

Director proposes blood program for UNL students

By Kathy Stokebrand

The public relations director for the Community Blood Bank said she would like to see a different program established on the UNL campus to protect students better than the present blood donation system does.

With the bank's family-student program, the students would not have to replace every pint of blood they use from the blood bank.

With the present system, Gloria Devoe said, the blood bank joins the Red Cross for a portion of its campus blood drive. This is to replace the blood used by university students in blood bank-supplied hospitals that are not members of the blood bank. The first such joint drive on campus was last spring.

All hospitals in Lancaster, Seward and Cass counties only are supplied by the Community Blood Bank, Devoe said. Because many students are from elsewhere, few of them are members of the Community Blood Bank.

When non-members enter a hospital in one of these three counties and require a transfusion, they must re-

place or find someone else to replace each pint of blood they use.

In the blood bank's family-student program, students are asked to voluntarily donate one pint of blood per year. All students at UNL would then be covered for any amount of blood they required without having to replace those pints used, in this three-county area.

Nebraska Wesleyan University and Union College are among local colleges that have a program in conjunction with the blood bank, Devoe said.

The blood bank had 14,000 families participating in its program, she said. One person in the family is asked to donate one pint of blood per year to cover everyone in the household. If someone cannot donate but wishes to join they may find a substitute to donate for them.

Although anyone who needs it is given blood, Devoe said those who are not members of the bank will be asked to replace the units they used.

Replacement is not a legal, but a moral requirement, she said.

The replacement system was adopted April 1. Until

then a replacement fee for the units was used, of about \$32 per unit. Now there is no cost for the blood itself, but there are processing, cross-matching, and administrative fees.

Records are kept showing whether individuals have replaced the blood they have used or if someone else replaced the blood for them.

Thus far, she said, the new replacement system has worked well.

Twice each month the blood bank joins Red Cross blood drives across Nebraska to replace blood used by members of the Red Cross areas in blood bank-supplied hospitals. A lot of blood is required by the Lincoln hospitals because of the large amount of open heart surgery done here and the presence of the St. Elizabeth burn center, Devoe said.

The blood bank sponsored by the Lancaster Medical Society has had trouble making ends meet, Devoe said. It receives no money from taxation and is self-supporting. Its only income is the processing fee for transfusions.

Rinne: ASUN no longer representative

By Barb Richardson

University Students for Educational Development should not expect help from ASUN in its efforts to get students to attend the December 15 regents meeting, a member of USED said Monday.

"They've been able to chalk up a few victories and now they are not willing to do anything else," Tim Rinne said. "It bothers me that there are no ASUN people here," Rinne said. "I feel like ASUN is no longer representative."

USED plans to distribute leaflets on student fees and flyers urging students to attend next month's regents meeting, he said.

He told the group that student control of student fees is almost non-existent and most students know nothing about student fees.

Rinne said the library issue is not finished because the library may close in future years.

A problem still exists this year because student working hours have been cut, books are not being shelved and it takes too much time to check out books, he said.

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Rinne said that he talked with members of the University Program Council to arrange open forums on minority concerns, but Rinne said minority groups at UNL were reluctant to participate in the talks.

He said because of lack of time and fear of misrepresentation the minority groups did not agree to participate.

He added that there is a chance for the forums if the groups change their minds.

"They are mostly concerned about how you people (USED) got interested in their problems and why USED would want to do anything," Rinne said. He thought that was one of the reasons the groups have been reluctant, he said.

Mary Tate, a member of USED, said that she thought that if the minority groups did not want USED's help then USED should not speak for the groups.

Tate said that the Women's Resource Center would probably not be interested in the forums "because they know their funding is guaranteed for another year and they don't want to aggravate men."

"We shouldn't force other people to act if they don't want to do it," Tate added.

UNL Iranian faces deportation

One Iranian student at UNL will face a deportation hearing on either Dec. 10 or 11, according to the district U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service director.

Dennis Holm district director for the INS office in Omaha, said only one of the 193 Iranian students at UNL had "overstayed his time."

Holm said the student will appear at a deportation hearing. He said the Iranian student would have to show just cause for him to be able to remain in the United States. Holm said the presiding judge would then determine whether to allow the student to remain in Nebraska.

Holm refused to give the name of the Iranian student to ensure him protection, he said.

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