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Susan Dickerson Moeser, wife of new UNL Chancellor James Moeser, says moving to Lincoln has been like coming home. Moeser, a native of the Midwest, will begin teaching in the UNL School of Music this fall.

Settling in Chancellor's wife adjusts to Midwest

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

For Susan Dickerson Moeser, moving from sunny South Carolina to Nebraska was no culture shock.

"I grew up in the Midwest, in Kansas," she said. "I feel like I'm coming back home."

Moeser has been back home for about a month. Her husband, James Moeser, became the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 18th chancellor in February.

Having some of her family less than four hours away adds to the home-like feeling in Lincoln, she said.

Her parents live in Lawrence, Kan., and her brother lives in Omaha.

She's already seen her brother twice, she said, and plans to visit her parents soon.

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SUSAN DICKERSON MOESER
wife of UNL's new chancellor

So far, she said, making the transition from Columbia, S.C., to Lincoln has gone smoothly.

"People have been very friendly here," she said. "I've enjoyed meeting everybody."

There's been just one small problem.

The day the Moesers moved in to their temporary apartment downtown, the wind chill was about 40 degrees below zero.

Nebraska's harsh winter weather has taken some time to get used to, she said.

"The weather in Columbia last week was in the 80s," Moeser said. "The pear trees are blooming right now. That's what I really miss."

The high winds in Lincoln also came as a surprise, she said.

"The wind is a phenomenon of the Midwest," Moeser said. "I'd forgotten about the winds."

To keep herself busy, Moeser has been preparing for two upcoming organ concerts

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Stars start USHL play in October

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

It's a done deal.

"You're in the ice business," said Sen. Stan Schellpeper of Stanton, president of the Nebraska State Fair Board, moments after closing a deal with the triple-ownership of the Star City Hockey franchise.

Irving Dana III of Omaha, Thomas Tegt and Kent Reckeway of Lincoln, shook hands and slapped each other on the back outside the conference room of the State Fair Board on Friday after becoming the first owners of The Lincoln Stars.

The Stars will start their 54-game United States Hockey League schedule in October, including games against the Omaha Lancers.

"Lincoln will be a nice addition to the league," USHL commissioner Gino Gasparini said. "We welcome you to the family of cities of the USHL."

"We think it will be a wonderful marriage between the city, university, state and the USHL."

The franchise will benefit the city by promoting a new sport for youth and offering another form of entertainment for Lincoln, Gasparini said.

"If you want to keep your kid out of hot water, keep him on ice," he said.

Reckeway said the owners intended to open the ice rink to the public whenever the team wasn't using it.

The UNL hockey club and intramural teams would be free to schedule ice time at the coliseum, he said, as well as new junior hockey leagues, figure skating camps and open recreational skating.

"Whatever kind of fun you can have on ice, we hope to provide it," Reckeway said.

The contract allows Star City Hockey to convert the State Fair Park Coliseum to an ice rink and add seating to house a crowd of more than 4,000 fans. The renovations, funded by the franchise, will cost \$3 million.

Under the contract, the State Fair still will own the coliseum and earn \$100,000 of the franchise's proceeds for the first fiscal year, said John Skold, State Fair general manager. Each subsequent year, Star City Hockey will pay the fair \$50,000.

Dana said he was excited for the season to start and wanted to include University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in the excitement.

"We're looking for a vocal group to support the team," said Dana, a 1976 UNL graduate.

The north end of the arena will be reserved for a 700-seat student section, Dana said. He said he wanted to create an enthusiastic atmosphere with music, chants and crowd interaction.

The franchise has not yet hired a coach, but

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UNL attracting, recruiting better students

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

A higher number of Nebraska high school graduates in 1995 made UNL's freshman class 500 students larger this year.

And not only is the class of 5,563 larger, it is of higher quality, according to standardized test scores.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, cited better recruitment efforts by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in bringing in quality students.

Lisa Schmidt, director of admissions at UNL, said the average ACT score for freshmen increased from 22.7

in 1994 to 23.1 in 1995.

The number of freshmen at UNL with ACT scores of 28 or higher increased to 17 percent of the class this year from 14.4 percent last year, Schmidt said.

In 1994, Griesen said, 33.5 percent of freshmen graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school classes.

That number increased to 36.5 percent in 1995, he said.

By spending more time recruiting above-average Nebraska high school students, Griesen said, the word about UNL gets out quicker.

Out-of-state recruitment also was pushed, he said, leading to an increase

in students from other states.

The number of out-of-state freshmen increased from 456 students in the fall of 1994 to 556 in 1995, he said.

"That's probably due to our good recruiting efforts," Griesen said.

The increase in the number of out-of-state freshmen comes even though residency requirements were made stricter last year, he said.

Before the fall of 1995, a student could gain residency by living in Lincoln for six months — including time spent taking classes, Griesen said. A student also would have to meet other requirements such as getting a Nebraska driver's license and registering

to vote.

But last fall, the residency requirements were changed so that students could no longer count their time living in Nebraska while in school toward residency.

"We were really worried that would cut off out-of-state students," Griesen said.

In the past, many out-of-state students came to UNL because the university had easier residency requirements than other schools, he said.

"Sometimes, they weren't the best students — students who couldn't get into their own home state colleges," Griesen said.

UNL still wants to encourage out-of-state freshmen, he said, and will offer scholarships to above-average students.

New scholarship programs were developed especially for out-of-state freshmen, he said. The "Scholarships for New Nebraskans" program offers three different levels of financial support.

Scholarships equal to in-state tuition are offered, as well as scholarships for \$2,000 and \$1,000.

"Those scholarships have been posi-

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