

More UNL students choosing 2 majors

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

Double majoring "makes sense" to students who want to get ahead in the job market, an official said.

"Our society is becoming more and more a society of specialization. One way in which students can specialize is to combine areas of interest," said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

A recent article in the Chicago Tribune said that more students are choosing to have double majors at the undergraduate level to help them compete in the job market.

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, said more students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are taking the double major route.

"In talking with students that come to the (financial aid or admissions) counter and to NSE (New Student Enrollment), I've found an increased interest in that," he said. "It allows students to make themselves more sellable in the specialized world."

Beacon and Griesen did not know

the number of students with double majors at UNL.

Mike Eckert, an advising assistant in the College of Arts and Sciences, said many students find that having one major with two minors is easier than double majoring.

But, he said, if students plan ahead, double majoring isn't that difficult.

"It's tight, but it can be done," he said.

Students majoring in different colleges at UNL need to plan carefully, he said, because they must fulfill two sets of requirements. Each major requires a set of courses to be completed.

Therefore, Eckert said, it's easier for students to double major within the same college because the requirements are the same. This way, he said, classes can count for general requirements and toward a major.

Griesen said some colleges at UNL, such as journalism, encourage students to have double majors.

The combination is more of an assurance that the students can market themselves, he said.

Suggestions for planning holiday parties to reduce drunk driving

Source: The Mayor's Traffic Safety Committee



John Bruce/Daily Nebraskan

UNL police promote campaign City plans designated driver program

By Cindy Wostrel
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department, promoting a citywide campaign, is encouraging students to take advantage of a designated driver program, an official said.

Cpl. Larry Kalkowski said 21 drinking establishments and several businesses are participating in the first citywide program to encourage Lincolniters to ride with a designated driver when they drink alcohol.

"It's not just the problem drunk that we're afraid of," he said. "The ones that say, 'I'll be OK,' — they're in the most danger."

That's because it doesn't take much alcohol to impair a driver, Kalkowski said. Three to four drinks can put

someone "well on the way to being impaired, if not intoxicated," he said.

Drinkers become impaired at the 0.05 blood alcohol level, he said, which is half what is considered intoxicated under Nebraska law.

Establishments participating in the program will provide free non-alcoholic drinks to drivers, post signs and provide coasters or buttons to identify patrons who aren't drinking.

Members of the Mayor's Traffic Safety Committee and the Lincoln Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit have trained employees of participating businesses to carry out the program.

The committee's goal for the program is to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes in Lincoln by 10

percent from 1989. In 1989, 1,500 people were killed or injured in alcohol- or drug-related accidents in Lincoln, according to the committee's statistics.

December was chosen for the program because it is "one of the bloodiest months," with a high number of alcohol-related accidents and dangerous weather conditions, Kalkowski said.

On a weekend night, from one of 10 to one of three drivers is intoxicated, he said.

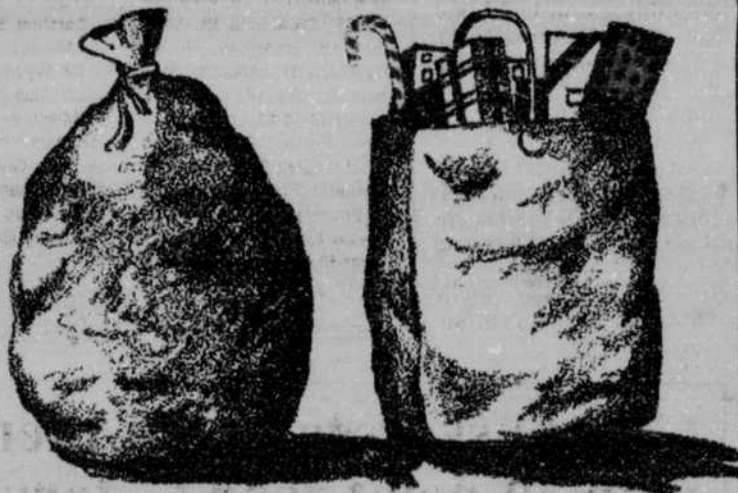
The Lincoln Police Department and the sheriff's department are planning to set up sobriety checkpoints, Kalkowski said. But he said he doesn't know where the checkpoints will be or how often they will happen.

police REPORT

Beginning midnight Sunday, Dec. 2
1:55 a.m. — Christmas tree, stand, skirt and two strings of lights taken, Sigma Chi fraternity, 1510 Vine St., \$60.

