

Programs improved

High costs may close ag school doors

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High operating costs may force the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis to close its doors despite improvements the campus has made in its programs, an official said.

Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said that although the campus has gained several new hands-on programs and made other educational improvements, the cost per student is still too high.

The cost per student of the up to

200 students who are registered for this fall's classes will be about \$8,400. In 1990-91, the cost per student was \$10,488 for 144 students.

At the NU Board of Regents meeting Saturday in Kearney, Omtvedt said, a review team praised curriculum changes on the campus, which is administered by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The troubled school closed its doors in 1988. The college started up again that same year when former Gov. Kay Orr recommended that the campus be given five years to reestablish

its programs. The campus was to be reviewed by an outside team in three years, which has happened.

Omtvedt said technical college programs are expensive, but compared to similar institutions, costs at Curtis are higher.

Progress had been made, however, he said.

"Each year since the school was reestablished, the cost per student has gone down," Omtvedt said.

But the campus still needs about 300 students to reduce the cost per student to an acceptable level, he said.

UNL committee to review admissions policy

From Staff Reports

University of Nebraska Executive Vice President and Provost Lee Jones will lead a committee charged with reviewing the university's admissions policy.

University of Nebraska President Martin Massengale recently appointed

the Committee on Admissions Policy, which will consider admissions policies that reflect the individual character of each NU campus in role and mission as well as the standards of the university as a whole.

Recommendations of the committee are expected to be submitted to

Massengale early in 1992.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln members of the committee include: Larry Dlugosh, an associate professor of educational administration; James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs; and Elizabeth Kean, an associate professor of curriculum and instruction.



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Chord of discontent . . .

John Walker, a professor of philosophy at Nebraska Wesleyan University, protests the execution of Harold Lamont Otey outside Gov. Ben Nelson's mansion Tuesday afternoon. Walker was joined by others later in the afternoon.

Tadros to direct Infrastructure Research Center


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Maher Tadros was appointed director of the Center for Infrastructure Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Tadros is the Cheryl Prewitt Professor of Civil Engineering at UNL.


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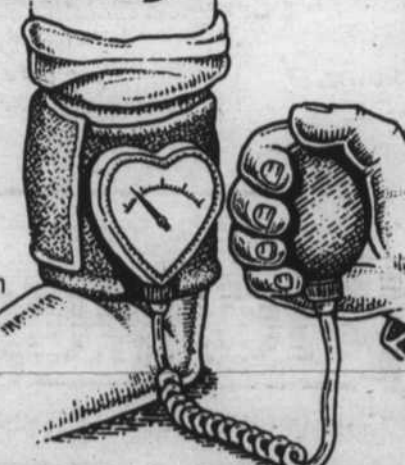
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