

Band's old timers march on, march on

By Mark Hoffman

UNL students Lynn Alexander and Tom Simpson have accomplished something that most football players only dream about—they have come back after their senior years to play in Husker football games.

But not for the football team. They are, and for the past seven years have been, members of the UNL marching band.

They are the old timers of the band. Their 7-year stints have been the longest of any previous band member, according to UNL Director of Bands Jack Snider.

Both Alexander and Simpson are seniors in the Law College. They joined the band as freshmen, and have played with the group through their senior year of graduate school.

Why have they stayed in so long? Simply, they said, because they like music and the marching band.

Alexander estimated he had played at 66 football games, including home games, some away games and five bowl games. Simpson said he had played at about 60 games.

Alexander plays piccolo and Simpson the clarinet.

After watching football fans from every Big 8 school, Simpson concluded that other than UNL, Oklahoma University, and Oklahoma State University, the other schools "have the most god-awful fans."

"I have had snowballs with rocks, oranges

and toilet paper thrown at me," he said. He had been the targets of such missiles at Kansas University, Kansas State University, Colorado University and Iowa State University, he said.

Alexander said that band trips to Boulder Colo. were some of the band's wildest.

"We call them the 'Battie of Boulder,'" he said.

One band member lost almost all of his uniform when he took off on his own instead of staying with the band after one game, Alexander said. Fans jumped the band member and took almost everything he had, Alexander said.

The band usually marches in formation across campus after away games, but at Colorado, it was "not so much marching as a flying wedge," he said. A flying wedge is a protective, offensive football formation with blockers running in a wedge formation in front of the ball carrier.

Away football games had their lighter moments, too.

After Nebraska beat Oklahoma at Norman, in 1972, at what was known as "the game of the century," a drunk came up to Alexander as he was walking with a small group across the Norman campus.

The drunk asked the group to play "Boomer Sooner," the Oklahoma school song, Alexander said.

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Regent Robert Prokop



Regent Ed Schwartzkopf



Regent Robert Koefoot

Skyrocketing fuel costs prompt NU money request

By Michael (O.J.) Nelson

NU administrators were authorized by the Board of Regents Saturday to seek as much as \$847,993 in additional appropriations from the Legislature to cope with skyrocketing fuel costs.

Before the authorization, UNL Chancellor James Zumberge told the regents that "massive parts of the (UNL campus) might have to be shut down in May" if fuel oil costs cannot be met. The shutdown could mean closing buildings and laying off employees, he said.

"This isn't a case of mismanagement or

Regents refuse support of bills

Two student-oriented legislative bills drew no support from the Board of Regents Saturday. The board refused to endorse the student regent and alcohol-on-campus bills which are pending in the Unicameral.

Regents unanimously rejected backing the student regent bill (LB323). If passed by the Legislature, the bill would place a constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot that would place three nonvoting students on the board.

The student regents would be the student body presidents of UNL, University of Nebraska at Omaha and the NU Medical Center.

Of the seven regents who attended Saturday's meeting, only Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln said he favored students on the board.

"I see no reason why this must be done by amendment," he said. "It would seem that we could appoint student members if we wished. If this bill is defeated (by the Legislature) we should consider that. I would like to see this board become a model for other states."

Each regent who spoke against the bill said his statements should not be considered an antistudent position. They agreed that if the bill became law, it would, in effect, create a special class of citizen.

With Regent Robert Prokop of Papillion and Kermit Hansen of Omaha dissenting, the board voted not to endorse the liquor on campus bill (LB783). The bill, if approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor, would legalize drinking and selling alcoholic beverages on college campuses.

Only Prokop spoke on the measure.

"It's time this board got its head out of the sand," he said. "Liquor on campus is going to come someday. Let's do it now and get it over with."

poor management," he told the regents. "We were budgeted to pay 10 cents a gallon (for fuel oil) and we are now paying 26 cents. It was completely unexpected."

The price increase has affected the UNL campus most severely. About \$600,000 of the estimated deficit is on that campus.

The estimated deficit is not as high for the NU Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, but the chancellors of those two campuses told the regents that deficits there still could cripple operations.

If another request for additional funds is approved by the Legislature, a portion of the NU faculty can look forward to a 10 per cent pay raise. The request was approved by the regents after NU President D. B. Varner said pay increases on the campuses have not kept up with inflation.

An 8.5 per cent increase in faculty salaries had been recommended earlier by Varner. That is 1 per cent more than that recommended by Gov. J. J. Exon.

In other financial news Varner informed the regents that \$934,581 had been granted NU's State University of Nebraska project. The project will use ETV and other communication media to provide college-level courses for persons who otherwise might not be able to take them.

The grant, formally announced Friday by Nebraska Rep. Charles Thone, is financed by the National Institute of Education.

In other business, the regents accepted a report calling for more recruiting of minority faculty and staff members. The Equal Opportunity Task Force reported that of the more than 11,000 persons employed by the University, 6 per cent are minorities, and 46 per cent are women.

More than 50 per cent of the minority employees are working in clerical and auxiliary jobs, the report said. It said less than one-fourth of the faculty are women and only 4 per cent are minority persons.

The report also urges more recruiting of minority students. About 3 per cent of NU student enrollment is minority, it said, and of those, more than one-fourth are lower division undergraduates at UNO.

The regents accepted the resignation of Merk Hobson, NU vice president for academic affairs. Hobson, who will leave May 12, resigned to operate family businesses in Wisconsin.

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