



Student Veterans President Rus Schalk . . . found UNL more diversified upon his return from the service.

Vet group eases competition

"Many veterans are having a problem competing economically and socially with younger students whose parents are putting them through college or are here on scholarships," Russell Schalk, coordinator of the Student Veterans Organization, said. Most veterans have families to support and have to work besides going to school, he added.

Schalk first came to UNL in 1965 after high school graduation. Returning later as a veteran, he found that the University was "not as diversified then as it is now."

According to Schalk, who has been elected president of the organization for next year, there are about 1,550 veterans on the UNL campus, of which 110 are members of the Student Veterans Organization. And the membership is increasing. "We've picked up 30 new members in the last few weeks," he said.

"In the past couple months we've established ourselves as a service club, geared mainly toward the veteran in bridging the gap between students and administration," he said. He added that it is intended to be sort of a liaison group.

"We have been fortunate enough to establish a tuition waiver in case a veteran doesn't get his G.I. check in time," he said.

The Student Veterans Organization also informs student veterans of available tutorial

assistance. "We can help them get coordinated so there's not so much red tape," Schalk said.

The organization is also in the process of establishing an outreach program to deal with emotional problems of the Vietnam veteran. These men have seen things most other people haven't, Schalk said. "Then they come back here and people are down on them because they were a part of it."

To provide counselling for these veterans, the Student Veterans Organization has a direct link with the human development lab on UNL's East Campus.

Through the outreach program, the organization is also to reach veterans who aren't in school to let them know exactly what their benefits are and encourage them to return to school, he said.

According to Larry Mathine, another member, the group is compiling a book reserve. The veterans are asked to make a list of the books they have that they would be willing to loan, sell or give to other veterans. The books will be indexed and a master copy made, Mathine said.

The programs being set up by the organization are aimed mainly at the veterans. But according to Schalk, they can be expanded to cover all students on campus if they wish.

Union limits checks, reduces Crib hours

Following spring vacation, the Nebraska Union Crib will close Saturdays at 3 p.m. and remain closed through Sunday, according to Mary Cannon, Union Board president.

The Union also will cash only one-party checks, said Larry Emmons, Union business officer.

High labor prices and too few customers are two reasons given by Cannon for the shorter business hours of the Crib.

"Once they (the Crib) lose the people from Saturday morning classes, it's just not profitable to stay open," she said. She said the Crib also was selling little food on Sundays.

However, a more pressing reason for the week-end closing is the increase in food prices, she said. The Union Board received a memo March 6 from Bob Richeson, food service manager, saying that wholesale food prices have gone up 29 per cent, Cannon said.

Because of this, food prices in the Union will be raised an average of 10.6 per cent after April 2, she said.

The major reason for the change in check cashing policy, according to Emmons, is a directive from the comptroller's office forbidding the cashing of two-party checks.

"Another reason is that there is a monstrous collection of returned checks," he said.

The county attorney's office handles all returned checks for the Union and it refuses to handle two-party checks. The Union loses between \$300 and \$500 a year on bad checks, Emmons said.

If arrested for writing a bad check a student could be fined not more than \$500 and/or be jailed not more than six months.

The checks cashed by the Union amount to between \$5,000 and \$8,000 a day, Emmons said. Of these, 13 per cent are two-party checks.

Ethnic institute studies minorities

The Institute of Ethnic Studies is a newly constituted UNL department and is still in its formative state, according to its director, Ralph Vigil.

According to Vigil, ethnic studies explores those factors and areas involving ethnically distinct minority groups in society, including Mexican-Americans, American Indians and blacks.

The Institute of Ethnic Studies is under the administration of the College of Arts and Sciences, but also draws many of its courses from Teachers College. Currently, the only minor offered by the institute is one in Afro-American studies, Vigil said, but the department is evaluating, adding and changing the course curriculum.

Vigil said he believes this type of class will appeal to those interested in ethnic studies, particularly those in social sciences, humanities and teaching. "This curriculum will increase their knowledge of minorities and point out distinctive cultural differences," he explained.

UNL law professor seeks school board seat

by Andy Riggs

UNL law professor, Wallace M. Rudolf, has announced that he is a candidate for the Lincoln school board.

Rudolf, also president of the UNL Faculty Senate, said he thinks his experience as a lawyer can help the board with cases involving school law.

"I believe that if the school board had a lawyer on the board they could function with more accuracy involving the laws," he said.

Rudolf said he has had no involvement with the Lincoln public schools, but has handled lawsuits for Grand Island and York public schools.

He was instrumental in establishing the right of girls to play basketball and to participate equally with boys in sports such as golf and tennis in the Debbie Reed case.

Since 1970, Rudolf has served as a commissioner on uniform state laws. He also has served on the State Parole Board.

"I'm happy with the way the school board is being run now, but I feel it needs to be speeded up," Rudolf said.

He said he believes the individual teacher should be able to choose their own curriculum for their classes.

"In just a few years, the teachers won't have the problem of overcrowded schools as it is now. I think that now is the time to improve the quality of the education we have."

He said he thinks the problem stems from the junior high level, when students experience a new way of teaching without being adequately prepared for it.

Partially because of his interest in new educational ideas, he is a teaching fellow in UNL's Centennial College. He also has been active in developing inter-departmental curriculum at UNL.



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