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Job future improved for '95 graduates

By **Rebecca Oltmans**
Staff Reporter

Graduates this year can expect something that others in the '90s could not — an optimistic job outlook.

Factors such as a healthy economy and rapid development of small- and medium-sized companies have opened up a job market that has been tight since 1990, said Larry Routh, director of Career Services at UNL.

During the early 1990s, both the military and large companies downsized, Routh said. That meant companies recruited students less and students had to compete with experienced employees when job hunting.

But now, many of those companies are expanding and hiring again, Routh said. He said the Caterpillar Co. was a good example. The company recruited for years at the Uni-

versity of Nebraska-Lincoln, but stopped in 1992.

"This year its product is selling," he said. "It's expanding. And it is back recruiting."

Routh said small companies from Nebraska and around the country also were contacting Career Services more frequently.

"There are a number of advantages to working for a smaller company," Routh said. "Students get challenges and responsibilities quickly because smaller firms can't afford to hold someone back."

Unlike years past, Routh said, Career Services has seen a boom in its resume referral service, where companies request qualifications and receive resumes from students who meet the criteria.

In 1990, the office had 3,000 resume referral requests. This year, there

were between 12,000 and 14,000 requests, he said.

Routh said the most opportunities were in the field of computers.

"It is an explosion of opportunities right now," Routh said. "There are 2,000 computer-related job openings in Omaha alone, many of them in medium-sized companies."

Sales and marketing also are good areas right now, Routh said, as are international jobs and jobs related to the environment.

No field stands out as being the most difficult to enter, Routh said, but some graduates make getting jobs hard on themselves.

Finding a job can be difficult, he said, when graduates don't know what they want to do or what skills they can make use of. Not starting job searches early also can make the process difficult, he said.

Chancellor

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ists for the job and forwarded them to the regents.

The regents later added then-UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale to the list. The other candidates dropped out.

At least two regents said the university should allow internal candidates when a search committee starts its work.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said Leitzel definitely should be included in the search and allowed to apply.

Skrupa said the controversy over

"(Leitzel) is a qualified lady and I will leave it at that."

■ **NANCY O'BRIEN**

Regent chairwoman

internal candidates stemmed from the Massengale appointment. Skrupa said many believed that an internal candidate would have an edge over outside candidates. But with this search, she

said, everyone has a fair chance.

Leitzel has picked up responsibilities for Spanier when he has been absent, Skrupa said.

Regent Robert Allen of Hastings said he was in favor of looking at internal candidates, but not Leitzel.

"I like her personally," he said. However, he said, considering the controversy that erupted over engineering, the university should leave Leitzel out.

"We need someone that is going to pull the school together," he said. Allen said that unfortunately that person probably would have to come from outside the university.

Baul gets probation, service

From Staff Reports

NU football player Reggie Baul will spend the next six months on probation and perform 50 hours of community service, a judge has ruled.

Lancaster County Court Judge James Foster sentenced Baul Friday, after the junior split end pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge of receiving stolen property in relation to a Nov. 20 incident. Baul also received a \$100 fine.

The incident occurred at a local Village Inn restaurant when a woman discovered her wallet had been stolen from her table. Patrons at the restaurant identified Baul. When police searched him, a credit card from the wallet fell from underneath his shirt.

Baul initially pleaded no contest to a theft charge Dec. 7 and was ordered to pay \$124 in fines and court costs. He later retracted that plea. Another man has since come forward and confessed to stealing the wallet.

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