



Photo by Ted Kirk

Vance Rogers, Nebraska Wesleyan University president, is considering embarking on a third career—this time in politics.

## NWU chief considers candidacy

By Paula Dittrick

Vance Rogers is 59 and seeking a third career. Rogers said he is considering running for governor after his resignation as president of Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) becomes effective in May.

Rogers, who visited with UNL business students and faculty Wednesday, said he will make his final decision by mid-January.

He said he will base his decision on responses from personal discussions with 100 Nebraskans of different ages, residences and vocations.

A Republican, Rogers said state party leaders have approached him about every other year for the last 10 years asking him to run for governor.

"I've never run for public office," said Rogers, adding that his NWU resignation now frees him to do so.

Rogers said he asks the people what they consider to be Nebraska's most pressing problem for the next 10 years and whether they think the state is ready for an administrative change.

The response has been "an overwhelming 'yes' for an administrative change," he said. Fiscal concerns lead the problem list, followed by water and the coordination of postsecondary education, Rogers said.

Rogers said he will run for governor if he finds Nebraskans want "a new face and voice" for their state and if he thinks that he is the person to do this.

"If I run, I'm going to be elected. I'm not going to run for my health," said Rogers, and added that he would ask UNL students' assistance should he decide to run.

Speaking informally with students during classes and at an open discussion session, Rogers said he has found that UNL business students show "a pattern toward conservatism that I didn't know was as far advanced as it is."

Student attitude has shifted during the last 10 years, according to Rogers. He said he talked with seven students who all supported capital punishment, adding that this wasn't the case during the Vietnam conflict.

Students believe in the free enterprise system and don't believe making money is a disgrace, said Rogers adding that 10 years ago students disliked the profit motive.

Rogers said the list of candidates to replace him has been narrowed to six applicants. Rogers has been NWU president for 20 years.

Rogers said the most visible achievement at NWU during his presidency was construction on campus. He said he takes the most pride in the added strength the educational program has gained.

## Phone number wrong

The number of the Consumer Center's Information Hotline is 472-2448, not 472-2488 as reported in Wednesday's *Daily Nebraskan*.

## ASUN Senate applicant gets Union post instead

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Although five students were interviewed for a vacant position on the Union Advisory Board (UAB), a student applying for an ASUN Senate seat was appointed to the board instead.

Burke Hinds, a junior accounting and finance major from Lincoln, was appointed to UAB by an ASUN subcommittee for programming and internal affairs, according to Sen. Charlie Fellingham, a member of the committee which interviewed Hinds. Hinds was originally interviewed for a senate seat for the College of Business Administration.

"In the senate interview, we (the com-

mittee) asked him (Hinds) about basic concerns on campus," Fellingham said. Hinds mentioned some issues concerning the Nebraska Union which he had researched himself.

UAB member Craig Hertel said he was surprised to learn Hinds had been appointed to UAB without applying for the position. "I was quite upset about that," Hertel said. He said he was aware that at times ASUN committees will appoint students to positions where they are needed most, even if they haven't applied for the position.

It is difficult to appoint a student to a committee if he doesn't have a basic knowledge of what the position will entail,

Fellingham said. "We have to take the person most adept for the job," he said, and in the case of UAB, that was Hinds.


Fellingham said his interviewing committee was "so unimpressed" with the people applying that they had to look at other applicants. Some of the UAB applicants could not even name the director of the Nebraska Union, Allen Bennett.

"Students want to get involved, but they don't want to get involved enough to find out what they're getting involved in, if you know what I mean," Fellingham said.

Filling committee positions with students who have not specifically applied for the seat is not an uncommon occurrence, ASUN President Bill Mueller said.

When an applicant is interviewed by an ASUN committee, he usually is considered for several positions, Mueller said. It is common practice to ask the applicant at the end of the interview if he would be interested in serving a position other than the one he applied for. If an applicant shows the ability to handle one of those other positions, he is often recommended for that position by the interviewing committee, Mueller said.

Most people are flexible enough to fill several different posts, Mueller said, adding that "there are just not enough kids coming through our office" to fill committee vacancies.




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