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Law, psychology combination first of its kind in U.S.-Sales

By Charles Johnson

March 16 the Board of Regents approved a unique program joining the UNL Law College and the Psychology Dept.

"This is the first program of its kind in the country," said Bruce Sales, assistant professor of psychology and director of the Law-Psychology Graduate Studies Program, which will be initiated in the 1974-74 school year.

The program leads to the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree and a Ph.D. in psychology. It will train lawyer-psychologists who will be able to study the legal system and process in order to aid its development, according to Sales.

Graduates of the program will have "unlimited types of job opportunities," Sales said.

"We foresee that these people will wind up in jobs in education, as practitioners using their specialized skills and as advisers at state and federal governmental levels," he said.

Sales said more than 400 persons have submitted program applications, which currently are being reviewed. Only four or five students will be selected each year for the program.

The program will take five years, including summers, to complete. All course work, however, will be completed in four years, after which the student receives J.D. and takes the bar exam. The fifth year is spent on a doctoral

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dissertation in psychology.

The courses offered in the program will be from those presently offered by both the College of Law and the Psychology Dept. In addition, four new courses have been approved to be offered in psychology: Law and Psychology I and II, and Law and Social Science | and ||.

Sales said he hopes an undergraduate course someday will be offered in law and psychology.

He said the need for the program became evident when long term study by a special government commission concluded in 1969 that the social sciences must integrate into the legal system and the legal process.

The commission asked for both interdisciplinary research between law and social sciences and an interdisciplinary training program between the two fields.

Sales said he has the necessary credentials to direct such a program. He received a law degree from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Rochester.

He said the program's course work will reflect thorough training in law, psychology and in interdisciplinary studies between law and the social sciences and law and psychology. He noted that the opportunities for individual study were unlimited.

Though the program is receiving no special funds, Sales said he expects federal or private agency funds will be allotted in the future.

Students selected to Phi Beta Kappa, a national arts & sciences honorary society, this spring their hometowns and majors are:

Harriet J. Cummins Anderson, Seward, journalism, Marie Eileen Baack, Lincoln, social welfare; Craig Alan Blocker, Lincoln, physics and mathematics; Rodney Bohac, Norfolk, Russian history; Richard Brunken, Omaha, chemistry.

Scott Cooper, Madrid, zoology; Paul David, North Platte, integrated studies; Douglas Davidson, Lincoln, mathematics; Michael Dill, Valentine, political science; Steven Dunbar, Omaha, mathematics; John Elder, Hallam, psychology; Margaret Emmons, Hastings, music.

Marijane Look England, North Platte, mathematics; William Freudenburg, West Point, integrated studies; point Robert Glenn Goodwin, Omaha, geology; Scott Greenwood, Grand Rapids, Michigan, zoology.

James Guilford, Oconto, chemistry; James Gump, Lincoln, speech communication/history; Judith Ann Geiger, Harper, mathematics; Ann Katherine Henry, Lincoln, zoology; Mark Hutchins, Lincoln, medicine; Neal Hyde, Lodgepole, zoology; William Jaksich, Omaha, mathematics.

Steve Jones, Lincoln, law; Michael Kafka, Lincoln, medicine; Denise Kleen, Franklin, mathematics; Jan Marie Konopik, Kearney, history/social science; Nancy Joan Portwood Kohler, Geneva, sociology; Melvin Mark, Greeley,

psychology.

Janet Marymee, Omaha, computer science; David Morrison, Bartlesville, Okla., history and political science; Jeffrey Milbrandt, Hooper, integrated studies; Frederic Ogren, Lincoln, chemistry; Frederick Parmenter, Fort Schafter, Hawaii, political science; Marilyn Peters, Ralston, zoology.

Donald Lee Prochnow, Bellevue, English; Victoria Pulos, Lincoln, history; Donald Russell, Chandler, political science; Debra Schaffer, Lincoln, integrated studies; Sonia Schone, Omaha, French.

Paul Sherrerd, Kimball, integrated studies, Mark Stelzer, Elk Creek, French; Amy Svehla, Omaha, zoology; Gregory Swift, Omaha, physics; Martha Traudt, Lincoln, mathematics; Judy Zaiman, Omaha, English; Joseph Mahaffy, Lincoln, English; Kenneth Lee Wright, Hastings, art.

Suicide . . .

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Hubble had been researching the possibility of opening separate suicide clinics on campuses. But to date, the clinics, most of which are operating on the East and West Coasts, have not proven their worth, he said.

"Not one clinic can definitely prove it can deal with suicides better than methods now used," Hubble said. "We should shape up what we have now."

Most suicide referrals are made either by families, friends or health aides. One source, which could be the most beneficial, however, is being neglected, he said. "We are losing a great potential by not getting the faculty to help us as a referral service," he said. Hubble urged that faculty liaisons be set up to work with the centers,

This was among the suggestions Hubble and members of the UNL Mental Health staff presented to a Student Affairs study group two weeks ago.

Health Center personnel and representatives from the Counseling Center and the Student Housing Office attempted to "find means to deal with life threatening situations (suicides, drug use and fighting, for example) that are more effective than present methods," said meeting coordinator Ely Meyerson, administrative dean of Student Affairs.

Periodically, the Student Affairs staff looks at working relationships with students to see that everything possible is being done to help students in these "life threatening" situations, Meyerson explained.

Two observations dam out of this self-evalutation. First, Meyerson said, present staff are well trained, and deal admirably with student emotional problems.

Second; the Student Affairs staff vowed to intensify the training of student assistants living in residence halls to better help students, he said.

Meyerson said the study group would meet several more times to develop firmer, more constructive recommendations.

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