

# Attorney relations seminar offered

By Tom Mehuron

For the first time at the UNL College of Law and possibly for the first time in Nebraska, an experimental course dealing with lawyer-client communications is being offered in cooperation with the UNL Counseling Center.

The course, Communications-Attorney Professional Relationships Seminar, was organized by Janet Krause and John Breckenridge of the Counseling Center and Donald Shaneyfelt and Alan Frank of the Law College.

In an attempt to develop better communication skills for law students, the no-credit course will include group dynamics and listening exercises, Krause said.

She also said the group will look at what takes place in the attorney-client, attorney-fellow lawyers and attorney-judge relationships and how the lawyer communicates nonverbally.

Frank said he hopes students will respond because the course has practical value. Some law students say classes involve too much theory and not enough knowledge of how lawyers act with clients and respond to various cases and problems, he said, so this course will attempt to provide some experience with communication.

An instructor in family law, Frank said he hopes to introduce the importance of communication by having a clinical psychologist speak to the family law class.

Both Frank and Krause said that when women have problems, they go to a clergyman or counselor, but when men have problems, they go to their lawyers, even if the problem isn't necessarily a legal matter.

When faced with a nonlegal problem, most lawyers don't know how to react and respond

to a counseling-oriented situation and thus are unable to provide the kind of advice people need, they said.

"It's important for a lawyer to have the necessary skill to recognize these problems, even if they don't involve a legal aspect," Frank said.

Krause said she sees the counseling center's involvement as "working with the law school to get it started and helping with the evaluation of the course-acting more as a catalyst."

Krause said that, because lawyers encounter difficult client behavior, it is important to develop a trust relationship as soon as possible.

Starting Oct. 1, the six-week course also will involve students of the drama department in role-playing exercises, with the law students as attorneys and drama students as clients. The course will meet for two hours a week on Monday afternoons at 2:30, with enrollment limited to 15 students.

Frank said he got involved in the lawyer communication concept when he attended a three-week clinic in Boulder, Colo., this summer. Thomas L. Shaffer, dean of the law school at the University of Notre Dame lectured at the clinic on the idea and has also written a book on it.

Frank said that there would be little reading material for the course, but the instructors will refer to Shaffer's book for ideas to be used in class.

An evaluation will be held after the course to determine its worth in the law curriculum, Frank said.

"If an attorney can develop counseling skills, he's in a better position to respond to people as people," Krause said.

## Scholarship deadline Monday

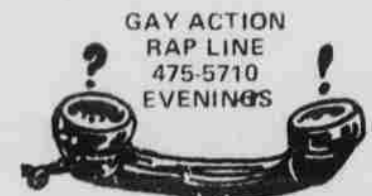
Students interested in Danforth, Rhodes' and Marshall Scholarships may pick up application forms in Oldfather, 1223. The deadline for turning in applications is Monday, Oct. 1.

## Students need volunteers' help

Visually impaired students need volunteers to do class readings. For information contact Student Volunteer Services, Nebraska Union 200 or phone 472-2486.

## Phi Eta Sigma certificates

Certificates for Phi Eta Sigma, freshman male honorary, may be picked up from Leslie Hewes, Avery 318. The certificates are from the spring initiation.



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the dorms' part" was a major factor in the donation increase, Wingender said.

Carol Enenbach, AUF president, said the sororities experienced increased participation. Total donations amounted to \$1,400 in 1971 and \$1,526 in 1972. The AUF goal for sororities this year is \$2,000. Stronger spirit among the competing houses was a main reason for the success, Enenbach said.

Greg Chase, chairman of the fraternity drive, said it's difficult to get the fraternities to participate. A total of \$200 was collected in 1972, he said.

Theme for the 1973 AUF drive is "Give a little, help a lot." Students will vote on the charities Friday, Wingender said.

Due to the abandonment of the off-campus program, AUF officers are hopeful that off-campus students will participate in the drive's raffle sale.

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