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Health Center director warns of VD hazard

Dr. Samuel I. Fuenning, Medical Director of the University Health Center recommended greater responsibility on the part of the student to curb the increase in venereal disease which is seen on the UNL campus as well as throughout the nation.

Fuenning said 80 per cent of the women and 25 per cent of the men who contact VD have no symptoms so they may carry and spread the disease for some time before it is detected.

He recommended the use of a condom for the prevention of both VD and pregnancy. Gonorrhea is the most prevalent form of VD. Fuenning said syphilis has become relatively rare.

The Health Center has a program which follows up on all cases of VD. In order to stop the spread of one strain the diseased person will be asked for names of those with whom he or she has had sexual contact in the recent past. These people are communicated with and treated so that the disease will not spread.

Treatment usually consists of penicillin which has been relatively effective in treatment according to Fuenning.

The increase of gonorrhea and pregnancy closely parallels the increases in the state and national figures.

Gov. J.J. Exon late Tuesday vetoed a bill permitting the treatment of minors for drug abuse and VD. The bill, LB 1302, was introduced by Omaha Sen. David Stahmer and passed the final day of the session.

Stahmer's bill was to replace an earlier passed bill in the session--Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett's LB 1096--which limited treatment to VD.

Exon's veto keeps Barnett's bill intact. It was reported late Tuesday that an official from the Nebraska State Patrol's drug division had urged Exon kill the Stahmer bill.

Fuenning said this does not affect any of the policies already in effect at the Health Center.

The Health Center has also had a corresponding increase in cases of crabs. Fuenning said that crabs are not particularly as dangerous as VD but they can prove to be very uncomfortable.

Regents explore salaries

Average salaries for UNL professors increase more slowly as the number of years of teaching experience increases in almost half the cases investigated, according to results of a study released at last week's Board of Regents meeting.

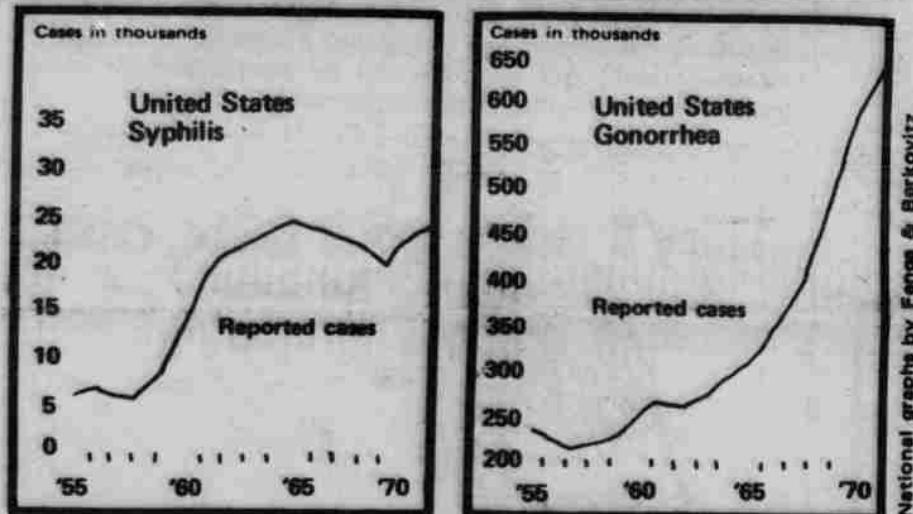
But figures released in the report showed that in seven out of 16 cases, average salaries for UNL faculty members dropped as teaching experience increased. In all instances, faculty members were compared with co-workers of equal rank and education.

In one category, the average salary after 16 years of experience was the same as the starting salary.

For example, the average salary for an Arts and Sciences professor with one to five years teaching experience and the highest degree in his field is \$20,650.

The professorial salary for that same professor with 16 years experience is \$18,149, or a difference of \$2,501.

This is the largest difference in the three colleges, according to the study.



Bicycle thefts become major crime problem

by Debby Fairley

The bike-riding fad hit Lincoln not too long ago. And right behind came the probability of organized bike-stealing, according to Lincoln police.

"We think there is some kind of ring operating here, but we don't know yet if there are a couple of large ones or a number of small ones," said Police Cadet Tom Ritchie.

At any rate, bike thefts are a very serious problem and getting worse, he said. Last year 1,100 bicycles were reported stolen in the city, plus 51 more at the University with a total value of \$55,000. Of these, 652 were recovered. Very few arrests were made.

Prime targets are unlicensed bikes locked with thin chain or combination locks. "Most of those combinations are so simple they can be picked by any small kid who knows what he's doing," Ritchie said.

And the thin chain locks can be cut easily with wire cutters.

"If people would know their license numbers it would help tremendously in recovering stolen bikes. We've got some bikes here at the station which aren't licensed, and we've had some of them for quite awhile, but without the license numbers, it's practically impossible to trace them."

Bike licenses cost 50 cents and can be obtained at any fire station. Thefts are expected to skyrocket with the coming of warmer weather. Twenty bikes were reported stolen in Lincoln and on campus in January, 53 in February and 107 in March. Most of these are the more expensive 10-speeds, but older "clunkers" are also frequently reported stolen.

And once stolen, bikes seldom show up again. Many are stripped down for parts to make new bikes,

sold for parts or repainted. Manufacturer's serial numbers could probably still identify repainted bikes, Ritchie said, but most owners don't know these numbers.

"We're starting to get some action now," Ritchie said. "We're prosecuting more people." But recovery of stolen bicycles remains tough unless the bikes are licensed.

College students are being more careful this year, according to campus police chief Gale Gade. "They're taking them into the dorms and their homes and using heavy chain locks. But it's still very important to license them."

"Our department and the fire department is going to sponsor a bike licensing drive on city campus in a couple of weeks to encourage this."

By summer, police expect 150 to 200 bikes to be reported stolen each month.

Faculty Senate passes substitute motion

The Faculty Senate Wednesday afternoon took the bull by the tail and faced the situation at their monthly meeting. The senate, which was to discuss a resolution calling for the censure of Regent Robert Prokop for allegedly plagiarizing an article on homosexuality passed a substitute motion.

The motion, which passed easily on a voice vote, "officially requests the Board of Regents to address itself in writing" to a letter sent to the chairman of the board, Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln. The letter was sent Feb. 21 and has received no reply.

David Levine, chairman of the department of psychology, said the letter urged the Board of Regents to "retain its credibility with the academic community" by pursuing the matter of the alleged plagiarism.

The original resolution, introduced by English instructor Larry Woffley, urged the faculty to recognize "a clear moral obligation to principles of intellectual integrity" and to censure Prokop formally for "plagiarizing."

In other business, the senate's committee on committees announced only one person, law professor Wallace Rudolph, had been nominated for the presidency of the body. Committee member Samuel Treves said nominations would be received through Friday.

Two students addressed the body. Dee Canar, representing the Nebraska Public Interest Research Group (NEBPIRG), urged the faculty to write letters supporting NEBPIRG to UNL administrative officials and the Board of Regents. She said NEBPIRG would be "educational" since research done by students could be used in classrooms.

Another student, Mary Jane England, representing the All University Fund (AUF), announced that money raised during this year's drive would go to the University Emeriti Fund.

The money will be used to set up an emergency fund for retired University instructors whose incomes cannot meet the cost of living.