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UNL brings marriages together with couple-oriented employment

By DeDra Janssen
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has taken a big step forward in responsiveness to the needs of employees' families and in affirmative action goals, Chancellor Graham Spanier said.

Beginning this fall, UNL will adopt a Dual Career Program that will assist partners of new UNL employees in finding employment within the university or the community, he said.

"In recruiting people to institutions like this, we only get the best if we are responsive to dual career couples," Spanier said.

Spanier first developed the dual career program in 1986 while at Oregon State University. He said that,

because he found nearly 75 percent of new people hired had a spouse who also was a professional looking for employment, he was moved to create the program.

Spanier said the program at Oregon State had been "extremely successful." Since the program was put in place at the institution, it has had a near perfect record of hiring its first choice of applicants, he said.

"Candidates found the program very supportive of them. That can often make a difference in getting the top people," Spanier said.

The program also supports affirmative action goals at UNL.

"In a community where the number of people of color is relatively small, if we can assist both partners in finding employment, we're doubling

the number of minorities hired," Spanier said. "The program works hand in hand with affirmative action goals."

The following statement will appear as the final sentence in all advertisements as part of the Affirmative Action statement:

"The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is responsive to the needs of dual career couples."

In addition, the program will establish relationships between UNL and other employers in the region, Spanier said.

Liz Grobsmith, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, will supervise the dual career program. When a prospective hire involves accom-

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Commuters find new home

By Sam S. Kepfield
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will expand opportunities for commuter students to experience on-campus living this fall with the adaptation of residence hall rooms, an official said.

Doug Zatechka, UNL's housing director, said that the rooms would allow commuter students greater ease of access to instructors, tutoring and other on-campus services and activities.

"Going to school here should be more than just driving in each day," Zatechka said. "Involvement is the key word. This provides an opportunity for them to get involved in campus life."

The commuter rooms, located in Harper and Smith Halls, will be much like any other dormitory room, he

said, giving commuter students a chance to study, meet other students and have a secure place for belongings.

Each commuter dorm room will be furnished to house three to four people, with desks, chairs, lamps, closet space and a phone. No beds are included, since the program does not allow overnight stays, with the exception of bad weather or study groups. The cost is \$995 for the 1992-1993 academic year.

Peg Blake, executive assistant to the vice chancellor for students affairs, said that perhaps the most important aim of the program is to decrease student dropout rates.

According to Blake, the program is targeted at incoming freshmen who have just graduated from high school and are living at home with their

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Regents still have concerns about budget

By Andrea Kaser
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No action was taken at a Budget Subcommittee meeting called by the NU Board of Regents last Friday in hopes of clarifying budget procedures and requests after the confusion during the board's July 12 meeting.

Because of a deadline and inconsistent budget requests from campuses, regents left the July 12 meeting feeling uneasy about the budget guidelines they had approved.

Although no formal action was taken at the subcommittee meeting, board members discussed improvements for the budget process and listened to details on budget requests from each campus.

University President Martin Massengale said improvements in the future budget process would include planning the budget earlier. The planning committee, which in the past has met in the winter, will begin meeting in the fall.

Also, he said, the planning committee is looking toward standardizing budget criteria. This year, the four Nebraska universities did not include a uniform detail of expenses in their budget requests, making comparisons difficult.

For example, the University Medical Center did not list a

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Jeff Haller/DN

Four-year-old Dustin Bush, the son of Jamie and Donald Bush of Lincoln, peers curiously into the mouth of Leo the Paper-eating Lion Tuesday at Folsom Children's Zoo. The Lion encourages children to feed it with bits of trash.

Coliseum gets new look for upcoming season

By Sam S. Kepfield
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The first major renovation to the NU Coliseum in more than a decade is nearing completion, according to the director of campus recreation.

Stan Campbell said that the renovation was progressing smoothly, and would be completed by the start of the fall semester.

"The facility is fantastic, and the students will be pleased," Campbell said. "It will be well worth the wait."

The facility has been closed since March 1991.

The most recent renovation to the Coliseum until the present was in the 1970s. That time around, the renova-

tion was concentrated on class room and office space, but during the current construction, classrooms and offices have been moved to Mabel Lee Hall, expanding the space available for recreational activities.

Campbell said that since the initial completion of the Coliseum in 1926, recreational needs and interests of students had changed and the renovation was necessary to keep up.

The list of improvements is long. The floor has been replaced and bleachers have been added for volleyball games. Basketball courts now run north-south instead of east-west, making room for one more court and bringing the total for the Coliseum to four.

Also, the locker rooms for men and

women were redone, and a sauna was added, while lockers and offices were built for the softball team and upgraded for the volleyball squad.

New areas include a fitness/aerobics room, a combative arts room and a table tennis area.

Another innovation is a child care area. Faculty, students and staff will be able to leave children with Coliseum personnel, for \$1 per hour and a maximum of two hours.

To cap off the renovations, the new Coliseum will feature a bronze sculpture created by native Nebraskan George Lundeen.

Barb Hibner, assistant to the director in charge of women's athletics, said that the sculpture of three volleyball players would be a "tribute to the

Nebraska women's volleyball team and women's intercollegiate athletics in general."

For the past year, the Match Club, a UNL booster organization, has been raising funds for the sculpture. Its main source of funds came from 14-inch replicas sold for \$2,200. Hibner noted that some art galleries have valued the miniatures at more than \$3,000.

Hibner said that an exact date for dedication of the sculpture has not yet been set, but that it will coincide with the opening of the Coliseum. She added that the department is aiming for a ceremony in early September at the beginning of the intercollegiate season.