

Weather

Mostly cloudy and cool today with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. Expect a high of 71. Cloudy tonight with a continued chance of thunderstorms and a low of 60.
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Health center continues search for administrator

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Staff Reporters

The University Health Center has been without an administrator since January, but health center officials say they have maintained normal operations.

Dr. Gerald Fleischli, medical director and acting administrator of the center, said he shares most of the duties normally handled by the administrator with other staff members and Gary Wilkinson, director of health center business services.

Former administrator Stephen Blom left the health center to become executive director for the American College Health Association in Rockville, Md. He was the last of several administrators who did not stay at the center long.

Fleischli, who has worked in student medicine for about 10 years, said most of those administrators left because of "organizational stress and instability." He said they did not know the "complexities of the operation," and the job overwhelmed them.

Blom's leaving coincided with the departure of former Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Richard Armstrong. Before leaving, Armstrong appointed Fleischli as interim administrator, said Suzanne Brown, assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs.

Rudy Lewis, who filled Armstrong's position on Aug. 1, currently is working to fill the vacancy, Brown said.

Fleischli said a committee is being formed to find an administrator, whose job would include overseeing the die-

tary, laboratory, pharmacy, physical therapy and X-ray departments.

Despite administrative changes, the health center has been extensively renovated, including an addition. Wilkinson has handled most of the administrative details of the addition.

Fleischli said the new structure should be finished by mid-October. The building will provide 20,000 square feet of space for an expanded mental health clinic, extra lab space, offices and consolidated exam rooms, Wilkinson said.

The addition will upgrade the health center so it can accommodate UNL's 24,000 students. The center, built in 1958, originally was designed to serve 10,000 students.

The addition will allow some services to expand, but no new services will be added.

Overnight care will be reduced from 14 hospital beds to six because of advances in outpatient care, Wilkinson said. Many patients can treat themselves at home more cheaply and safely, making a smaller overnight care facility practical, he said.

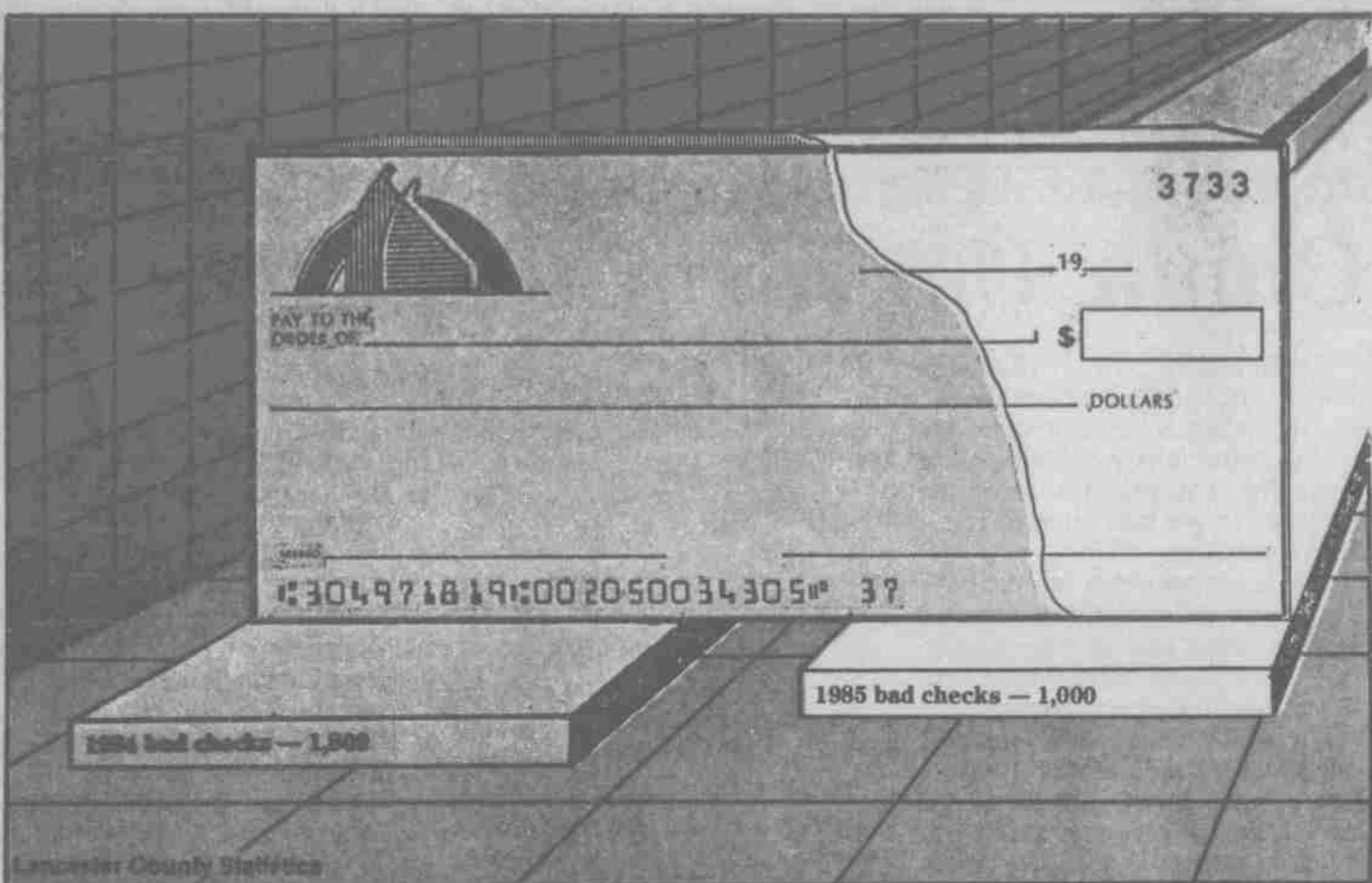
Fleischli cited stability and unity as two reasons the health center has functioned as well as it has without a permanent administrator.

