

March/April Newsletter

This newsletter is dedicated to the mission of Project Achieve, a Federal TRIO Student Support Services Program, and the accomplishments of Project Achieve students

Algebra, Oh Algebra



How many of you have not completed your Intermediate Algebra requirement? Come on, admit it, you know who you are. I have a question for you.....what are you waiting for? Our excellent staff is ready and waiting to help you successfully pass this course.

History Anyone?

In 1965, To Huu, Poet Laureate of North Vietnam wrote these words:

Emily, my child, it's almost dark –
I can't carry you home
Once I have turned into a lamp
Your mother will come looking for you
You must hold your mother and kiss her for me
And you must tell your mother
He died happy. Please don't be sad.
Washington
At Twilight
Oh Souls
Are you hovering or missing?
I have reached the moment when my heart is brightest!

What's the meaning behind the words? Why were these words written? What does this poem have to do with self-immolation? The first two callers with the correct answer will have lunch with the Director.

Student Success Stories

ShoShann LynCook was chosen for membership in Kappa Delta Phi, an international honor society in education.

Josh Woolhiser was named Student Leader of the Month for January.

John Ramirez is co-costume designer for the upcoming UND Theatre production of "Restless".

Marlene Mosher is presenting a paper entitled "The Spirit of Clay" at the Native American Literature Symposium The UND Student Parents Association, of which **Tracy Skalberg McCoy**, **Jamie Anderson** and **Robert Shepherd** are officers, won the campus "72nd Street Food Fight" in December and will receive a trophy in April.



Part II: Principal But No Interest! What You Should Know About Your Student Loan

This section of the newsletter begins part II of a five-part series designed to share with you important information you *must* know about your student loan. As we discovered last month it is very important to know the terms and conditions of your loan. Part II will deal with keeping your loan agent informed, determining the correct grace period, and repayment options. All information on student loans is taken from a book entitled, *The Guide to Federal Student Aid 2006-2006*.

Keep Everyone Informed

Notify your lender or loan servicing agency when you:

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| Graduate | Withdraw from school |
| Drop below half-time status | Change your name, address or social security number |
| Transfer to another school | |

Grace Period

In most instances you have the right to a grace period before your repayment begins. Parents do not receive a grace period for a PLUS Loan.

- Federal Perkins Loans – The grace period is nine months. However, if you're attending less than half-time, check with your financial aid administrator to determine your grace period. During the grace period you do not have to pay any principal, and you will not be charged interest.
- Direct or FFEL Stafford Loans – The grace period is six months.
- Subsidized Loan – During the grace period, you do not have to pay any principal and you will not be charged interest.
- Unsubsidized Loan – You do not have to pay any principal, but you will be charged interest. Remember, you can either pay the interest as you go along or it will be capitalized (added to the principal loan balance) later.

How Much Time Do I Have to Pay Off My Loans?

- Federal Perkins Loans – Up to 10 years.
- Direct and FFEL Stafford Loans – Your repayment period varies from 10 to 30 years depending on whether the loan is Direct or FFEL Stafford Loan. It also depends on which repayment plan you choose. When it comes time to start repaying your student loan(s), you can pick the plan that's right for your financial situation.

SERVICE

6 Homes for 6 Families

Join other Project Achieve students in making this happen during UNO's Spring Break "Seven Days of Service" Give one day (or part of it), Friday, March 16, 2007, to help rehab a home in South Omaha. Can we count on you? Call Connie 554-3695 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

Project Achieve Honors Reception – April 4, 2007

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