

Foundation grant to finance ed-law degree

By Betsie Ammons

The Ford Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to UNL to finance a joint degree program in the graduate colleges of Education Administration and Law.

Dale Hayes, professor of Education Administration, and John Gradwohl, professor of Law are creators and directors of the program.

Students participating will complete up to five years of study, earning both a law degree and a Ph.D. in education administration, according to Hayes.

The Ford Foundation, which awards grants to educational institutions for research, was founded by automaker Henry Ford.

Hayes said the program, which will start next fall, is designed for people already in the education profession, such as school superintendents and associate chancellors of universities. He said a prerequisite of the program is a master's degree in education administration.

Administrators with law degrees will be qualified to handle legal problems without hiring another lawyer, Hayes said. He said programs such as the one at UNL will reduce the shortage of education law teachers.

Hayes said the program evolved from a course in education administration and law taught by Gradwohl and himself. He said they recognized the need for a joint degree program with the growing enrollment of the class.

Although the University of California-Berkeley and Harvard University have Ford Foundation grants for research in law and education, UNL is the first to offer a degree in both, Hayes said.

Gradwohl said the foundation reviewed four different working budgets by he and Hayes to determine how much money would be awarded.

"We were hoping for a little larger grant," Gradwohl said. He added that more aid may be given after the program starts.

Gradwohl said that \$85,000 of the grant will be used for student aid and the remaining money for financing the program.

Students working on a joint degree will spend their first year primarily studying law courses, Gradwohl said. He said six hours will concentrate on courses simultaneously teaching education, administration and law.

Gradwohl said the law school will accept nine hours of education administration courses, on topics concerning school policies and finances. He added that 12 hours of law courses will be recognized by the college of education administration.

Gradwohl said that in addition to courses already used, new courses now are being developed.

"These will deal with politics of education administration and legal issues in public employment," he explained.

"The joint degree program will create a new specialty of law practice," Gradwohl said. He said that options include representing teachers associations and different organizations within universities.

"Law jobs are getting harder to find," he said. "That increases the need for specializing in a certain type of law."

Gradwohl said he thinks the development of what he called "interdisciplinary courses" such as this are "of tremendous value to the university."

He said it is a "relatively inexpensive" education, and adding faculty members to teach the course will not be necessary.

This is the third interdisciplinary program the Law College has developed, he said. There is a master's program in Economics and Law, and a Ph.D. in Law Psychology, he added.

Gradwohl said there may be a project between the colleges of business and law in the future.



Photo by Steve Boerner

An appropriately attired youngster (top) is prepped for the photographer at the Mexican-American Student Association's (MASA) "family night" Sunday afternoon.

The night, which was sponsored jointly by MASA and the GI Forum, an organization of Mexican-American veterans, was held at the National Guard Armory and included games, a Mexican food dinner, and music by Ray Camacho (bottom photo) and his group from Fresno, Calif. It was part of MASA's weekend celebration of Mexican Independence Day, Sept. 16.

Prices higher, paper cups smaller

Business up for Union food service

By Barbara Lutz

With 2,000 more students at UNL this year, the Nebraska Union is receiving more business. But lines are longer, prices higher and paper cups smaller.

Bob Richeson, assistant director of food service at the Union, said he had few choices in his attempts to deal with inflation and more mouths to feed.

Union food services are self-supporting, and do not receive money from student fees. The City Campus Union makes a profit and must support the East Campus union, he said. Both unions are non-profit institutions.

No more staff

It is impossible to add more staff to accommodate the crowds, Richeson said, because the Union is "budgeted for x-number (of staff) for the year." The budget is determined by the amount of business done each year in relation to food costs.

Richeson said the only change would be an increase in part-time student help.

"The change in food costs is phenomenal," Richeson said.

Meat (especially pork, bacon and sausage), sugar, milk and ice are more expensive, he said.

Cheese sandwiches now cost 30 per cent more than a hamburger.

One of the most noticeable changes has been in the size of drinks. A "huge jump" in paper prices in addition to prices of sugar, coke syrup, ice and labor caused the reduction, Richeson said.

Sizes shaved

Cup sizes were shaved from 14-oz. to 12 oz., and still sell for 20 cents. A larger size will be offered sometime, he said.

Richeson said he "felt it was unfair to raise the price to 25 cents" because the increase would essentially be used to pay for the paper cup, not the drink.

Richeson sets prices for the City and East Campus Unions.

"We strive to have the lowest prices we can," he said.

Other costs

The cost of meat is not the only factor that determines the cost of hamburgers, however.

In setting food costs, Richeson said he considers labor, laundry, dry cleaning, water, lights, gas, cleaning, insurance and telephone bills, postal fees, permits, licenses and freight.

Another major expense is what Richeson called the "outfitting of students' apartments with Union china and silverware." He said "replacement (costs) of silver and china far outweigh breakage (costs)."

The only physical changes in the Union food service will be remodeling of the Colonial Dining Room. The dining room will close Nov. 21 and reopen Dec. 8, offering a new soup and salad bar.

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Weather

Monday: Slowly decreasing cloudiness, temperatures in the low to mid-70s. Southwest winds ranging from 5 to 15 mph.

Monday night: Mostly clear, with lows in the mid-50s.

Tuesday: Sunny and warmer, with highs in the mid-70s to low 80s.