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Animal science dept. head sought

A committee to screen nominees and applicants for the new chairman of the Department of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been appointed by Dr. Duane Acker, vice chancellor for agriculture and natural resources.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of Dr. Frank Baker who has accepted a new post at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Dwane R. Zimmerman, professor of animal science at NU, will serve as chairman of the screening committee. Other members include: Dr. Roy

Arnold, chairman of the Department of Food Science and Technology; Dr. Donald Clanton, professor of animal science at the North Platte Station; Dr. Peter Cunningham, associate professor of animal science; William Fulton, graduate student; James Novotny, Dodge County extension Agent at Fremont; Dr. Ernest R. Peo, Jr., professor of animal science; and Joe Steffen, graduate student.

In his charge to the committee, Dr. Acker requested a list of six persons, "whom you feel would be acceptable in all ways to serve as department chairman." The list should

include at least one person from within the University and at least one person who is not presently connected with the institution.

Although formal endorsement of individual persons by industry organizations would not be appropriate, Dr. Acker said the committee would appreciate suggestions and nominations from alumni and the livestock industry.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is Sept. 10. All applications should be sent to Dr. Dwane R. Zimmerman, Room 247, Marvel Baker Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503.

Indian students threaten boycott

By Rebecca Britz

A boycott of UN-L minority student programs by the Council of American Indian Students (CAIS) may be in effect in less than a month if the university does not meet a list of CAIS demands, according to members of the council.

The demands, most of which charge that UN-L minority programs do not meet Indian students' needs were sparked by the resignation of Indian counselor Karen Buller, whose unfavorable staff evaluation last spring "was the straw that broke the camel's back," one Indian student said.

Buller resigned effective Sept. 1. In a May 28 letter to Special Services Coordinator Joe Renteria, of Minority Affairs, Buller said she resented "being evaluated by ambiguous 'white' standards," and that she had no intention of performing her job in the white man's way.

"It's not the kind of job where you can keep white hours," Buller said in an interview last week. "Most of (Renteria's) complaints were about my work schedule, and the fact that I was sometimes five or ten minutes late for staff meetings.

"He told me that if I didn't conform to white standards, and also make the students conform, I would be fired," she said. "I realized there was nothing I could do to change his thinking, so I resigned."

Renteria, vacationing last week, was not available for comment.

Buller said she called a meeting of CAIS to inform them of her decision, and to explain that she had wanted to resign anyway in the next two years to complete her graduate

work in psychology.

The students were upset by her decision, she said. Robert Mackey, director of the State Commission on Indian Affairs, was also displeased with the situation, and the Indian Commission adopted a resolution in support of the students, Buller said.

CAIS met June 25 and drafted a resolution to withdraw completely from all services of minority affairs if several problems, which they outlined, were not solved by Sept. 1.

The problems included:

—Harassment of Karen Buller by non-Indian supervisors (in the form of Renteria's evaluation);

—Lack of positive Indian recruitment and studies programs;

—Lack of an Indian Culture Center; and

—No follow-up on problems presented to the administration and to the staff of Minority Affairs.

Other problems listed dealt with disbursement of Indian moneys and with accountability of students to non-Indian administrators.

The resolution was sent to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kenneth Bader, who arranged to meet with CAIS and discuss the problems.

"We never really got off the first item," Bader said in an interview Thursday, referring to the charge of Buller's harassment.

"I met with them a second time, presenting a letter in which I discussed each item of their resolution, and asked that they review it and respond to it," Bader said.

CAIS responded in a letter on July 17, stating that the council had found Bader's letter "unsatisfactory," and that if the CAIS recommendations were not accepted, the students "must force the issues by whatever means (they) deem necessary."

Bader, who indicated that he is working on several programs in attempts to help resolve the issue, said he has not met again with the council and did not know what their current plans are.

Several Indian students interviewed last week said plans for the boycott are still in effect, however.

John Twobirds Arbuckle, former Indian counselor with Minority Affairs Special Services, said the council has no intention of remaining under Minority Affairs.

"It's impossible to deal with Indian problems like those of Blacks or Chicanos," Arbuckle said. "We want a separate office, devoted to Indians only."

Ima Jean Voucher, a graduate student in Social Work, said "only an Indian can understand another Indian. We're not like other people."

"We never fight anybody unless they fight us first," she added.

Buller said she hoped the university would hire another Indian Counselor for Special Services (advertisements for the position began last week), but she also echoed the other students' sentiments.

"We don't want to be lumped together under the general label of 'minorities,'" she said. "We want the right to be Indians, the courtesy and dignity to be different, to be what we are."

Buller is the fourth Indian counselor to resign in four years.

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