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Bereuter introduces loan deferment bill

By Jennifer Dods
Staff Reporter

Students paying for medical school with student loans may be allowed deferments on their loan repayments if a congressional bill sponsored by Nebraska Rep. Doug Bereuter passes.

Introduced on May 1, HR 4690 would increase the time of loan repayment from two years after the completion of medical school to the time students finish their residencies or internships.

Medical students are usually in residency for about three years, said Marilyn McLaughlin, associate director of financial aid at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Medical students usually have seven to eight years of schooling before

they start their internships or residency training, McLaughlin said.

Bereuter said that since all training programs last longer than the current two year deferment policies, physicians may be forced out of their training early and into the work force to make money for repayments.

Making loan payments after the physicians finish their training will reduce fears and pressures about leaving their residency before training is completed, he said.

The bill is in response to the 1989 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, which requires medical students' to repay their loans two years after schooling ends, said Carol Lawrence, press secretary for Bereuter.

The bill has 51 co-signers, but has yet to have public hearings on it, she said.

Faculty group seeks divestment

From staff reports

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln English professor said he is amazed at the amount of attention his group of faculty members is getting.

Paul Olson said the group, formed to encourage the NU Foundation to divest from South Africa, is informal and doesn't do much except sit around and talk about how nice it would be if the foundation followed the state's example and divested.

He attributed the group's notori-

ety to Nelson Mandela's recent visit to the United States.

Nebraska people aren't sympathetic to Apartheid, but he said they usually aren't involved with international issues.

Olson said he is "very surprised with the enthusiasm and concern" about the divestment issue and with what the group is doing.

"If you're onto something that's important, you can see it in people's and your friends' faces," he said.

The group started when one of Olson's colleagues told him she was

concerned about receiving money from the foundation, which has investments in South Africa. Olson then said he also was concerned about the foundation's investments, because he is a foundation professor and much of his salary comes from the NU Foundation.

The two decided to get together and share insights about what could be done to get the foundation to divest, he said.

The group now has about 6-8 members, Olson said.



Bryan Bell, a senior business major, heads for home on his motorcycle Monday afternoon after getting out of summer classes. Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan

Satellite transponder allows vast expansion

By Christine Pillard
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Nebraska is the first state to lease a full-time satellite transponder for educational and public service purposes, according to Kathryn Stephens, network information director for the Nebraska Educational Television Network.

Other states transmit via satellite, Stephens said, but Nebraska is the first to have 24-hour capabilities.

The new telecommunications network, called NEB*SAT, replaced the 25-year-old microwave system Feb. 1. The primary advantage of NEB*SAT, Stephens said,

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Tuck

Tuck receives journalism award

By Kara Wells
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As a journalism professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, George Tuck tries not to get too serious about his job.

"Being a teacher forces you into a strange personality," he laughs. "It's easy to get too deadly serious."

The recipient of the Robin F. Garland Award for outstanding service as a photojournalism educator, Tuck hasn't lost the enthusiasm he brought to the university 20 years ago.

"I like the job I've got.... There's enough flexibility," he said.

For the award, Tuck credits his students.

"It's really the student's award," he said. "... I'm blessed with a lot of good students."

Tuck said he has a wide variety of "top notch students" who do well in the professional world.

He said he teaches his classes differently each semester to avoid repe-

tion. And projects and freelance work also help make his job worthwhile, he said.

Tuck said he puts in about 60 hours

As a photographer, you have to get inside people's mind, you have to pull out the salient elements. Unless you're alert and have a vision, you don't see it all.

Tuck
journalism professor

a week on both teaching in the College of Journalism and working on outside projects.

He said he currently is writing reports for the Associated Press Managing Editors on graphics and

photography. He also is doing freelance design and photography work, working on two book projects and teaching a typography class this summer, he said.

As the president-elect of the UNL Academic Senate, Tuck also is involved heavily in faculty affairs. Even with his hectic schedule, Tuck said he still has time for his students.

"The students are the first priority," he said.

Tuck said he tries to keep in touch with his former students, "to see how they're doing." He said he also hears from students out on internships who are looking for advice.

With an undergraduate degree in clinical psychology, Tuck said he sees himself as a counselor when he advises students.

"I try to make the student independent but still provide them with a support system.... It's like kicking them out of the nest," he said.

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