

Support staff growth follows national trend

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

Following a national trend, the academic support staff at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has grown, but not as much as at other universities.

The number of "other administrators" -- those who aren't in academic fields -- and professional staff members rose 21.2 percent since 1977.

From information filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission by about 3,000 institutions, the number of "other professionals" -- comparable to UNL's "other administrators" and professional staff members -- rose 61.1 percent to 268,225 between 1975 and 1985, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission defines "other professionals" as college employees whose jobs require degrees but for whom teaching or research is not a primary responsibility. Librarians, accountants, counselors, athletic coaches, lawyers and pharmacists fall under the definition.

Professional staff members at UNL are defined in the regents' bylaws as all salaried personnel other than faculty members and administrators. They include nurses and technical workers, who need degrees for their jobs, but are not administrators.

Kim Phelps, UNL budget director, said most UNL clerical workers -- although statistics are not available -- don't need degrees, so they are not considered professional staff.

Phelps offered several possible reasons for the increase in professional staff members.

One is the increase in the number of research assistants, he said.

Another reason is the consolidation and upgrading of jobs that 10 years ago were done by clerical staff members, he said.

"I guess it reflects upon business in general," Phelps said. "The types of jobs that are occurring in business require more technical and informational background than 10 to 15 years ago."

Between 1977-78 and 1988-89, the number of clerical employees decreased by about 180.

Balancing that decrease was an increase of 240 in the professional staff.



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Paint streams from the brushes of artist Denny Dent after he finished his painting of Elvis Presley. Dent performed his "two-fisted art attack" Thursday afternoon at Broyhill Fountain. He painted four portraits for the audience. "Art has nothing to do with painting," he said in an interview after the show, "It has to do with being and expression."

Students chosen for DN editing positions

By Pat Blagoe
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Three University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been selected by the Publications Board to guide Daily Nebraskan editorial and advertising policies for the summer and the 1990-91 school year.

Jana Pedersen, 19, will be editor in chief of the Summer Daily Nebraskan. Pedersen, of Brookings, S.D., is a sophomore advertising major.

She has worked at the Daily Nebraskan for two years as a reporter, senior reporter and night new editor.

Pedersen said she plans to expand the fea-

tures section of the Daily Nebraskan from last summer and to use more photographs and graphics.

The first Summer Daily Nebraskan comes out June 11. It will be published weekly from June 14 to Aug. 16. In addition, the Summer Daily Nebraskan will publish the New Student Enrollment and Flatwater Festival issues.

Eric Pfanner, 21, has been selected as the Daily Nebraskan editor in chief for the 1990-91 school year. Pfanner, of Durham, N.H., is a junior news-editorial major. He began working at the Daily Nebraskan in January 1989 and has served as a reporter, night news editor and associate news editor.

Pfanner said he does not plan any major format or policy changes in the paper next year

but wants to "build on what we've got."

He said the Daily Nebraskan provides the only news many UNL students get so the paper needs to continue giving readers a broad overview of the news and taking strong editorial positions.

Loren Meirose, 25, has been selected as advertising manager for the 1990-91 school year. Meirose, of Bloomfield, Neb., has worked at the Daily Nebraskan continuously for two years for the advertising department.

Meirose, a senior advertising major, said he plans to expand the classified advertising section of the Daily Nebraskan and make clients more aware of the classified display capabilities of the paper.

Shooting

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of driving while intoxicated, Heavican said.

Erickson pulled into the Amigos parking lot, got out, went to the back of the van he was

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Curtis
Lincoln Police Chief

driving and pulled out a .22-caliber rifle, Heavican said.

The officer who stopped Erickson retreated to his car and called for backup, Heavican said. Erickson paced back and forth in the north

parking lot while police and SWAT officers positioned themselves and closed off Cornhusker Highway and surrounding streets.

Curtis said six customers and two employees hid in Amigos with the doors locked during the standoff.

Erickson repeatedly asked to speak to his father, James Erickson, a Lincoln firefighter. Police told Erickson he would not be allowed to see his father unless he stopped wielding the gun.

Police called Erickson's father to find out why his son might be upset and to get him to come to the scene, according to what was said over a police radio during the incident. A radioed response to that question said Erickson's father thought his son might have been upset about some bad checks he wrote.

Heavican said Erickson's father was with police at Super Saver, 27th St. and Cornhusker Hwy. At one time, police radioed an officer at Amigos and told her that Erickson's father was with them.

The officer told other police that Erickson was willing to put down his rifle if he could hear his father's voice over the radio.

The officer radioed other police at least three more times and reiterated her request to have the father speak over the radio.

Police radioed back, saying they first wanted to secure the area and replace street officers with SWAT team members.

Heavican said he is not aware of any reports that Erickson was willing to put down his gun.

After many threats to police, the standoff climaxed about an hour after Erickson was pulled over. Erickson pointed his gun at SWAT members and asked if they were going to die or he was. That's when the SWAT members fired, Heavican said.

Erickson was pronounced dead at Lincoln General Hospital about 2 a.m.

Police are unsure why Erickson reacted the way he did after he was pulled over. Heavican said Erickson kept saying he didn't want to be arrested again.

According to Lancaster County Court rec-

ords, Erickson had prior convictions for failure to appear in court, reckless driving, writing bad checks, theft, second-degree forgery, trespassing, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of stolen property. He had spent 30 days in jail for theft.

Curtis defended the actions of the police. "He (Erickson) was not allowing the situation to be controlled, and he was in the open," Curtis said.

Police have a hard time controlling a gunman when he's outside because he has more space to move about, Curtis said.

Erickson was very emotional, Curtis said. At one time, Erickson threw a chair at the van he was driving.

Curtis said the situation "went the way it should have went."

But the officers involved in the shooting are "are not handling it" very well emotionally, Curtis said.

"It's nothing more than a tragedy," he said.

Al Schaben and David Fahleson contributed to this story.

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Shirts

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students from selling or distributing such shirts because that kind of a message could provoke a violent reaction.

The proposed fighting words policy is included in a new draft of the UNL Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. The revision of the code must be approved by UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale

and the NU Board of Regents.

But Munn said he has "confidence" in UNL students and isn't worried that allowing students to sell the pro-choice T-shirt will lead to more serious problems, such as shirts touting racism or anti-Semitism.

"Most student groups take a responsible posture," he said.

Munn said he is satisfied that Students for Choice members weren't attempting to insult anyone with the shirt.

"They didn't intentionally try to

hurt the Catholic Church," he said.

Eric Aspengren, a member of Students for Choice, said the group probably will begin to sell the T-shirts again by Monday.

He said he was pleased and surprised by the university's decision because "they don't have a very good record on these things."

"They really didn't have a leg to stand on," Aspengren said, because it was a "strictly constitutional" issue.

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