequently and students in greek houses move every semester,

Michalecki said.

Kurt Schroeder, an attorney in the Enforcement Division of the FCC, said the proposed regulations are meant to protect consumers.

About three years ago, the number of complaints the FCC received on operating services went up dramatically, he said. The commission started receiving about eight complaints for every one they had received before.

The FCC is receiving about 100 complaints every month, he said.

One complaint was the blocking of access to long-distance carriers that had not made a deal with the phone owner. The deals, called pre-

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Proposed plan would unite state business programs

By Jennifer O'Cilka
 Senior Reporter

A fast-paced, constantly changing business world that places more demands on students every year has led Nebraska business colleges to develop a coordination plan to keep up.

Larry Trussell, dean of the University of Nebraska at Omaha College of Business Administration, said

the 10-point plan was proposed so the business colleges at Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney could better serve students and the business community. The plan also was proposed to better inform the community about needs of the colleges.

Trussell said he and Gary Schwendiman, dean at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration, had discussed such a plan for more than a year.

"The real genesis came from the fact that the business community and all studies on economic development in Nebraska led to the business community demanding more from the business schools," he said. "If we are going to effectively meet these demands, we (the three campuses) need to work together."

Sam Reno, interim dean of the School of Business and Technology at Kearney State College, said the

world of business and industry is changing so rapidly that it places more demands on graduates.

Reno said those demands include knowledge in international marketing and the ability to deal with those from other cultures.

Heidi Putensen, chairwoman of the CBA Student Action Council at UNL, said "a lot of businesses expect students to come out (of college) with a lot more well-roundedness."

This includes problem-solving, environmental economics and business ethics, she said.

Instead of a one-time change that would occur when a new course is instituted, Trussell said students will notice changes indirectly and gradually.

If the plan is successful, students on both campuses would have better

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Recruitment efforts needed

Non-traditional student enrollment down at UNL

By Cris Wildhagen
 Staff Reporter

Nebraska colleges' success this year in recruiting the 25-and-older student has led to a decrease in non-traditional student enrollment at UNL, an official said.

Robert Mathiasen, adult student adviser at the Division of Continuing Studies, said schools such as Doane College in Crete and the College of St. Mary's in Omaha survive on adult student enrollment and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln loses many students to those schools.

UNL still is geared for the 18- to 24-year-old full-time student who lives in a residence hall, Mathiasen said.

Full-time non-traditional student enrollment for 1990-91 was 1,338, down from last year's enrollment of 1,370. Adult student enrollment peaked at 1,436 in 1988-89.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the decrease wasn't significant.

UNL has to fight an "institutional image" that it has mainly traditional students, he said, but the university has a good non-traditional student enrollment and those students would

feel comfortable.

While UNL offers programs for non-traditional students, he said, other colleges set up curriculum packages that aggressively target non-traditional students.

The packages provide students with a program to follow and a target graduation date.

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Judith Kriss, adviser to the UNL Adult Student Network, said the university probably is not doing enough to recruit non-traditional students. The Adult Student Network is a student support group for the non-traditional student.

"If we're losing, somebody's gaining," Kriss said.

Students might be attracted to short-

term career options that are offered at the other colleges, she said.

UNL should consider offering more classes at times often convenient for non-traditional students -- the early morning, late afternoon or over the noon hour, Kriss said.

But UNL does make some efforts to attract the non-traditional student, Kriss said.

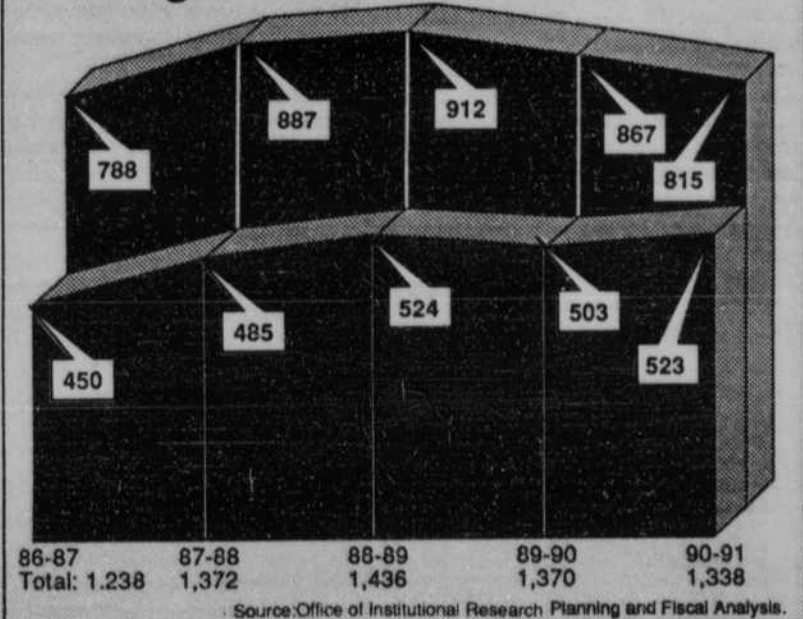
The counseling center is aware that non-traditional students have certain kinds of psychological and practical problems that might be different from the normal student, she said.

Mathiasen said the Division of Continuing Studies offers programs to help older students with study habits and career objectives.

Every fall and spring a workshop is held geared for the new and reentering non-traditional student, he said. Representatives from the UNL offices and advisers from every college are available to answer questions the students may have and to tell the students what is offered in the college.

Continuing studies also offers advising in the evening and on Saturdays, he said.

Number of non-traditional undergraduate students



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