

Good jobs available to minority members

By Lori Clepper

"I'm only one person dealing with the problems of three campuses," said Barbara Coffey, director of equal opportunity hiring for NU. "I can't be everywhere at once and try to contact everyone in the whole system."

Coffey and 11 others, including UNL Chancellor James Zumbege, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Ken Bader and representatives from local Mexican-American groups met Wednesday in the chancellor's office to discuss minority hiring at the University.

"Three years ago, we didn't have any Mexican-Americans with Ph.D's in this University system," Zumbege said. "Now, we have four. Whether that's enough or not, it's still progress."

Coffey is working on the University's affirmative action plan. If implemented, it will assure minorities and women that jobs will be open to them and they will automatically be considered for jobs if they are qualified.

"Are we talking about good jobs—faculty positions instead of janitorial positions?" asked Sam Franco, a representative of the Mexican-Americans from Lincoln. "It seems to be that it will do no good unless we're getting minorities into good job situations."

In response, Coffey said jobs, "good jobs, are opening every day. If these minority people would just apply for them."

According to Coffey, UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center issue newsletters which list all jobs that are available. Franco said the letters should be sent to more people than are now receiving them.

Coffey and her department had tried to compile a personality profile on all UNL professors, but, because of bad feedback and trouble with computer tape, had failed to finish it.

"We have to set realistic goals here," said Coffey. "We know that by next semester there isn't going to be that much of a change, but we have to keep trying."

Part of the trying, Coffey said will include letting minority people know when a position opens up which they are qualified for. Coffey and representatives from minority groups will meet with department chairmen and deans to make them aware of the need to hire minorities.

Pancakes cold weather friend

Pancakes have long been a cold weather mainstay for many Nebraskans. Simple to prepare, they can be as simple or as elegant as your heart desires. Pancakes should be fried on a hot griddle that has been seasoned with a small amount of unsalted fat (vegetable shortening will do) and allowed to "smoke off" several times.

The griddle need not be greased after the first pancake if the batter contains two or more tablespoons of fat for every cup of liquid. For thicker or thinner pancakes, add more flour or liquid. Keep your pancakes toasty warm by placing paper towels between them and keeping them in a warm oven until serving time.

Toothpicks includes several variations with the main pancake recipe plus the recipe used to make the thin pancakes of Crepes Suzette.

karen richardson toothpicks

Basic pancakes
2 c. sifted all purpose flour
2 T. sugar
4 t. baking powder
1 t. salt
2 eggs beaten
1 1/2 c. milk
1/4 c. cooking oil or melted butter

Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into mixing bowl. Combine eggs, milk and cooking oil; add to dry ingredients. Mix quickly until large lumps disappear. If batter thickens upon standing, thin it with 1/4 to 1/2 cup of milk. Pour batter upon hot, lightly greased griddle and fry until the bubbles break and edges are cooked; turn and fry other side. Serve immediately.

Buttermilk pancakes
Add 1/2 teaspoon soda to dry ingredients and decrease baking powder to 1 tablespoon. Substitute 2 cups buttermilk for the milk.

Blueberry pancakes
Sprinkle 1 tablespoon blueberries over each pancake just after pouring batter onto griddle.

Thin pancakes
2 eggs, beaten
1 c. milk
3 T. melted butter
1 t. baking powder
1/2 t. salt
3/4 c. all purpose flour
In small bowl, combine eggs, milk, butter, baking powder and salt. Add flour, blending well. Heat 8-inch skillet over medium high heat. Brush with shortening. Pour batter 2 tablespoons at a time, into skillet. Tilt pan to make a 6-inch round, thin pancake. Brown about 1 minute; turn and brown on other side. Serve immediately with butter and syrup.

Crepes Suzette
1/2 c. butter
1/2 c. sifted confectioner's sugar
1 T. orange rind
1/2 c. orange juice
1/4 c. brandy
Prepare pancakes and roll each. Place in chafing dish; cover and heat about 10 minutes. Blend together in small saucepan butter, confectioner's sugar, orange juice and rind. Heat to boiling; pour over rolled pancakes. Immediately add brandy and ignite to flame crepes. If your time is limited, make the pancakes ahead and stack them and cover. Refrigerate till serving time. Roll pancakes, cover and heat in a 350 degree oven for a few minutes before serving.

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There will be a free showing of the film "Closely Watched Trains" at 2 p.m. today at the Sheldon Art Gallery Auditorium. The movie is directed by Czech director Jiri Menzel.

"Kanal," the second film in the Foreign Film Series, will be shown at 7 and 9:15 p.m. today in the Sheldon Film Theatre. Admission is by series ticket only, available at the Union South Desk.

"Look Back in Anger," a drama by John Osborne, directed by UNL graduate student Paul Baker, will be presented at 8 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday in the Gallery Theatre at the Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th St. Admission is \$1.50 for students with an I.D.



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