

# Thirteen try for regents' posts

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Thirteen candidates had filed by the 5 p.m. Friday deadline to represent the sixth and seventh districts on the NU Board of Regents.

Included among the candidates is a UNL senior pre-law major, whose candidacy had been protested by two other UNL students.

Jane Svitak and Carter Kerk, both seniors, filed an objection with Secretary of State Allen Beermann to protest the candidacy of Richard Register. They contended that Register, who lives in the third district, was seeking to represent a regent district in which he does not live.

Register had filed Feb. 14 to run for regent from the sixth district. Kerk and Svitak are from the sixth district. Last week, following a hearing, Beermann rejected the charge that Register was an ineligible candidate.

Since the Nebraska Constitution is vague in its definition of regent election law, Beermann interpreted the phrase in the election laws which says regents "shall be

elected from and by districts" to mean that a person holding a regent seat must be a resident of the district from which he is elected.

Since it is possible that Register still might become a resident of the sixth district, Beermann said he is entitled to continue his candidacy.

Beermann also ruled that if Register wins the sixth district race without being an actual resident of that district, the issue should be solved in court.

Joining Register in the race for regent from the sixth district are eight other candidates. They include: incumbent Robert Simmons, Jr., of Scottsbluff; Dell L. Rosenberry, also of Scottsbluff; D. Neal Smith, of Gering; James L. Zimmerman, Mitchell; Ellis S. Ruby, Lisco; Roger E. Macklem, Bayard; Judy L. Imig, Thedford; and Donn C. Ramond, Gering.

Candidates for the seventh district seat, which will be vacated by Robert Raun of Minden are Harold W. Kay, North Platte; John Payne, Kearney; Don Blank, McCook; and Gerald Beattie, Sumner.

## Red Cross scholarship is available

A \$450 to 500 scholarship will be awarded to the UNL student who has "contributed the most to the Red Cross Lincoln campus chapter," according to a letter by Raymer L. Clanton, Lancaster County Chapter executive director.

The Robert and Lucille Dobson Red Cross Scholarship was initiated this year to reward students for service to the Red Cross and not on the "basis of need," Clanton said.

## Workshops highlight Mexican culture days

A career workshop, a "fun run," a bilingual workshop and Mexican folk dancers will be part of UNL Mexican-American Cultural Awareness Days, March 20 through 22.

Career workshop representatives of national and state corporations have been invited to set up booths to give career information to students, said Ennio Quevedo, program consultant for UNL Campus Activities and Programs.

The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. at Selleck Quadrangle Multi-purpose room. At 9 a.m., Rafael Grajeda, associate professor of English, modern languages and literature, will give a workshop on how to write a resume. Peter Urdiales, executive director of the Nebraska Mexican-American Commission will give

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A selection committee, composed of the Red Cross chapter chairman, the chairman of the youth services committee, the faculty adviser of the UNL student chapter and Arthur A. Dobson II, plan to announce the name of the award recipient at the chapter's annual meeting in May, according to the letter.

Applications for the award, which include a resume of Red Cross activities, which should be submitted by March 1. They will be reviewed by the panel, Clanton said.

If the panel decides no applicant is worthy, no scholarship will be awarded that year. Instead, two will be given the following year, Clanton said.

Joe Roberts, Campus Red Cross president, said the money for the award was contributed by Bob Dobson, a Lincoln businessman.

Dobson is on the Red Cross Board of Directors and has been involved in Red Cross activities for 20 years, Roberts said.

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### Faculty prerogative

Petrowski said he was told that the calendar is a faculty prerogative and the UNO calendar is an administrative function. He said because most courses offered during summer are graduate classes, the schedules should be the same.

"All you have to do is say it is a faculty prerogative," Petrowski told the regents.

The regents deferred any action on the calendar until a history of regental action on the matter could be studied.

Ezekiel Bahar, UNL Faculty Senate president, said in most cases the same amount of material is presented during summer sessions as in the regular semesters, but students have to absorb the material more quickly. He said he advises only students who have a good background knowledge of the class to take it in the summer.

Bahar said the UNO faculty is upset that the calendar is an administrative function and not a faculty prerogative as it is at UNL.

In other action, the regents approved a resolution sponsored by ASUN President Bud Cuca praising the Nebraska basketball team. Schwartzkopf said the UNL Men's Swimming team also should be praised.

