

First brown bag lecturer

To help, try listening — director

By Gordon Johnson

The key in helping someone reach his potential is listening to that person, the director of the Nebraska Human Resources Foundation said last Thursday.

Galen Dodge, who has been the director for seven years, spoke to about 50 people in the Nebraska Union Main Lounge. His speech was the first in a series of 10 "Brown Bag Lectures" scheduled weekly by the University Programs Council.

Dodge explained what a difference a significant person can make in another's life.

People who know how to make a difference are able to listen to someone. Through listening they can excite the person into wanting to achieve his potential, he said.

A significant person could be a teacher, friend or parent—anyone who sparks another into achieving his potential, he said.

Many problems young people have stem from parents who would not listen to them, he said.

"Some psychologists believe that 75 percent of all teenage problems would not exist if parents only listened for 15 minutes each day," he said.

Listening, Dodge explained, means listening and not talking.

When a person listens, he said, he is able to reach

another person by finding his or her hot button."

A person's "hot button," is his special interests or ideas, Dodge explained. Something that would trigger a person into a clearer realization of what he is like, he added.

The research foundation is involved in many areas of helping people find out what they are like, Dodge said.

Presently, he said, the foundation is conducting 10 projects that deal with exceptional children and university volunteers.

By using exceptional children, Dodge said the foundation can learn a lot because those children are taking advantage of their potentials.

Some research also is being done with people who have not achieved their potential, he said, but added that he believes more can be learned from studying gifted people. People who use their potential, he said, can be taught to teach others.

Many of the children used in the foundation's research are sent back to their schools to act as significant people and role models for isolated children.

Quite often, he said, the child leader was able to help the withdrawn child more than anyone else.

Dodge said he is excited by the foundation's research.

"It is like being Lewis and Clark," he said. "Who knows where one will go," he added.



Dr. Galen Dodge

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Cuca: ASUN opposes alumni center location

In the first of three ASUN summer meetings, president Bud Cuca told 17 ASUN senators that he opposes a proposed \$1 million new Nebraska Alumni center.

The center would be built directly north of the Nebraska Union where a staff parking lot currently exists. The adjacent lot, which is metered, would be changed into staff parking to replace the lost space.

Although the senate could not pass legislation for or against the proposed center because it lacked a required two-thirds quorum of its 35 members, Cuca said he believed that most of the senators are against the center.

"My main concern is it's going to take away from parking," Cuca said. He added that he knew of no plans for more parking space and said the people involved in parking planning will probably not make any plans because they expect all UNL parking to be off campus within the next five years.

Cuca said he did not know when plans for the center began, and said the alumni association did not contact him until after school was out in May.

The association must make a planning statement to the university by Aug. 15, according to Cuca. He added that the proposal will then need approval from the Chancellor and the NU Board of Regents.

Publisher Milton Wick, of Phoenix, Ariz., who donated \$500,000 specifically to help build the center, might reconsider spending the money on the center if students let him know they oppose it, according to ASUN Sen. John Parsons.

"I don't know if there's a real need for this," Sen. Jim Davidson said about the center. He said if students say "hey, we hate your building," Wick might seriously reconsider specifying use of his donation.

Cuca also said that Selleck Residence Hall members, who are across the street from the proposed site may not want the building, and also said there is the possibility that it would take away business from the Nebraska Union.

Cuca said plans for the center also might include a statue of Wick which would be placed in front of the building.

The senate also discussed the proposed \$6.4 million addition to UNL's Memorial Stadium.

Regents to reconsider

Cuca said the regents plan to reconsider their 5-3 decision in favor of the addition at their June 23 meeting.

Sen. Renee Wessels said the board will reconsider because "construction costs have reportedly gone up half-a-million dollars," and if the bonds for construction are sold nationally, the interest rate may rise.

If the board upholds its first decision, it will appear before the executive board of the Nebraska Legislature to seek bond sale approval in July.

Wessels also said the regents may face another barrier in addition approval because the board never received required Central Planning Committee approval.

She said a bylaw of the University mandates that all campus building construction must be approved by the committee.

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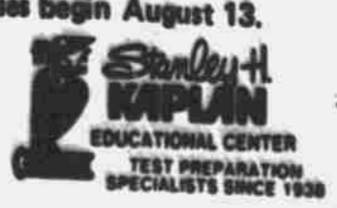
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Jazz quintet performs tonight

The Spencer Ward quintet, a UNL staffed jazz band will appear tonight at Jesse's 14th Street Lounge, 121 N. 14th St. as part of the Lincoln Jazz Society festival.

The band will also perform in the Sheldon Gardens July 6, as part of a summer concert series sponsored by the University Programs Council.

