

Official: Job outlook good

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Job opportunities in the Midwest remain healthy even though employment options in other areas of the United States have declined, a UNL official said.

Larry Routh, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said former "boom areas" of employment, such as the East Coast, have experienced employment drops. But, he said, the agricultural industry is doing well and provides a solid base for new graduates.

"The Midwest remains one of the healthier locations in the country for employment opportunities and growth," Routh said. "A lot of graduates will take a serious look at the Midwest when looking for a job."

Some geographic regions have a lower entry-level salary rate than others, but the Midwest continues to have competitive salaries, he said.

"Across the board, starting salaries (for fall and spring semesters) will be up by a few percentage points, but this varies tremendously," Routh said.

The best entry-level salaries are in technical areas such as engineering and geology, he said. Higher salaries can be found wherever supply falls short of demand, he said.

Hiring trends vary, Routh said. This year, environmental waste management is "a hot area" because more people are concerned about ecology and environmental pollution. But, he said, some firms, such as defense contractors, are cutting back on hiring new employees.

"In general, some employers are

taking a cautious attitude because of the economy," Routh said.

L. Patrick Scheetz, assistant director of Michigan State University's Career Development and Placement Services and co-author of "Recruiting Trends 1989-90," said last year's job market showed a decrease and this year the cutbacks are continuing.

In 1988-89, Scheetz estimated, U.S. employers hired 83,623 college graduates, 13.3 percent fewer than in 1987-88. And he said he is not optimistic that this year's market will be better.

"The job market will be just as competitive, if not more," Scheetz said.

Routh said that reflecting the economy and the job market, the number of firms and companies coming to interview students at UNL has leveled off this year.

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for elected officials, elimination of certain improvements, and the reduction and privatization of services, Lamphear said.

He observed that:

- Growing communities would be hit harder by the 2 percent lid than declining communities.

- Declining communities would

experience the closing of community-owned hospitals and nursing-care facilities.

- Governments would be penalized for past practices of efficiency.

- The law could increase local property taxes to offset reductions in state aid to local governments.

Wallace Peterson, an economics professor at UNL, agreed with Lamphear's assessment of the disastrous consequences of the lid.

"Devastating is not too strong a word for describing it," Peterson said in an article called "A 'Do-It-Yourself-Kit' For Measuring The Effects Of The 'Lid'."

Peterson said Monday that he developed the kit, which gives a step-by-step formula for 2 percent lid projections, because he is concerned about the lid's impact.

Although it is impossible to predict the future, Peterson said, applications to past budget figures show that the effect of the lid would be devastating.

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tion because university administrators proved to the Nebraska Legislature that minorities were underrepresented at the university, he said.

Some of the statistics, Griesen said, showed that UNL minority enrollment was about 5 percent lower than the kindergarten through 12th grade minority enrollment at Nebraska public and private schools.

The campus climate also has played a part in the increasing minority enrollment, Griesen said.

"Students are attracted to positive opportunities," he said. "It's unrealistic to take students into the university if we're not going to give them some special help if we know they get behind."

One thing students look for is how committed the school is to helping them pay for college and adjust to

college life, Griesen said.

The increased attention placed on attracting more minorities to UNL was intended to help both minority and non-minority students, he said.

"The majority students, just like the minority students, need to learn to work in a multicultural world," Griesen said.

Students need to know how to work with minorities on the job, in local government and in the community, he said.

"Employers who come here are very anxious to get students who are more worldly and have the kind of experiences and background that would indicate that they can work together in settings of diverse peoples," Griesen said.

In the next five to 10 years, Griesen said, his goal is to double minority enrollment figures. UNL will work to increase the number of minority programs to accomplish that goal, he said.

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NEWS

Voters can register at three locations

Voters can register for the Nov. 6th general election at three locations in Lincoln.

Voters who have changed their name or address must re-register at the election commissioner's office, 555 S. 9th St.

Office hours will be today through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to

6 p.m.

Registration will be at the Centrum, 1111 O St., today and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Registration will be at the East Park Plaza, 220 N. 66th St., Thursday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

Professor to give ecology speech

David Pimental, a professor of insect ecology and agricultural sciences at Cornell University, will speak at 4 p.m. today.

Pimental will discuss "Ecology and Sustainable Agriculture" in Room B101 of the Animal Science Building on East Campus.

Channel 5 to televise ASUN meeting

The Alternative Candidate Resource Association will televise the Oct. 17 meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska at 2 p.m. Thursday on Channel 5, the educational access

channel.

At last week's meeting, an amendment to create a standing cultural diversity committee was voted down.

Spending lid forum to be in library

A forum on the proposed 2 percent spending lid will be at 7 p.m. today in the Love Library Auditorium.

The lid amendment, which will go before Nebraska voters Nov. 6, would limit spending increases for state and local governments to 2

percent.

Panel members will be Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris, Randy Moody, a lobbyist for the Nebraska Education Association, Sens. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln and Tim Hall of Omaha, and Robert Miewald, a UNL professor of political science.

Poet to give reading in Andrews

Poet Gerald Stern will read his poetry in the English department library, 228 Andrews, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Stern, author of "Lucky Life,"

"The Red Coal" and "Lovesick," has won the Melville Caine Award, the Lamont Poetry Prize and the Bess Hopkins Award for Poetry.

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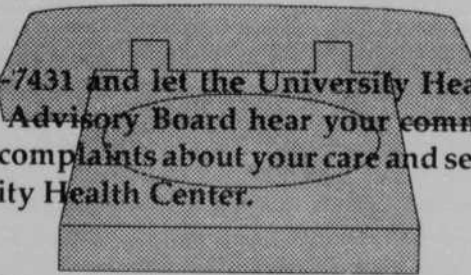
Mennonite Central Committee, the social concerns organization for North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches, seeks committed Christian Volunteers.

Needed: health workers, agriculturists, teachers, community services workers and others.

Meet MCC representative Dana Neff at Ag Careers Day, October 23, 9:30-3:30 in the East Campus Union or call 438-1300 for an appointment.

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