



## Campus WIC clinics close; thousands may wait for aid

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severe cutbacks. Cutbacks included the closing of two UNL clinics that operated once a month from University Health Center offices on City Campus and in the Nebraska East Union, she said.

Staff and operating hours have also been reduced at other clinics, including Family Service's main clinic at Seventh and J streets, she

Trouba said a waiting list and clinic cutbacks came after the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Nebraska's WIC program would receive about \$743,000 less in the 1997 fiscal year than estimated last October.

The funding shortfall is heightened by food costs that rose about 3.3 percent between August 1995 and August 1996, according to the Consumer Price Index. The cost of dairy products rose 8.9 percent during that period.

As a result, Trouba said only pregnant or breast-feeding women and infants and children with a high risk of malnutrition will continue to be priorities of the Nebraska WIC program. Other new applicants will be placed on a waiting list, sorted by their level of need, until funding to provide services is available.

Applicants with the greatest need will receive aid first, Trouba

Clients on WIC will not lose their aid until they renew their application, she said. But women must renew their application after giving birth, and children must have their application renewed every six months, Trouba said.

Trouba said federal studies show WIC improves the health of mothers and babies, and saves health care dollars by preventing malnutrition and helping clients have healthier babies.

"For every dollar spent on WIC, three dollars are saved on Medicare," Trouba said.

And Wallen said WIC program aid is essential to families being able to afford milk, juice and other basic but expensive staple food items that keep children healthy.

"For many families that's just the difference that keeps their heads above water," she said.

The lack of aid will have a big affect on these families, Wallen said, which help make up the 5,200 Lincoln residents who are WIC cli-

Wallen said she had a client Tuesday morning who said she could not afford milk, cheese or juice for her children without WIC.

"She said she didn't know what she would do," Wallen said.

Trouba said county health officials are concerned how potential malnutrition threatens some needy Nebraska children. Food banks and churches may be asked to fill the needs of those clients forced, to

But county WIC directors are also concerned they will not have funds necessary to maintain WIC program clinics' administrative services, Trouba said.

"They're concerned about being able to provide access to WIC clinics and being able to provide adequate staff," Trouba said.

About \$391,000 of the total

funding shortfall lies in adminis-

trative needs, she said. Wallen said this means about a 20 percent budget cut locally. Lincoln WIC clinics can not maintain the same operating hours and locations with this cut, she said.

Our heart first goes out to the client that doesn't have milk in the house," Wallen said.

But well-staffed clinics are necessary parts of the WIC program, she said.

Trouba said clinics provide nutrition counseling and evaluation, as well as help mothers find prenatal care. Many clinics in Nebraska share space with immunization clinics, reproductive health care services or the Head Start program for young children, she said.

There is a possibility that Nebraska could get additional funding as states return unused portions of WIC funding to the federal government, Trouba said.

"But there is no guarantee," she

Most years, states return enough WIC funds to allow some funds to carry over into the following fiscal year. Congress depended on a usual carry-over when deciding the level of 1997 WIC funding, Trouba said.

But last year, there was no carry over of funds, she said.

Wallen said she's heard rumors that Congress will pass an emergency bill to fill the WIC funding

But funding could not come quickly enough for local WIC clinics and clients who are desperate for help now, she said.

"It's just horrible."

## Senate argues post-tenure review

By SARAH BAKER Staff Reporter

Sponsors of a post-tenure review proposal went to the Academic Senate Tuesday hoping to call the idea to

But objections and controversy postponed a vote until the senate considers amendments next month.

Although the new policy didn't arrive at the committee with a formal recommendation, many of the members seemed upset with some of the points the document presented.

Hugh Genoways, professor of museums, was one who voiced complaints concerning the proposal.

"This document presents an interce in our academic freedom. How make them so vague?"

tenure to "provide a broader view of demic freedom. This proposal is the a proposal as early as March.

progress toward achievement of personal, departmental and university goals.

Now, tenured professors aren't required to face such a review.

post-tenure review would waste time it.' and involve unnecessary paperwork.

Leo Chouinard, professor of mathematics and statistics, said the amount some supported it. of time spent on paperwork for the review process would take up time Jim Ford disagreed with the statement professors need to do research and that the proposal had a negative tone. other required work.

make that more apparent."

Chancellor James Moeser listened e a communema a

The proposal would mandate report post-tenure review," Moeser said. ulty members views for professors who have earned "It is important to protect our acathe Academy and the A

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natural evolution for our academic Others opposed to the proposal said career, and now is the right time for

> Although many members of the senate disagreed with the proposal,

Academic Senate President-elect

"All the policies that are presented "I want to question whether we must be in consonance with already should pass this proposal at all," existing policies," Ford said. "The sen-Chouinard said. "The fact is that we ate should cooperate in the implemenalready do this, and maybe we should tation of the policy, because if we don't do it then the chancellor will."

Ford also stressed that the document saustied the requirements that can you set goals so far in advance and lenged the post-tenure complaints. he had for post-tenure review and that "It's in our best interests to sup- it raised few or no new dangers to fac-

The Academic Senate may vote on

## Road to resolution paved by meeting

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Such dialogue wasn't possible until recently, according to James Smith, UNL's director of multicultural affairs. 'You wouldn't have seen that 15, 20 years ago. "Our students need to be complimented for weathering the storm, keeping the boat afloat — now they're headed to the shore."

Smith said it was possible for minority students to respond in a positive way because of progress made by

Smith said. "The student today can

correctly participate in the system."

The closed meeting was called by APU because the organization thought said the meeti the university handled the situation up concerns. incorrectly, Adair Shanks, APU vice "This was president, said.

resolve things after the cross burning. of us working together."

"We never said 'Can we talk to you?' We missed the ball park." Shanks said APU wanted to talk

Conduct.

"We need to have ways African-American students can feel safe,' Shanks said. "We don't feel safe."

Smith said the Code of Conduct is burning was, in effect, an attack be slow, Shanks said against an entire group.

Sigma Chi president Craig Vacek the APU would set a precedent said the meeting went well and cleared

This was the first chance to put of the decision-making process, some faces with the opposite side of said.

Smith said black students were left this thing," Vacek said. "It changed out when university officials tried to the tone of this from adversarial to one

He said there would be no more cross burnings by his fraternity.

Vice Chancellor for Student Afabout revising the Student Code of fairs James Griesen said the meeting would help open up conversations among UNL students.

We'll seize this opportunity to promote more dialogue between the groups," Griesen said.

student protesters years ago.

"They did all that noisy stuff," on an individual. But he said the cross up everything, though. Changes may

Smith said he hoped meeting with

"We need to make sure it is not unusual for students of color to be part