Alumni association helps in presidential search

By Mary Jo Pitzl

UNL alumni are being enlisted to aid in the search for a new NU president.

The UNL Alumni Association sent out 56 letters to alumni in more than 40 states last week asking for presidential nominations, said Jack Miller, executive vice president of the Alumni Association.

The 56 alumni were selected from the biographical files of the Alumni Association. The selection was based on their prominence in their state. These alumni usually know key people in the state, Miller said, and would be able to make a good recommendation for NU president.

Although alumni have always served on university search committees, this is the first time they have been formally involved as a collective group, Miller said.

Dependent on alumni

"In the last go-round (of presidential nominations), we were completely dependent on the recommendations of academia," said Sam Jensen, a member of the presidential search committee and UNL Alumni Association president. "There wasn't any citizen involvement outside of academic circles."

Jensen suggested that prominent alumni in other states would be able to help the search committee in compiling their list of recommendations for the NU Board of Regents.

The letters asked the alumni to look at individuals within the state who would be logical candidates for the NU presidency, Jensen said.

The letter did not outline specific criteria for alumni recommendations, Jensen said. It was suggested that alumni talk to business and higher education leaders, and people with responsibility within their state who seem to be doing the best job, Jensen said.

No presidents for president

The alumni were discouraged from recommending candidates presently serving as presidents of university systems.

"It would be a lateral or downward move to become president of the NU system," Jensen said, adding there would not be much reason to consider such an offer.

Miller said the alumni involvement in the presidential search "certainly is not going to hurt. I hope it will help."

The association has already received one response, although Miller declined to name the state or the nominee.

"We certainly don't want another leak," he said.

Several regents, search committee members and NU administrators have said the release of the names of earlier presidential candidates delayed the appointment of a permanent president past the original Jan. 1 deadline.

Alumni are asked to submit their nominations to the association by Feb. 1, so the search committee can meet their Feb. 15 deadline. Miller said the NU Emeriti Association will work with his office in making telephone reminders to the alumni. The Emeriti Association is comprised of retired UNL administrators and faculty.

William Swanson, NU corporation secretary, lobbyist and secretary of the 16-member search committee, said several new nominations have been received since the search committee resumed its work after the Dec. 11 appointment of interim NU President Ronald Roskens.

"We are advertising again for the position and anyone is free to submit a name (to the committee)," Swanson said.

UNL will roll out the carpets

By Sharon Frohner

University students will be rolling out the red carpet Feb. 25 and 26 for about 300 top American College Test (ACT) scorers from high schools across the state.

The high school students will be participating in Red Carpet Days. The program is sponsored by the Student Alumni Board (SAB) in an effort to encourage top high school scholars to attend UNL, said Luann Tichy, Red Carpet Days co-chairman.

Several years ago, SAB noticed that not many Regent Scholars were accepting their scholarships to UNL, and they were being recruited by other schools, Tichy said.

She said SAB began the Red Carpet Days project to show these high school students what UNL has to offer. This is the third year Red Carpet Days has been offered.

"We want to attract top scholars and keep them here, said Ron Gierhan, acting vice chancellor for student affairs. "This program has contributed to helping people enroll here.

"Red Carpet Days is a very good public relations project for the university," Gierhan added.

Working with the Residence Hall Association (RHA), SAB finds UNL students who will serve as hosts for the high school students during their two-day visit to the university, Tichy said.

A person from each floor of each residence hall is responsible for informing the residents about Red Carpet Days and telling the RHA-appointed hall chairman if they want to host a student.

Tichy said a few more volunteers are needed from each hall except Burr-Fedde. She said she is confident there will be enough hosts by the Monday deadline.

"It's a matter of letting people know about it, not forcing anyone into it," said Carole Reno, director of alumni relations.

It gives UNL students a chance to show the university, and, at the same time, help high school students learn about the university, Reno said.

John Benson, assistant dean of the College of Architecture, said he thinks Red Carpet Days is a good way to attract bright young students to the university.

"They get more information than just reading bulletins," he said.

Employes adjust to East Union

Only 10 days old, the Nebraska East Union is great according to students interviewed—except for the cafeteria.

Sue VanSteenburg, a junior marketing major from Barrington, Ill., said the food is "a lot better than dorm food. But the only thing that's not fast is the checkouts."

The new union is "great except for meal time," Mike Anderson said, because "we have to wait in line 20 to30 minutes just to get a coke." Anderson is a sophomore agriculture economics major from Hartington.

Daryl Swanson, East Union director said the long lunch lines are caused by new employes getting adjusted and not having all equipment.

"Any new building takes time for people to adjust to," he said.

Linda Silbaugh, a graduate home economics student from Lincoln, said students have to adjust to what she called the scramble system—getting different foods at different stations—instead of a straight cafeteria line.

In addition, each food item is rung up separately on the cash registers for inventory, Swanson said.

Students gradually are getting used to the new system, Kim Rummel said. The sophomore from Holdrege said the problems are worth the wait.

"Since they (union staff) are serving the public, they have to garnish up the plates," she said. "We don't get that in the dorms."

Brenda Spencer, home economics education major from Potter said, "It's about time we have something over here (on East Campus)."

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