

Educational administration at UNL ranks in top 25 list of nation's programs

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The Department of Educational Administration in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Teachers College has been ranked in the top 25 educational programs in the nation.

The rankings, produced by the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, listed educational administration departments nationwide.

"It's nice to know that someone outside your department likes what you're doing," said Ron Joekel, department chairman.

Joekel said no other colleges from the Big Eight Conference

were listed in the poll. The rankings did include Big Ten schools and independent schools, such as Notre Dame and Penn State. Rankings were determined from a nationwide sampling survey of scholars in varying academic areas.

"The ranking was nothing we applied for or sent in a bunch of recommendations for," Joekel said.

But the department must continue to move forward, he said.

"We can't rest on our laurels. We're not perfect. We have many things underway right now. We must be doing something right," Joekel said.

Joekel also said he is proud of the ranking and that it is an honor for the department and for UNL.

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Robert Clark, director of student accounts, said he has talked to some of the 1,100 students with Stafford loans for the summer who wanted to know how they could pay for their classes. Students could take out short-term loans through financial aid or borrow from friends, family or banks, he said.

Clark said there are "too many summer sessions, too many students and not enough time," to process deferments of payment.

The federal government has made so many changes in policy, Clark said, that he had to rely on the financial aid office to keep track of all the changes rather than know them all himself.

Beacon said he has "yet to see them (financial aid regulations) become more lenient."

"This is a federal requirement linked to the problems of high de-

fault," he said.

The financial aid office must comply with federal regulations, although the default rate at UNL is a low 3.3 percent, he said.

Beacon said the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid asked the Department of Education if the summer sessions could be considered as one session with four mini sessions.

"That would have made it easier," he said.

But the current system is the best solution possible, he said, because the office has tried to make it easier for students and itself.

UNL could solve the problem by holding just two summer sessions, he said, providing that this year's regulations remain the same for next summer.

The university could establish a five-week summer session followed immediately by an eight-week session, he said. That would both preserve the popular five-week session and allow students 13 weeks of class, he said.

Gosch said "some things need to be done different next summer," but doubted that the UNL would limit the number of summer sessions to two.

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log hasn't been installed yet, Cook said, some students have been confused by what is and what isn't in the

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exchanges by 1,000 from each country would promote understanding between the countries, Bush said.

While in Omaha, Bush also awarded Mad Dads with the nation's 126th Daily Point of Light in his "1000 Points of Light" program.

The crowd of about 2,500 people included one child who wore a shirt stating, "My body is a drug free zone."

Some of the ticket holders to the open-air speech were turned away when officials decided to limit the number of people in the immediate area. Residents gathered outside of the speech area to catch a glimpse of the president.

Speaking in front of a sign that read, "Mad Dads and law enforcement together: taking back the streets," Bush said Mad Dads had done "radical surgery" on what community leaders have called a "cancer festering in the heart of North Omaha."

John Foster, an area resident, founded Mad Dads after his son Sean was beaten by gang members in May 1989. Now the group numbers more than 550, Bush said.

computers.

If students can't find what they're looking for in the computerized system, the standard card catalog files still are available for use in all library branches, Cook said.

About 50 terminals, spread throughout the 12 branches of the library, already have been hooked up to the system for public use, she said, and additional terminals will be added in the future.

An on-line suggestion box invites

comments and suggestions from users about the automated system. Overall, she said, the comments have been positive.

Cook said planning for the computerized card catalog system began in 1986, with funding provided by the Nebraska Legislature.

The circulation system at Love Library has been fully automated for 11 years, she said, but the first public computer terminals were placed in the library April 1.

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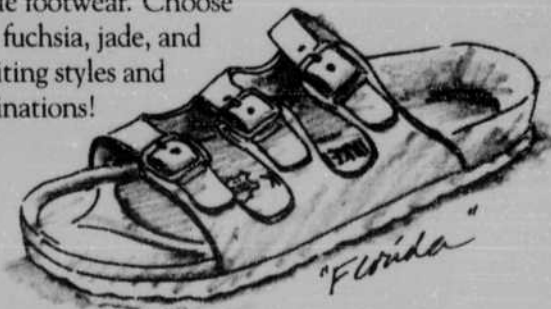
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