

Dorm bill deferments to continue until aid is awarded

By Jim Beckman
Staff Reporter

Residence hall students who have not received their financial aid awards will continue to have their housing payments deferred until they receive their awards, said Sue Gildersleeve, assistant director of University of Nebraska-Lincoln housing for business services.

However, only students who applied for financial aid by Aug. 1 will receive immediate attention said John Beacon, interim director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

In August, Beacon said, he realized that about 2,800 students who had not received their awards would probably not receive aid by the time tuition and housing bills were due.

Beacon said tuition payments will be deferred until Oct. 28.

Awards were delayed by a number of problems caused by a new software system being integrated with the old computer system at the office, Beacon said.

James Griesen, vice-chancellor for student affairs, and Doug Zatechka, director of housing, approved a letter Beacon sent to students in August explaining that their housing and tuition fees would be deferred until their awards were processed.

Beacon then gave the student list to UNL housing to verify which students were entitled to deferred payments.

Students who applied for financial aid in mid-August or later probably will not receive housing payment deferments, Beacon said.

"We do realize," he said, "that

some students sent in late forms for legitimate reasons."

Gildersleeve said all students who have not received their awards should come to the housing office 1010 Seaton Hall to sign a form to acknowledge a deferment of their housing fees.

"We hope that students won't wait for a deadline but will pay their bill as soon as their check comes in," Beacon said.

He also said he hopes students don't try to deceive the office by ignoring financial aid eligibility forms, which may report no need, just so they can continue to put off their payments.

Gildersleeve said she would defer payments for students who find they're not eligible for financial aid and have no other immediate means to make payments.

Beacon said housing and tuition payments will be deferred until the original group of students that applied before Aug. 1 have been awarded.

About 10 percent of this group have not received awards yet, he said. Beacon said he thinks the software,

called the financial aid management system, will be functioning properly by next year and will allow fall awards to be sent out by the end of the spring semester.

"We don't want this to happen year after year," Beacon said.

Aging research forum commences today

By Bryan Thomas
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will host the Fifth National Forum on Research in Aging today and Thursday at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education on East Campus.

"One of the main goals of the forum is to re-emphasize the importance of social support networks to

physical and mental health," said Roselee Yeaworth, dean and professor for the College of Nursing.

Yeaworth also said that people in policy-making positions need to look at how their decisions affect the social networks of all people.

Doctors, nurses, social workers and those doing research on aging will attend the forum.

Between 20 and 28 states will be represented at the forum, which will

feature 50 separate sessions.

Some of the featured speakers include Andrew Achenbaum, research scientist at the University of Michigan's Institute of Gerontology and professor of history at the University of Michigan; Reubin Andres, research fellow and honorary visiting physician in the Gerontology Research Center at the National Institute on Aging in Baltimore, Md.; and Yeaworth.

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knowledge of the law."

Ellen Campbell, also from the Family Policy and Regulations Office in the Department of Education in Washington D.C., said the office has received "a lot of questions about it."

Campbell said these questions result from unclear language contained in the Buckley Amendment. While the law restricts the release of student files, it does not deal directly with the posting of grades.

Even with the vagueness in the law, there has been some change in

the method of grade listing.

"I have a recollection that at the time that (the law) went through, there was some discussion," said Edward Zimmerman, UNL physics and astronomy professor.

"Prior to that time, some people had posted grades by name," he said.

According to Rooker, while grades are still listed by name at some universities, there has never been a case where a school has had its funding cut. In all cases where complaints have been filed, solutions have been worked out with the universities involved, Rooker said.



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