4:31 a.m. — Two men arguing, Schramm Residence Hall.
5:37 p.m. — False fire alarm, Wick Alumni Center.
6:39 p.m. — Threatening phone calls, Abel Residence Hall.

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DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

Work study lures more students

By Stacey McKenzie
Staff Reporter

More students are taking the University of Nebraska-Lincoln up on its work-study offer.

Larry Apel, associate director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, said numbers are up from 631 work-study students last year to 874 this year. There are a number of reasons for the increase, he said.

A new system allowing work-study students the freedom to apply for jobs with any university entity that is hiring has been "extremely beneficial," Apel said.

The system gives the employer the opportunity to be more selective in hiring, he said.

Students also are attracted by the increased earning limit for work-study students, he said. The limit was raised in 1988 from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each year.

Wages offered by UNL also have increased 41 cents from last year, Apel said, making university wages competitive with the community job market.

But the system allowing students the option of where to apply has not helped the housing department find workers for hard-to-fill positions, said Doug Zatechka, director of university housing.

Work-study students usually apply for clerical jobs, Zatechka said, not food service and custodial jobs.

"I've been able to fill them," he said, "but not with work-study students."

Zatechka said he hires about 400 students and about 40 to 50 are in the work-study program.

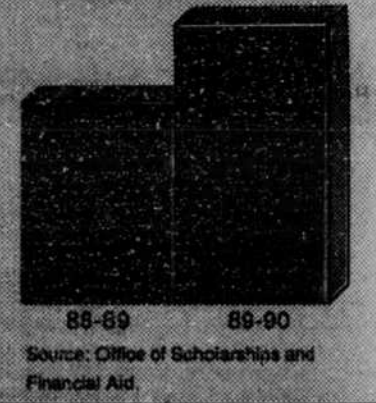
There hasn't been a significant change in the housing department's hiring of work-study students, he said, and the new system "hasn't hurt us and it hasn't helped us, either."

But Apel said the benefits of the system to students and employers outweigh any negative aspects of it.

"There is always a concern that certain areas not attractive wouldn't get enough students," Apel said.

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid starts awarding work study annually May 15 and keeps awarding it until the fund has been

Increases in work-study students



Source: Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

exhausted, Apel said.

This year's work-study fund has been exhausted and no more work study is being offered for the remainder of the year, Apel said. However, all priority students opting for work study received it, he said.

in brief NEWS

UNL professors to speak Wednesday on the Middle East

Political science Professor Bill Avery will speak on U.S. foreign policy and the Middle East at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Nebraska Union.

As part of the student group Early Warning!'s informative pres-

entation series, Paul Olson, an English professor, and Larry Doerr, a campus minister with United Ministries in Higher Education, also will speak.

Olson's topic is the legality of a war in the Middle East and Doerr's

speech will discuss conscientious objection.

On Thursday, Rob Benford, an assistant professor of sociology, and A.L. Marsteller, a sociology professor who teaches the Vietnam Experience class, will speak.

Forum

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course should not be considered remedial, he said, it wouldn't be.

The report recommended that "remedial" courses not be state-supported and that no credit be given for them.

Patricia Widmayer, president of Widmayer and Associates, said UNL is spending a lot of resources on students who probably should go to a community or state college to make up deficiencies.

"Too many students are not making it to their sophomore year" at UNL, she said.

Griesen said the place to deal with students who are not prepared for

college is at the admissions level, not in the classroom with remedial courses. UNL admits "very few" students at the conditional level, and those students generally must make up deficiencies in regular college courses, he said.

The only remedial courses offered by UNL are in the math department, in which many students seem to have deficiencies, Griesen said.

Snowball

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The worst recorded snowball fight was in 1981 when 10 students were arrested.

Dave Willman, president of the Interfraternity Council, said the best way to avoid a serious snowball fight is "not to publicize it."

He said fraternities are encouraging their members not to participate in the fights. Individuals who do

become involved in the fights are punished, Willman said.

"In the past, they've done some pretty harsh penalizing," he said.

Jayne Wade Anderson, director of greek affairs, said her office constantly is taking measures to increase students' awareness and prevent a snowball mob.

She said the office informs students of the consequences of participating in a snowball fight, which could include probation or suspension.

"To me, I don't know what's ap-

pealing about it," Anderson said.

Anderson and Willman said they didn't expect a riotous snowball fight this year. They said they thought the police would be able to handle the situation before it became a problem.

But Becker said, "We (the police) would not interfere until there was a serious threat of life, persons or property."

"We would hope that cooler heads would prevail during the winter season," he said, "and that students would behave in a responsible manner."