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Perkins Loan checks available

The spring semester distribution of Perkins Loan checks will be Feb. 10-11.

Hours of distribution are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Checks not picked up during these two days will be cancelled. Students must bring student IDs to receive their checks.

Full year paid to study abroad

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is offering one year's full tuition for a graduate or undergraduate UNL student to study at the University of Hannover in Germany.

Applicants should have command of the German language.

The scholarship provides free tuition and a monthly stipend to cover all normal expenses. Residence hall accommodation can be arranged.

The deadline for nominations is Feb. 21.

UNL plans for economics exchange

Professors trek to Thai college

By Mindy L. Leiter
Staff Reporter

Two UNL professors acted as "marriage brokers" on a seven-day excursion to Thailand as they attempted to forge a union between the economics departments of Thammasat University and UNL.

Maurice Baker, a professor of agricultural economics, and Roger Riefler, an economics professor, are working to secure an exchange program between Thammasat University in Bangkok and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln — a "marriage" they said they hoped would benefit both colleges.

"We are about 50 percent of the way there," Riefler said. "The rest depends on faculty interest and how hard they are willing to work their end of the exchange."

Baker and Riefler traveled to Thailand Jan. 19 and returned Jan. 26. If the exchange is successful, Riefler said, economics professors at Tham-

masat and UNL will begin team-teaching economics courses in 1992.

Under the team-teaching approach, a UNL professor would travel to Thammasat University and introduce students to general principles of an economic problem. A counterpart from Thailand would show UNL students how those principles related to Southeast Asia. The UNL professor then would return to Lincoln and conclude the course.

"This is a major part of an ongoing effort to internationalize the curriculum (at UNL)," Riefler said.

Jean Aigner, executive dean of international affairs, said the UNL economics department became interested in the project because the university had few exchanges with developing nations such as Thailand.

Riefler, who lived in Bangkok 20 years ago as a U.S. government employee, said the city had grown considerably since he left.

Thailand is undergoing rapid industrialization and change, which makes the country an attractive subject of economic study, he said.

Thammasat also is the only university in Southeast Asia to offer doctoral programs in English, Riefler said, which solves the problem of a

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Riefler
economics professor

language barrier.

Both Riefler and Baker said they hoped the exchange would enrich the UNL economics program and give graduate students opportunities to study abroad.

Riefler and Baker traveled to Thammasat with resumes of interested UNL faculty and gathered names of Thammasat faculty.

Riefler said he brought home about 12 resumes and an exchange application from a Thai graduate student.

The two professors will submit an application for a grant to the U.S. Information Office by Feb. 14. The grant would be used to cover travel and living expenses for professors.

Riefler said he hoped the faculty of both colleges would begin cooperative research, which would further integrate the faculty. Joint research between faculty makes it easier to coordinate teaching agendas, he said.

Both Baker and Riefler said they learned much from their trip.

"I found it very enjoyable," Baker said. Southeast Asia appeared to be a "very gentle culture" as opposed to the United States, he said.

"I observed that in the heavy traffic, there were no horns blowing," he said. "The only horns I really heard were of taxis seeing if you wanted a ride. It was a nice change."

Baker said he also noticed the "compactness" of the Thammasat campus.

"I think I saw two-thirds of the campus," he said. "It's like New York City."

"It's busy and bustling when classes are changing at UNL," Riefler said. "But at Thammasat, you think classes are always changing."

Riefler said he hoped the exchange would run smoothly, but added that the details were still shaky.

"Like any marriage, the couples will determine how well it will work," he said.

Resolution to protect U.S. flag

By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee will hear public testimony Thursday on a resolution that would protect the U.S. flag from desecration.

The resolution, LR222, calls for the Legislature to petition the U.S. Congress to amend the Constitution and prohibit harming the flag. Sen. George Coordsen of Hebron introduced LR222 early in the session.



The resolution would not change the law, Coordsen said, but it would encourage Congress to change the Constitution.

The idea for the resolution was brought to Coordsen's attention by members of the American Legion, he said, as part of the group's national effort to change a 1990 Supreme Court ruling that declared the prohibition of desecrating the flag unconstitutional.

