



A lonely horse is catching a rare moment of winter sunshine.

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Ritchie: fund misuse unintended UNO: charge it

By Todd Hegert

Each year millions of federal dollars are funneled into universities across the nation to aid students and researchers. Some people are wondering how well the money is being used.

Among them is the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. HEW auditors have found misuse of federal funds in two midwest universities, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Iowa, according to the Omaha World-Herald.

Jack Ritchie, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids at UNL said that misuse of financial aid dollars is a problem in many universities, but that little of it is intentional.

Understaffed financial aids offices and lack of knowledge are sources of most mishandled money problems, Ritchie said.

"Most people outside financial aids offices are not aware of the number and complexity of financial aid programs offered through Social Security, the G.I. Bill,

the federal government or the educational institution itself," Ritchie said.

Ritchie said the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids at UNL, has a staff of six full-time advisers and seven secretaries to monitor an annual \$14 million in financial aid.

He said he has requested a larger staff because the current staff is too small to properly administer this much money to students receiving financial aid at UNL.

The UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids has not been checked directly by HEW, he said, but it is audited each year by the UNL business office.

At least once every five years the audit must be submitted to HEW, he said.

Any federal funds that HEW determines have been misused must be repayed by the university, Ritchie said.

"What it boils down to is that it would be better to pay salaries to a larger staff than to have to repay money mishandled due to understaffing," Ritchie said.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha has sent applications for two major credit cards to returning students to encourage them to use credit cards to pay tuition and fees.

Gary Carrico, vice chancellor at UNO, said the applications were mailed to point out to students that credit cards can be used to pay tuition and fees at UNO, just as they can be used at other colleges and universities.

"The university wanted to make students aware of all the possibilities," he said.

"It minimizes collection expenses," he said. With credit cards there are fewer students who don't pay their bills, and therefore, fewer students to follow up on by the administration, he explained.

Credit cards also can be helpful to students who don't have all the cash at once, Carrico said.

Carrico said that the amount charged by the credit card companies for students would be the same as what is charged for anyone else.

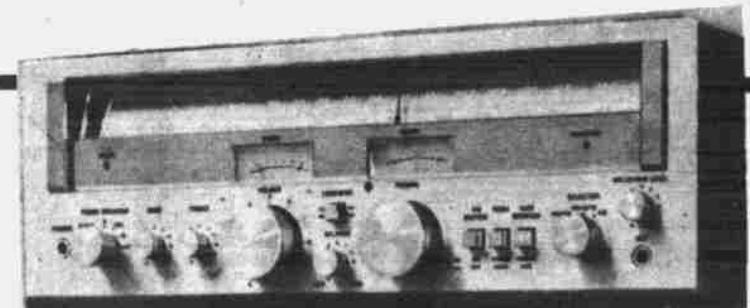
The idea to inform students on the credit card possibilities was developed by the UNO staff, Carrico said.

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