Saturday was Cuca's last meeting as student regent. "I'm having as hard a time getting out of office as I did getting in," he said, referring to the injunctions which have delayed ASUN presidential election results.

Cuca told the regents that they face difficult decisions in the future.

"The easy ones (decisions) are over," he said. He cautioned the regents to carefully handle the challenges they will face.

## Professors invited

To replace a departing UNL geneticist, a genetics professor will be hired next fall to teach the genetics course which will be required for all life science majors.

A life science search committee has narrowed the field to four candidates, who have been invited to tour the UNL department and give a seminar on their research.

"Genetics is a central discipline in any area of biology," Search Committee Chairman George Veomett said. "It has been a highly recommended course in the past and making it a required class is formal recognition of its importance."

Veomett said he anticipates the new geneticist will teach more advanced genetics courses in the future.

## FIRE to give endorsement

The FIRE isn't blazing, but it's still burning.

The political action committee at UNL, First In Responsible Education, let the Friday filing deadline for two positions on the NU Board of Regents pass without making a public endorsement of any candidates.

However, that doesn't mean FIRE isn't going to make an endorsement.

Mark Hirschfeld, chairman of FIRE, said it is very close to a decision as to who FIRE will endorse and campaign for in regent Robert Raun's and Robert Simmons' districts.

"We've talked to a lot of the candidates that have filed but we haven't been able to talk to all of them yet," Hirschfeld said. Hirschfeld said that FIRE is very close

to making a decision in Regent Raun's district, possibly within a week, and that efforts will continue for the other position.

"But as soon as we get one candidate, we're going to jump right on it and start campaigning and getting out with the people in those districts," Hirschfeld said.

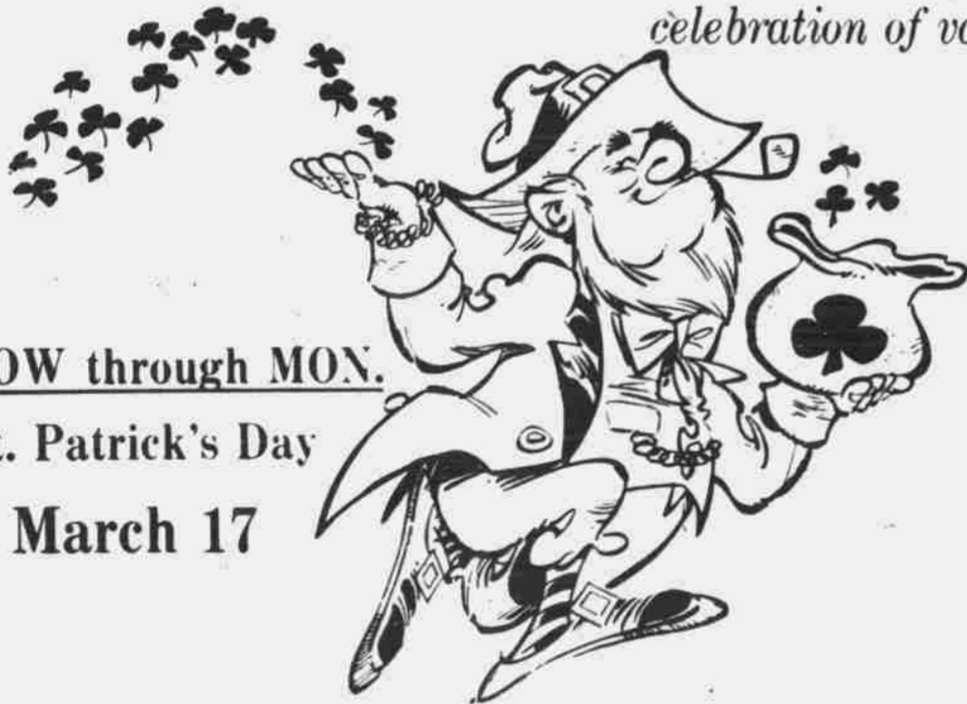
The response to FIRE's quest has been excellent, he said, with a lot of people wanting to participate because it's one way students can get involved in a political process.

FIRE has started soliciting donations on a minimal basis to get money to operate, he said.

"All in all, I'm very excited about the upcoming days and weeks," Hirschfeld said. "I'm pretty confident that we'll find a candidate that students can actively support."

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