Thursday, December 13, 1990 Daily Nebraskan Page 3 Panelists discuss animal testing, treatment po

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Animal rights activists, a member of the Nebraska Cattlemen's Association and a professor of animal science responded to questions by about 60 UNL students Wednesday eve-

ning. Alpha Zeta, an agriculture honorary, sponsored the panel discussion at the East Union that focused on the treatment of animals being raised for consumption and the use of animals as entertainment.

Panelist Chuck Ball, executive vice president of the Nebraska Cattlemen's Association, said cattle owners don't abuse animals. They have about \$500 to \$1,000 invested in the animals, he

said. "It is in our own best interest to treat these animals well," he said. David Dier, panelist and board member of the Greater Nebraska Animal Welfare Society, said most of the problems with cattle are in factory forme located mainly in the astern farms located mainly in the eastern United States.

But Dier said in some Nebraska poultry farms, four to five chickens are placed in one 6-inch cage.

Dier and Ball disagreed on whether European countries were limiting their use of low-level antibiotics in animals over extended periods of time.

Dier said the European community wouldn't have made the changes, "if there wasn't such a concern for the

public's health" because of possible side effects.

But, Ball said, the problem was an economic one.

"Worldwide, the various govern-ments ... cannot support agriculture to the degree that they have," he said.

European governments have subsidized agriculture and now have enormous reserves of beef, he said. They limit the use of antibiotics and hormones to limit the amount of beef produced, he said.

Panelist Steve Hubert, a clinical psychologist and a member of GNAWS, said the use of animals should be limited in animal research.

It will be some time before we can halt all animal use," Hubert said.

And animal research projects should be questioned, he said.

Only about 6 percent of information gathered from animal research is usable, he said. The rest results in journal citations or continuance of grant funding.

Researchers should be restricted to developing vaccines with computers, cell cultures and clone cell lines instead with animals, Hubert said. "I wouldn't be surprised if it could

be done.'

The training of doctors could be done by having them observe surger-ies rather than by dissecting animals, he said.

"England has totally stopped the use of animals for training," he said.

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lion in student aid during 1989-90.

Availability of financial aid often takes a back seat to entrance requirements when national publications rank schools. That is a mistake, Liberty said.

Publications like Barron's and U.S. News & World Report, he said, assume that "you somehow create an environment more con-

But, he said, this is only the second

year of the system, and it is "slowly

UNL probably will keep some kind of reserved parking system, but the structure of the system might change

depending on the results of the final consultants' report, Brandle said.

ducive to learning" by creating stiff competition among prospective students.

'Certainly there's some truth to that," he said, "but as a state uni-versity, you can't become elitist."

That's especially true in the small University of Nebraska system, he said. Many of the peer institutions are in states with larger educational systems, he added.

"In Nebraska, a low-population state, sometimes you have only one college for a particular pro-gram," Liberty said.

past, those who did have privileged parking, mostly faculty and state vehicles, didn't have to pay for it.

Raising prices is one way to curb parking demand, Kenney said, while

increasing the supply of parking spaces

also would increase the demand.

spot must pay, he said.

Now, everyone who has a reserved

Setting admissions standards too high would deny some Nebraskans a chance for an in-state education, he said

Despite some low national rankings - like Barron's rating of "non-competitive" --- UNL is doing well in attracting both faculty members and students, Liberty said.

"UNL wins very frequently in the recruiting competition," he said, even compared to institutions in the peer group. In fact, many of UNL's faculty members come from those schools, he said.

only a certain amount of parking space. Brandle said he thinks the current reserve system is fair because in the

"No one is going to get everything they want," he said, because there is not enough space. "We have some land limitations, and we just have to live with those," he said. Brandle said he does not favor

raising parking rates to curb demand. He said he likes low rates for perimeter parking, but the shuttle sys-

tem needs to be examined. Rates for Brandle said that no matter how these lots may have to be increased in large demand gets, UNL will have improving the shuttles, he said. the pack, Harris has specific, non-smoker studies just for you. You can earn extra money simply by participating in studies that test consumer products and medications.

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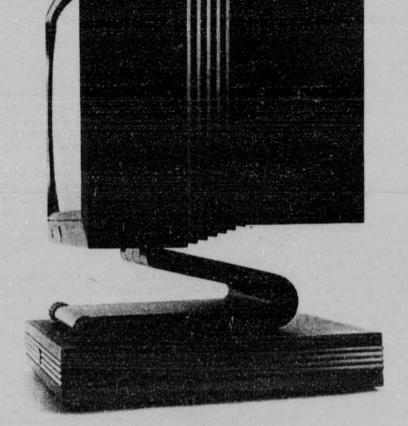
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