

NCA to review NU accreditation

The high accreditation rating the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) received last year from the North Central Association brought an elated response from UNO's interim chancellor.

"Wow! Fantastic! It was in every way gratifying," said Herbert Garfinkel.

Garfinkel said the high rating undoubtedly will have an effect on the school and the community. He said there has always been a gap between changes made within a university, and the public's knowledge of those changes. He said there had been a lag in public reception of UNO.

"No one was understanding the quality of this place," he said.

Because "seven individuals with strong reputations and integrity have reviewed us so thoroughly," Garfinkel said he hopes people realize a milestone has been passed, and that UNO will get the recognition it deserves.

The representatives from the North Central Association found a lack of state funding, and Garfinkel agreed UNO was "grossly underfunded."

This is not a new problem, and the NU Board of Regents has identified with it, he said. The board does not expect to be remedied overnight, but it is pushing for progress, he said.

The high ratings justified the funds that were available were used well, Garfinkel said, and that high morale was attained in spite of the lack of money.

UNL's accreditation will be reviewed by the North Central Association the last week in April. Representatives from the association will arrive April 25.

"They will be looking at the overall health of UNL," said Ned Hedges, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

He stressed that the association will not review individual colleges, but look at the university as a whole. The NU Central administration, the graduate college and the University of Nebraska Medical Center will be included in the review, he said, but not UNO.

The team would talk with people and conduct interviews, Hedges said, but he did not know what other criteria they would use.



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Marathon ball looks to goal of \$20,000

Dancing all night may not be romantic fantasy, but reality, during the Chi Phi fraternity and KLMS radio dance marathon March 4 and 5.

The marathon, with all proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, is being sponsored for the third year.

Dave Voelte, marathon chairman, said the marathon raised \$13,440 last year, and the goal this year is \$20,000.

If \$10,000 is raised, Voelte said, the couple raising the most money during the marathon will receive an all-expense paid trip to Las Vegas to appear on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy telethon.

There are 43 couples entered in the marathon this year, Voelte said, as compared with 33 couples last year. He said he hopes this number will raise to 60.

The marathon will be in the Nebraska Union Ballroom. Music will be provided by Broke, Essence and the Elastic Band. After midnight, a disc-jockey will provide entertainment until the end of the marathon.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the three couples and organizations raising the most money. There also will be goldfish-swallowing for entertainment, he said.

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