

NDEA loans may be cut off by Congress next session

NU's Scholarships and Financial Aids office is bracing itself for possible severe money cuts from Washington.

Edward Lundak, director of the office, said the Health, Education and Welfare area office in Kansas City, Mo., has warned him that Congress may not renew the National Defense Education Act (NDEA) next session.

NDEA has meant \$6 million worth of low-interest loans for NU students since it was passed in 1958. This year, \$652,000 has been loaned out under the Act.

Lundak said about \$250,000 a year in payments is returned to the University by former students who have benefited from NDEA loans. This money can be reallocated, but Lundak said these payments could not fill the monetary void that termination of NDEA would leave.

"We've pounded ourselves on the chest and said we're going to recruit low-income students," said Lundak, "but

we haven't collected enough funds to shake a stick at."

But Lundak said passage of the PACE proposal would help significantly. "PACE would put us in business," he said. "\$3.50 per student is only a carton of cigarettes, but I could run a program on what that would bring in."

With PACE help, Lundak said, enough money could be

Prokop . . .

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ends," Prokop said.

He asked if a student could run for and be elected to the Regents. Would being a student and a Regent at the same time be a conflict of interest?

He also pointed out that Regent Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln is now a graduate student on the Lincoln campuses pursuing a Ph.D.

"The electorate knew I was a resident at the Medical School," Prokop said. He won by about 6,000 votes.

scraped together to get about 50 Indians, 100 Mexican-Americans, and 400 black students enrolled.

In Lundak's opinion the PACE money would be more effective as a grant than as a loan. "The thought of owing \$4,000 or \$5,000 scares minority students to death," he said.

He explained that a minority student's experience with loans at home usually involved his parents' indebtedness to high-interest finance companies.

As a result, he said, many minority students refuse to go into debt to finance their education.

But Lundak emphasized that PACE grants would not amount to gifts. They would be matched with other funds requiring work from the student.

From dwarfs to turtles, Help Line answers call

What are the names of the Seven Dwarfs? What do you do with a sick turtle?

These are two questions that University Help Line operators have been asked.

Originated by Russell Brown, Dean for Student Development, the service started in November, 1969. Help Line has expanded from 4,000 calls last year to 1,500 calls during November, 1970.

The number is 472-3311 or 472-3312.

Help Line is staffed by three students. Steve Pew, who worked as an operator last year, is a graduate student in Educational Psychology.

Phil Pfeiffer and Cheryl Daigger are both undergraduate students. Daigger was also an operator last year.


Brown said the service is supervised by Don Holm, a doctoral candidate in counseling.

an operator is the ability to convey concern over the telephone," Brown said.

The line is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. and Sunday 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.

"We answer 60 to 80 calls a day," said Pew. "For questions we cannot answer we refer the caller to the persons or organizations that would know and could help them."

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