

## No apparent increase in part-time employment

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With federal cutbacks in aid to UNL, an increase in tuition costs, dormitory rates and the cost of living, one might expect more students seeking the extra income of a part-time job to stay in school.

A check with local employers and University records, however, shows no noticeable increase in the student work force this fall.

An estimated 5,000 to 5,500 UNL students this fall have part- or full-time jobs on or off campus, this includes about 750 jobs under the work-study program and 3,200 students directly employed by the University.

The Kelly and Manpower agencies for temporary employment report that only a few students have applied to them for jobs this fall, which is about the same as other years.

Jack Ritchie, director of scholarships and financial aids, said the cutbacks in student aid probably haven't led to more students dropping to part-time student

basis and working.

"The students affected by the cutbacks probably wouldn't be here at all this semester," he said.

"This year we're trying to make sure the wealth is spread around," he said. "We have tight controls on who we recommend for employment."

Because of the cutbacks, the UNL financial aids office has opened an employment service for students, managed by Doug Severs.

Some of the larger employers of UNL students, according to Severs, are industries, hotels, restaurants and department stores.

Students work on the average 20-25 hours weekly, according to local employers.

Severs' records show they receive from below the minimum wage for tipping jobs up to \$5.75 an hour for unloading trucks. UNL students can make up three-fourths of a business's total work force, as they do at the Radisson-Cornhusker

Hotel.

Congress recently passed a bill raising the minimum hourly wages from \$1.60 to \$2.20. As of Last Wednesday, the President was expected to veto the bill. If he signs, it could affect the student job situation, for better or worse.

At UNL, the wage would go to \$1.80 after 60 days, \$2.00 after a year and \$2.20 after the second year.

This special allowance was made because schools do not have the funds to meet such an immediate raise.

According to Roy V. Loudon, UNL personnel director, the wage hike would probably mean fewer students employed by the University. "We're only given so many dollars," he said.

Among most city employers, the story is brighter.

A representative of the National Bank of Commerce said the wage hike would make no difference. "We'd have to hire someone, anyway. We don't hire students just to be hiring students. If they can help

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