"All staff members have pitched in," he said.

The health center treats 42,000 to 43,000 students each year.

"On the average, a student will visit us just one or two times in all the time they're here," Wilkinson said. "It's a healthy group."

More than 80 percent of the health center's patients are 18 to 22 years old, Wilkinson said.



Students' bad checks increase

By Janis Lovitt
Staff Reporter

Although the number of bad checks written in Lancaster County decreased about 30 percent from last year, more college students are bouncing checks this fall, said a Lincoln check counselor.

The number of bad checks written by students usually increases during the fall semester, said counselor Terry Pace.

Pace, a UNL graduate with a degree in counseling psychology, is one of three instructors in a check-writing class sponsored by the Lancaster County Attorney's Office in Lincoln.

College students make up about 25 percent of each of Pace's classes. Many students don't know the consequences of writing a check that doesn't have the money to cover it, he said.

"People don't realize how soon that check will reach the bank," Pace said. "Too many people count on their check floating until they get more money in their account."

Misunderstandings in student relationships can cause checks to bounce, he said.

"One roommate may count on his or her other roommate to hold the rent check for a time," he said. "They might write other checks thinking that the rent check was never cashed. The checks come in, but there isn't any money there."

The check-writing class is designed to teach college students, as well as other offenders, how to balance their budgets, he said.

During the eight-hour class, lessons are given on responsibility, balancing checking accounts, budgeting and bet-

ter money management, Pace said. Students have given the class excellent evaluations, Pace said. He said he thinks the number of bad checks has decreased because of the class.

The check-writing class is new to Lancaster County, said Eric McMaster, director of Lancaster County pre-trial diversion.

McMaster noticed the effectiveness of the check-writing classes in Arizona. He said he thought Lancaster County needed a similar program.

The class, which is part of a National Training Institute in Texas, started in Lancaster County in July 1984, he said.

Since then, McMaster said, the number of bad checks has decreased 30 percent to 40 percent.

McMaster said all checks turned in

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Regent addresses NU budget

Selective cuts needed, Hoch says

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

State officials who say NU must reduce its scope should take care "not to cut at the heart of the university," NU Regent Nancy Hoch said Tuesday night.

Hoch, who lost to Sen. J. J. Exon in last year's race for Exon's senate seat, spoke about NU budget issues as the featured speaker at the UNL College Republican's first meeting of the school year.

Nebraskans should work for excellence throughout the NU system rather than just a few programs, Hoch said. Proposals to eliminate entire NU colleges such as the College of Pharmacy, she said, "send the wrong message" and reduce

educational opportunities for Nebraska youth.

"We have just one comprehensive university in the state of Nebraska," she said, "...and we need it. It's important to us."

The NU Board of Regents, Hoch said, favors more selective budget cutting so the university can preserve the core of its programs. Although the regents rejected a proposal to close the College of Nursing's Lincoln division, she said, they trimmed budgets for the college's Lincoln and Omaha divisions to save money now. Projections show Nebraska will need more nurses with bachelor's degrees in the future, she said.

Hoch said NU needs to raise faculty salaries to attract and keep

good faculty members. Although Nebraska ranks sixth in the Big Eight in tuition rates, she said regents should not use tuition hikes to raise salaries. Such hikes, she said, would increase the percentage of instructional costs students pay.

"We have a responsibility to see that you don't pick up what the state drops off (in funding)," Hoch said.

Voters should let elected officials know how much Nebraskans want from NU, Hoch said. Students, she said, should tell their parents NU is "planning well and carefully" for the future.

"I think you (the students) are our best ambassadors," she said. "I hope you will speak for it."



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