

Site links students, potential employers

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It's innovative. It's interactive. And for only \$20 a year, UNL students may be able to use it to land a job or a summer internship.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Career Services Center has officially opened Husker Hire Link, an Internet-based recruiting service linking employers and prospective employees.

"What was before a timely process of phone calls, shuffling papers and faxes is now virtual reality with the click of a button," said Chris Timm, assistant director of UNL Career Services.

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Husker Hire Link provides online registration, job data entry, resume referral and campus interview schedules to students and alumni. It can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.unl.edu/careers/webemp.htm>.

For about three years, UNL students and alumni have been entering their resumes and accessing job listings through part of the system, Timm said.

The entire system has been up for about six months. During that time, more than 150 resumes were accessed weekly by employers.

Now up to 8,300 companies with more than 12,000 contacts

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will have access to 2,700 undergraduate and recent graduate resumes, she said.

Approved employers accessing the Web site can search and access online resumes of those registered with the center. Students registered with the center are able to update their resumes and browse job listings in the system.

Al Carlson, manager of strategic recruitment for Pella Corporation, said the system is convenient and complete.

"It makes my job a whole lot easier," Carlson said. "I have immediate access to students, their résumés and skills - that's what recruiters want."

Terry Jahnke, division manager in Aurora for Servi-Tech Inc., an agriculture crop consulting service, agreed.

"Husker Hire Link is a great means of finding the best students for the best jobs," Jahnke said. "I like it, and I think students will, too."

Legislature

Johanns, Stenberg unveil new crime bill package

■ Gang-related offenses, meth trafficking and computer crimes are included in the proposed legislation.

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Gov. Mike Johanns and Attorney General Don Stenberg, along with five state senators, introduced a package of crime bills last week geared toward making Nebraska a safer place to live.

The legislation would limit post-conviction appeals, stiffen penalties for gang-related crimes, methamphetamine trade and computer crimes, and unborn babies could be considered murder victims.

"These proposals need to become law in Nebraska," Johanns said. "They provide the tools for law enforcement officers to get the job done."

Johanns said he worked with Stenberg and the legislators to develop a unified package of crime legislation.

LB186 would limit post-conviction proceedings to one round that would begin within three years of conviction.

Under LB159, criminals convicted of a felony related to gang activity would face stiffer penalties.

Another bill will be introduced that would require longer sentences for criminals dealing amphetamines and methamphetamines.

Criminals using computers would

Legislature begins 1999 session with re-election of Kristensen

From staff reports

The 1999 Legislature re-elected Speaker Doug Kristensen of Minden and filled several committee chairmanships shortly after adjourning Wednesday.

Kristensen was first elected speaker a year ago to finish the term of Sen. Ron Withem, who left to become a lobbyist for the University of Nebraska. On Wednesday, Kristensen was re-elected without opposition.

In races for committee chairmanships:

Business and Labor Committee: Sen. Floyd Vrtiska of Table Rock defeated Sen. John Hilgert of Omaha.

Government, Military and

Veterans' Affairs Committee: Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln defeated Sen. Ray Janssen of Nickerson.

Health and Human Services: Sen. Jim Jensen of Omaha defeated Sen. Deb Suttle of Omaha to fill the chairmanship vacated by former Sen. Don Wesely. Wesely headed the committee for 14 years.

Natural Resources Committee: Sen. Ed Schrock defeated Sen. Chris Beutler of Lincoln, the incumbent chairman.

Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Sen. Elaine Stuhr of Bradshaw defeated Sen. Gene Tyson of Norfolk.

Rules Committee: Sen. Carol Hudkins of Malcolm defeated Sen. Pam Brown of Omaha.

also face stiffer penalties under LB79.

The bills are being sponsored by state Sens. Curt Bromm of Wahoo, Jon Bruning of Omaha, Chris Peterson of Grand Island, LaVon Crosby of Lincoln and Pat Engel of South Sioux City.

LB111, introduced by Crosby, would recognize unborn children as victims of crime, and is one of the most controversial bills in the package.

Crosby's bill, which considers fetuses potential murder victims from conception, was defeated last year

along with a similar bill that required fetuses to be viable before they could be considered victims.

The bill would allow criminals to be charged with murder if an unborn fetus was killed as a result of a crime.

Much of the discussion centered on how this bill would affect abortion law, but Stenberg said Friday that it does not change any of Nebraska's abortion laws.

Johanns said he believes this package would be good for the state.

"Making our state as safe as possible should be a priority for everyone."

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