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and students can communicate with 2,000 computer libraries across the country.

The program changed some of the students' lives, he said.

The Neb*SAT network, run by Nebraska Educational Television, also is exciting, Kerrey said, because it enables schools to teach programs that originated out of state.

The best example of distance learning is a Japanese language program through NETV and the Satellite Educational Resources Consortium, which allows students to learn a language their schools did not have the resources to provide.

Nebraska has the lead in several technological advances in classroom technology, Kerrey said.

If a public institution could be established to tell parents and teachers how to make current technological advances work for them, he said, Nebraska could stay at the head of the pack.

"My vision is of every school and home having access to large amounts of usable information . . . and the schools becoming the centers of complex, creative learning," he said.

On other issues, Kerrey said that during a recent trip to the former Soviet Union, he learned a lot about the problems the former Soviet republics were facing.

Right now, he said, Russians have more questions than they can possibly answer.

For economic and strategic reasons, he said, the United States should not miss the opportunity to help the new nations.

Exchanges between the former Soviet republics and the United States should involve less government to government and more aid to businesses, young people and the environment, Kerrey said.

"Dollar to dollar, there's nothing better than a personal exchange," he said.

Kerrey said he was optimistic about the future of the former Soviet republics.



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Bob Kerrey (center) tours UNL's Food Processing Center with an entourage of administrators and press Friday. Kerrey was sampling breadsticks being made at the center.

Jobs scarce, official says

Internships easier to find for students

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

With less than two weeks until graduation, many seniors still are scanning the want ads and sending out resumes in hopes of finding a job.

Although economists may say the recession is over, Larry Routh, director of Career Planning and Placement, said the recession had not ended as far as job availability was concerned.

"In every recession the employment lags," he said.

Companies wait until they see actual improvements in the economy before they begin hiring again, Routh said. And that strategy has made this one of the most competitive years in the job market, he said.

Defense and military cutbacks, coupled with layoffs in other big industries, has caused the job market to be more competitive, Routh said. People who have been working for years now are competing with college graduates for jobs.

Shawn Burnham, a graduating senior, agreed. "There's definitely a job shortage," she said. "When the recession hit, it flooded the job market with people who had years of experience."

Burnham, an international affairs and political science major, said she was lucky. She has a job waiting for her in Arizona after graduation.

get a job, Routh said, but now the market is competitive in every field.

But he said students with agri-business degrees were having more luck than others. Being located in the Midwest probably has helped agri-business majors, he said.

Although he could not say for sure, Routh said he thought the job market would be slightly better by next year.

But she said many of her friends were not so lucky.

Many students are having problems finding jobs, Burnham said, so they have opted to attend graduate school or get an internship.

Alisa Miller, a senior broadcasting major, said she decided to take the internship route.

"The market is really tight now, so it's easier to get an internship," she said.

Miller said she was looking for a specialized internship or part-time job that would help her get into graduate school.

Pat Jilek, also a senior broadcasting major, said he had been searching for a job for about two months and had had a few job offers.

Jilek said that from what he had heard on the news, the job market was lousy. But he said well-qualified students were not having problems finding jobs.

"People who have been preparing themselves while in college are being snatched up," he said.

Students who have had internships or career-oriented jobs have an advantage in the job market, Jilek said.

Routh agreed. In the past, if students had college degrees and could sign their names, they could easily

communicate, he said, is through the media.

"I'm trying to be very accessible to the media," he said.

"You can't talk to 25,000 students and 6,000 employees each day, but if you are accessible to the media. . . . Then people out there are going to get a pretty good idea of what you are doing and saying."

After five months as chancellor, Spanier said he liked his job.

"What I found is that my expectations have been exceeded," he said. "What I've found is that within the state of Nebraska and within the university, people are very eager to have the chancellor step forward as a leader — to promote leadership, to set forth a vision."

"Most people come into a university chancellorship, and generally everyone talks about wanting a leader," he said. "But the moment they try, they get squashed."

"I haven't found that here." The cooperation that people at UNL have shown has allowed Spanier to have a productive first year, he said.

Still, Spanier said he was just getting started. "I think we've accomplished a lot, but we've only scratched the surface," he said. "There's a tremendous amount of work yet to do — a long agenda ahead of us."

Student arrested for threats, gun

From Staff Reports

A 19-year-old University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was arrested early Saturday after allegedly threatening another student with a gun after a party near 10th and K streets.

Sgt. Robert Kubicek of the Lincoln Police Department said an officer was driving on K Street at 2:43 a.m. when he saw 15 people in the front yard of an apartment

building.

The officer saw that one member of the crowd "appeared agitated and made a rushing-type movement" toward another man.

After seeing that the man was carrying a small-caliber, semi-automatic weapon, the officer ordered the man to stop and put down the gun. Instead, the man ran away.

The man later was arrested in an alley between 10th and 11th streets.

On-Campus Summer Employment Opportunities

Division of University Housing

40 Hours Per Week
May 11 - August 15

University Housing is now hiring for an Air Conditioning Project.

Experience in carpentry electricity or plumbing helpful but not critical. Great opportunity to experience a variety of installation techniques.

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him that people at UNL wouldn't object to change.

"I was fairly confident that most of the changes I've made in the five months I've been here, I didn't feel they were high-risk decisions," he said. "My information and my own clinical judgment was that the campus would be supportive."

Another reason his changes have been well-received, Spanier said, is that he has spent a lot of time talking to people about them. He has been working 100-hour weeks since he started in November — with a good deal of those hours going into communication, he said.

Spanier has tried to meet with student groups at least once a week, has taught three classes and has visited about 20 cities in Nebraska, given about 250 speeches and gone to about four lunches and three dinners a week.

He also has a computer-message file on which anyone — even students — can send him messages. He reads and replies to messages between meetings and phone calls, he said.

But one of the best ways Spanier can com-