Coordsen said that he, with 23 co-sponsors, introduced the resolution because "this is something very important to my constituents and many Nebraskans, as well."

A similar resolution was introduced last year, he said, but it failed to advance past the committee because of a tie vote.

If legislators adopt the resolution and it survives another judicial hearing, he said, Nebraska will join about 22 states that have enacted similar legislation.

Coordsen said that does not ensure Congress will vote either way.

"You still cannot force Congress to do anything," he said.

But the final decision on the fate of the resolution still should lie with Congress, Coordsen said.

Congress should decide "if the flag is just something flying on top of a staff, or if it is a symbol (of democracy)," he said.

CBA work causing few complaints

Measures taken to combat noise

By Mike Lewis
Staff Reporter

Although some business professors have relocated, construction of the CBA addition has caused few inconveniences, a UNL official said.

Nancy Stara, interim associate dean of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration, said three profes-

sors had moved to different offices and three more were moving to avoid noise from the construction.

The CBA computer laboratory also moved into the old Kinko's building on the 1200 block of R Street, Stara said.

Although no professors were asked to move, she said, they were given the option of moving and were provided with moving services.

Bob Carpenter, UNL campus architect and manager, said crews were working on the foundation for the addition, which should be completed by July 1993.

After the addition is finished, he said, work will begin on the exist-

ing CBA building. That work is scheduled to be completed by August 1994, he said.

Carpenter said the project was financed by more than \$7.25 million appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature in 1989.

Stara said memos detailing the construction and possible inconvenience were sent to all CBA faculty members. CBA students received similar letters before the spring semester, she said.

The noise level has not created major problems, Stara said.

"Our main concern is with the auditorium," she said.

The auditorium is on the east side of the CBA building, next to

the three-story, 45,000-square-foot addition. Two classrooms on this side have been put out of service, she said.

If the noise level disrupts a class, she said, the construction contract will require crews to stop working until the class is over.

So far, however, no one has complained, Stara said.

"I haven't heard anything from faculty,"

Michael Shaub, an assistant professor of accounting, said he had heard some thumping while teaching class, but it had not disrupted him.

"Everybody's excited about the renovation," he added.

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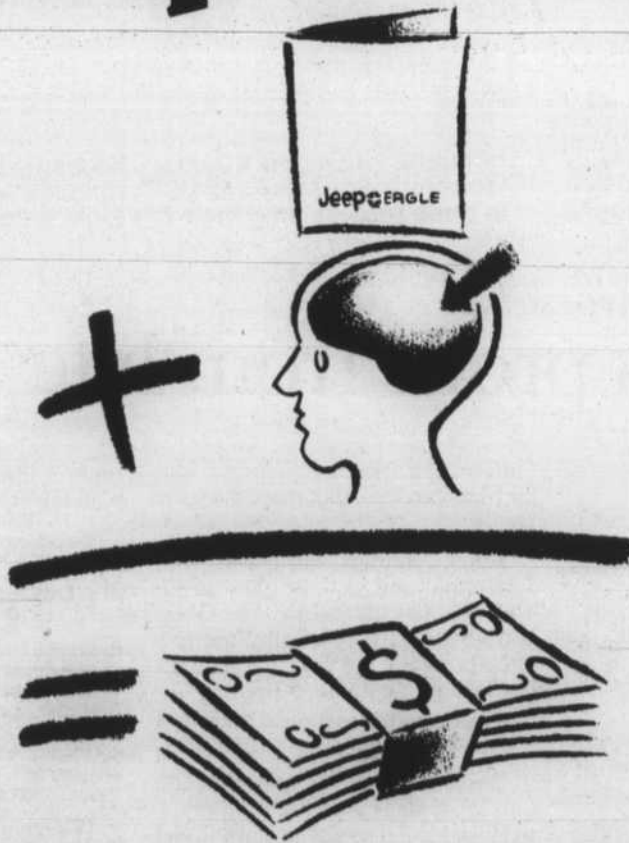
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