

## Lawyers to aim for students' legal education

By Dianne Barry

They're young. Both were in the Peace Corps for two years. They are said to be qualified, experienced lawyers. And they have been hired to advise and counsel UNL students on a part-time basis through a new program called Legal Aid for Students Office (LASO).

They are Bruce Hamilton and Doug German, private attorneys in the Hamilton and German Law Offices and Legal Clinic at 1030 O St.

The two received formal approval for the new position at Friday's Board of Regents meeting.

Hamilton said that they hope to get the program started and in operation by Nov. 19, but there is still the "drafting of the contract to decide what we can do."

The main objective of LASO is to set up an office where an attorney can counsel a UNL student about any legal problem and help the student resolve the problem through negotiating steps. As the students' attorneys, Hamilton said they would not be allowed to represent the students' cases in court.

"Many things can be resolved out of court, so the student body shouldn't throw up its hands and say it's not worth it," German said.

Hamilton said this has been the negative feedback on the program but that usually it is only one case in ten that go to trial. If the student needs to go to trial, the office will operate a lawyer referral service, he said.

"We can't use that place to get ourselves business," Hamilton said.

"I think it's very important that this thing be institutionalized and not associated with personalities if it's going to operate over a period of years," German said.

"If it's to be viable, it will have to

be advertised and viewed in the same way as a health center," he added.

Hamilton said the first step will be to develop a means to publicize the program through media coverage and through posters put up around campus.

He said he hopes there will be a big demand for the program so, ASUN can return to the Board of Regents and show them what the program has done.

Another area they said they hope to develop is educational tools in the form of pamphlets on questions such as "what you should do if you're arrested," and consumer and landlord-tenant problems. Being available to speak to groups is another possibility.

"The things that we've dreamed up will take much more time than we have set out," German said. The students' attorney is supposed to be on a part-time basis of 20 hours per week.

Hamilton said the office would probably be open four days a week. He would be there two days and German would be there two days.

They said they were planning to get a program started with the UNL Law College and have law students as voluntary assistants.

In the original proposal, ASUN suggested a \$7,500 salary for the attorney, \$1,620 to the attorney's secretary and \$250 for office supplies.

Hamilton said that he and German would continue to operate their private firm on a full-time basis.

"We're absolutely going to die here (in their private practice) though, if the whole student body thinks we're full-time in (LASO)," Hamilton said.

Although the LASO program is new for UNL and Nebraska, similar programs have been tried in other



Newly-confirmed students' lawyers Bruce Hamilton and Doug German.

schools with some success, Hamilton said.

German said they became interested in applying for the job because it is one of the edges where legal profession is heading.

"The ordinary practice of law is pretty dry, but we've taken some innovative approaches in programs in our private practice," German said.

"This is one new area where the public is responding to the needs of students. Bruce and I like to be there out in front," he said.

Before starting in private practice Sept. 1, Hamilton was the director of Legal Aid Society in Lincoln for three years while German was staff attorney and assistant director. Both are graduates of the UNL Law College.

"When I worked for Legal Aid, I worked 75 to 80 hours a week, but

with private practice, it's about a 40-hour week," German said.

In their spare time, German said he plays basketball or runs while Hamilton gets in a few tennis games.

"We still try to stay young. And we occasionally show up where students go," Hamilton said.

Both are 31.

"Doug isn't married so he keeps later hours than me," Hamilton added with a smile.

He said he was also interested in politics and reading.

He said they were both interested in developing new ways to make the legal system work for people who were formally excluded from the process.

"A students' lawyer is just another way of making legal aid available," German said.

## Need gift idea? Try cookbook

The cookbook prepared by the UNL Faculty Women Newcomers Club goes on sale starting today, according to Mrs. Anne Manning, chairman of the project.

Proceeds from the sales will be used to fund scholarships to UNL women students on the basis of financial need and scholastic achievement, she said.

Entitled "Nebraska: The Good Wife", the cookbook will be carried at the University and Nebraska Bookstores and Sheldon Art Gallery. Cost of the book is \$3.

"The cookbook makes a good Christmas gift because it is so useful," she said. Included with more than 340 recipes is a good section of fondue and foreign recipes, Manning said.

Printed at University Press, the book is "really representative of the University faculty," Manning said. "Practically all the departments got involved."

Along with a leather-embossed cover, the cookbook has red plastic binding to emphasize the theme "Go Big Red." The book also will be sold Nov. 24 at Brandeis downtown and Dec. 2 at Richman-Gordman, Manning said.

## Scott site possible for ag research

The on-again-off-again Hiram Scott proposal appears to be on again after Friday's Board of Regents meeting in Lincoln.

The controversial proposal to acquire the former Scottsbluff college was given new life in a recommendation that the board's property committee investigate using the land for expanded agricultural research.

The regents nearly one year ago went on record favoring the acquisition without cost of 225 acres of land and several buildings. Should the University accept the gift, the federal government has agreed to turn over a library-classroom building also without cost.

Gov. J.J. Exon vetoed legislation directing the University to accept the property. At the request of the regents, he appointed a special committee to investigate proposed University acquisition of the site.

That committee, by a 7-3 vote, recommended against the University taking the former campus for the program it had in mind.

"How can this body ask the governor to appoint a committee and completely disregard its recommendations?" Regent Robert Koefoot said at Friday's meeting.

Koefoot served on the special committee and voted against the majority decision. He has spoken against any further interest by the board in acquiring Hiram Scott, however.

The formal proposal to review the issue was made by Regent J.G. Elliott of Scottsbluff.

Elliott said since the committee reported its decision "a great deal of interest" has been made for using Hiram Scott for expanded agricultural research and educational programs.

His motion for the property committee to "examine the land and buildings with a view to their suitability for these uses" and report back at the board's January meeting was adopted on a 6-1 vote.

The lone vote against the motion was cast by Koefoot who said any further interest by the board in Hiram Scott was "foolhardy."

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