UNL professor receives awards for two books

By Laure Perlinger

After 11 years of researching 16th century Spanish manuscripts from archives in Spain, Mexico and Central America, a UNL history professor has received awards for two books, one resulting from the research.

William L. Sherman's works, The Course of Mexican History and Forced Native Labor in Sixteenth Century Central America, were selected as outstanding academic works in 1979-80 by "Choice," a monthly publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

"I believe that anyone teaching at a state university with a graduate program really needs to work on two levels—teaching and research," said Sherman. "I wanted to do some things directly related to teaching."

Sherman said by doing original research, he made original contributions to his field.

The Course of Mexican History is a textbook for use at the undergraduate and graduate level or for the general public. This book explains the Spanish conquest.

Written by Sherman and fellow historian Michael C. Meyer, it was completed in 1979 after seven years of work. Sherman wrote the first half on pre-Columbian Mexico and the Spanish conquest, and Meyer then wrote the second half. Meyer teaches at the University of Arizona, and is director of the Latin American Area Center.

Widely used

The book is widely used, and has been adopted by about 150 universities including Yale, Princeton. The University of California-Berkeley and UCLA, Sherman said. Many Big Eight and Big Ten universities also use his book.

Sherman said that although a lot of work went into writing the textbook, he now has a better understanding of things that previously were vague

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"I had lived in Mexico for a long time, and taught there, and the other books we had on Mexican history were outdated or too superficial," said Sherman, explaining why he wrote the book.

Four months after the Mexican history book was published, Sherman's other book, Forced Native Labor in Sixteenth Century Central America, came out. It deals with the conquest and enslavement of Indians of Central America, and was written for other historians, graduate students and professors.

Indian women

Sherman's research of 16th century Spanish manuscripts resulted partly in a chapter on Indian women, which is the most unique feature of the book, because this topic has never been studied before, he said. The degradation and humiliation of the native aristocracy is also emphasized.

Sherman said he wrote the book because this was his area of research and "historians are supposed to write." The difference between history teachers and historians is that history teachers teach history, and historians write history, he said.

Most history is written by teachers at universities, which have graduate programs, Sherman said.

Sherman came to UNL 12 years ago and teaches several Mexican history and Latin American courses.

"Everyone in this department writes history," said Sherman. "We all have Ph.D.s." Within the last three years, the people in this department have published 22 books, 88 articles and 216 book reviews.

"Without question, we are one of the most prolific departments in the university," he said.

ASUN calls for Prokop's resignation

By Kent Warneke

Robert Prokop's future as a member of the NU Board of Regents may be limited.

The ASUN Senate, in an unanimous voice vote, passed a resolution calling for immediate steps to be taken to effect Robert Prokop's dismissal from the Board of Regents.

The resolution, sponsored by 15 senators out of the 29-person Senate, also instructed that the regents should publicly admonish and censure Prokop.

Almost immediate approval was given to the resolution, which stemmed from Prokop's recent letter to the editor in the March 6 edition of the Daily Nebraskan.

The UNL English Department's integrity was "blatantly and fatuously attacked" by Prokop's letter, which implicitly and unfairly questioned the moral character of the faculty members, the resolution said.

The sponsors of the resolution said Prokop has not fulfilled his regental responsibility to represent the best interests of the University.

Recommendations of appropriation of student fees to the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs' office was also approved at the Senate meeting after a long debate and the passing of two amendments.

ASUN, UPC cut

The recommendations included \$37,228 for ASUN, \$32,900 for the Daily Nebraskan and \$74,714 for the University Program Council in Fund A.

Recommendations were also given for Fund B users, which included the health center, the recreation department, the Nebraska Union and the debt service

totaling \$2,925,582.

During the meeting, the Senate cut \$1,800 from the ASUN total and added \$1,290 to the University Program Council's total.

The ASUN cut resulted from the lowering of the Student Legal Service attorney's salary from \$14,800 to \$13,000.

ASUN President Bud Cuca said with the resignation of Robert Lange from that position, he felt a replacement could be found with the lower salary.

The increase in the UPC recommendation was to allow the Free University program to be run two semesters instead of only one.

Experience here

Art Morrow, chairperson of Free U, said in previous years they didn't have the budget or experience to make a worthwhile program, but now they do.

"We need the money now so we can put on a program that will attract a large amount of students and community people also," Morrow said. "If we have the money needed, then we could conceivably make the program self-supporting in a few years because it will have gotten a good, strong start."

Sen. Maureen Kerrigan asked if the Senate could justify giving additional money to a program that only drew approximately 125 people last year.

Morrow said the lack of time to publicize the program last year caused the small attendance.

In other business the Senate approved the appointments of Bud Cuca, Hubert Brown and Bob Gleason to the Publications Board, which sets operating guidelines for the Daily Nebraskan.

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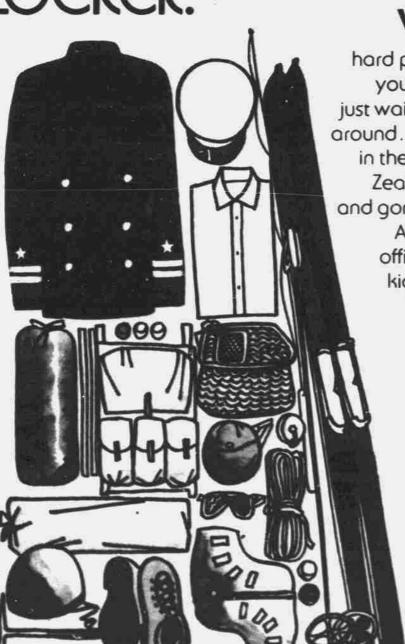
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