

Jackson campaign organizes

By Jeff Goodwin

A group of Nebraska Democrats met Saturday morning to take the first step toward making Jesse Jackson the winner of the Nebraska primary.

The occasion was the initial meeting of the Jesse Jackson for President committee in the 1st Congressional District. The meeting took place in the basement of the Newman United Methodist Church at 23rd and S streets in Lincoln.

Fred Conley, an Omaha city councilman and state coordinator for the Jackson campaign, spoke to the group.

Conley noted the difficulties the Jackson in the campaign faces, then spoke about the goals of the campaign.

"A lot of people are saying that the Rev. Jackson can't win the nomination," Conley said, "but he is defining winning in a different way."

Conley said Jackson hopes to register thousands of new voters and, secondly, to encourage local candidacies by people who share his goals.

Conley said he has been in contact with Jackson's national campaign since last November, shortly after Jackson announced his candidacy.

"The response has been really great," he said. "I've gotten a number of calls from people who want to join the campaign."

Conley said he was hopeful Jackson would be able to make an appearance in the state before the May 15 primary.

Conley said one possible date for a Jackson visit is the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Kearney April 7.

Conley said fund-raising events are being planned in Omaha and Lincoln on Feb. 18 in conjunction with a nationwide fund-raising drive by the Jackson campaign on that day.

Donna Polk, 1st District coordinator, said she was pleased by the meeting's turnout, which totaled about 20 people.

"You always wish there could be more, but considering this is our first meeting I'm very pleased," Polk said. "I think this shows that we have a broad base of support and that we can appeal to a lot of groups."

One of those groups is agriculture and Polk said she has hopes that Jackson can draw support from farmers.

"I think that once we get out there and let them know that we want their support they'll give it to us," Polk said.

She said contacts have been made in an effort to find a coordinator for the 3rd District.

In addition, plans are being made to form student groups for Jackson at Nebraska Wesleyan, Union College and College and UNL.

UNO may accept new insurance plan

By Pam Alward

UNO professors may accept the Mutual of Omaha medical and dental insurance coverage plan currently held by all other NU employees.

Janet West, president of the UNO-American Association of University Professors, said her group currently is negotiating with the NU Board of Regents.

"The university would like us to get into the regular university-wide plan," West said. The dual company system is not favored by administrators, she said.

The insurance plan switch is part of the package being negotiated by the UNO/AAUP and the board, West said.

The Mutual of Omaha plan's coverage is not as good as the Aetna coverage, which UNO faculty now has, West said. But 50 percent of the faculty would save a considerable amount of money with the new plan, she said, because the university's contribution rate is higher.

Because of better coverage and lower rates, the regents switched from Aetna to Mutual of Omaha last July, said Bob Bruce, UNL information director.

With the Mutual of Omaha plan, the

university contributes an average \$94 premium per employee each month, Russell said.

This \$31 difference, Russell said, amounts to approximately one percent of a faculty member's salary each month.

The basic Mutual of Omaha plan includes a \$200 deductible, \$750 maximum pocket expense and 70/30 co-insurance, Russell said. The Aetna plan includes a \$100 deductible, \$500 maximum pocket expense and 90/10 co-insurance.

A high-option plan, also available through Mutual of Omaha, is similar to the Aetna plan, he said.

For example, with the university-wide employee-only coverage plan, employees pay \$3.64 each month, he said. Persons with the high-option plan pay \$17.64 each month, and persons with the similar Aetna plan pay \$31.21 each month, Russell said.

In addition to lower payments, Russell said, the university-wide plan has other benefits. It pays for all outpatient surgery costs and all pre-admission tests, he said.

The dental plan is much improved, he said, because it is not a scheduled benefit plan like Aetna uses.

The winner is...Alison Boyd

By Jane Campbell

Alison Boyd was crowned Miss UNL Saturday night before 200 people in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union.

Kristin Lowenberg, Miss Nebraska 1983, presented the crown to the 20-year-old junior dance major. Boyd is from Nebraska City.

The 11 contestants were judged in evening gown, swimsuit and talent competitions, and had private interviews with the judges before the pageant.

For the talent competition, Boyd choreographed and performed an acrobatic dance routine to a selection from *A Chorus Line*. She also had designed her own costume.

The four top finishers were awarded scholarships of \$200, \$175, \$150 and \$125, respectively. First runner-up was Kimberly Smith, a sophomore fine arts/dance major from

Lincoln. Jennifer Burcham, a UNL graduate with a degree in criminal justice, also from Lincoln, was second. Andrea Walker, a junior theatre major from Cranford, N.J., was third; and Lorene Wagner, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Chapman, was fourth.

For entertainment, Miss UNL 1983 Julie Meusberger performed a flute solo. Miss Lincoln 1983, Shelley Boehmer, sang a selection from the movie *Funny Girl*.

Boyd said she plans to further her education with the scholarship so she can dance professionally. She said she also would like to teach children the creative movement of dance. Dance helps a child's awareness to think and to remember things, which is beneficial in a classroom, Boyd said.

Boyd will represent UNL in the Miss Nebraska pageant in Fremont next June.



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The raffle is sponsored by the Industrial Education Association. The association's goal is to raise enough money to send students to the national convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Tickets can be purchased at the IDEA booth in the union or from any member of the organization.

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