

Approval greets UNL's Role and Missions Statement

By Barbara Lutz

Three UNL faculty members spoke in support of the UNL Role and Mission Statement Tuesday at a public hearing, the last step before the document is presented to the NU Board of Regents.

One faculty member criticized the statement saying it should place a greater emphasis on teaching, than on research.

In addition to comments at the hearing, written statements submitted to the task force will be considered and possibly added into the statement tonight.

The regents will review the document Saturday. W. Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture and task force member, said there will be other public hearings Oct. 7 in Lincoln by the regents on the NU Medical Center, UNO and UNL Role and Mission Statements.

There will be a similar hearing in Omaha Saturday

morning, he said.

In September, a two-page role and mission statement for the NU system was approved by the regents.

Voicing his disapproval, Donald Hanway, agronomy department chairman, said his "initial reaction was quite disappointing."

Hanway said the role and mission statement "sounds as if it were written by an aged, tenured professor of archeology in an ivy league university."

The repeated references to "tradition" in the document "sounds like a broken record," he said. Today's function of a university is renewal of civilization, Hanway said. However, the document fails to recognize the challenges and responsibilities to the world a university should address.

Specifically, Hanway was critical of the emphasis on research when the faculty emphasis should continue to be on teaching. He said many undergraduate classes are

taught by graduate assistants, doing research, whom may not be a good teacher.

"It is a matter of wording and interpretation," he said, adding there might be better ways of stating the roles of a land-grant institution.

The question of wording also was questioned by Joe Baldwin, theatre arts professor.

Vice Chancellor Ned Hedges, who moderated the hearing, said more time was spent by the task force on that question and the relationship of research and teaching, than other questions.

The question is whether UNL is the land-grant part of the NU system or if the entire institution is a land-grant institution.

Hedges said the regents have the authority to make that clear.

The task force "tried to pay some attention to those features of UNL that distinguish it from other institutions in Nebraska," he said.

James McShane, associate English professor, spoke at the hearing as "an interested member of the faculty, and a member of AAUP, (American Association of University Professors)."

McShane raised questions concerning the wording in the document on academic freedom and clarification of the relationship between research and creative activity for professors.

"The business of peer review and academic review is crucial to a university," he said.

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'Hello, Ma Bell?—Checkmate!'

By Joe Starita

A telephone rings: "Los Angeles opens with a Nimsovitch."

Lincoln replies: "We were hoping for a Sicilian Defense."

Ma Bell's operator thinks: a) Some drug-crazed psychopathic kumquat has taken one too many spills on his skateboard; b) The Grandson of Sam has fled to the Bible Belt with a half-baked plot to corrupt youth, undermine the government and threaten national security; c) Both of the above.

Call 466-1542 and a 23-year-old UNL graduate philosophy student will calmly tell you the FBI and the Lincoln Regional Center have nothing to worry about.

He will explain that a Nimsovitch attack and a Sicilian Defense are two standard openings in a game familiar to approximately 30 million Americans, a game that he says "encourages mental discipline, careful organization and is aesthetically very pleasing."

Complicated game

Loren Schmidt has been playing chess since the age of six. A member of the UNL chess team, he describes the sport as a complicated game of strategic skills with a simple goal: to trap the opponent's king—to checkmate.

Using a king and queen, two bishops, two knights,

Approval is expected

The University of Mid-America (UMA) trustees are expected to approve a budget of \$2.6 million Wednesday, according to Marketing and Information Director Milan Wall.

UMA is a partnership of nine midwestern universities including NU, University of Kansas, Kansas State, University of Missouri, Iowa State, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota, University of South Dakota and South Dakota State. The group uses television and newspapers for home adult education programs in each state.

The National Institute of Education is the primary source of funding, Wall said. He expects it will grant UMA \$2 million this year, he said.

The remaining \$600,000 will come from the Ford Foundation and many smaller organizations, he explained.

Most of the money is used to develop new courses, Wall said, with 57 per cent of the National Institute money budgeted for this. Other expenditures are for business overhead, delivery systems development, marketing and information for courses, research and administration.

UMA will use most of the \$600,000 for development of new courses and delivery systems development, he said.

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two rooks and eight pawns, the UNL chess team checkmated its way to the 1975 Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship a title it hopes to regain at this year's tournament slated for St. Louis in late December.

"We were 10th last year," Schmidt said, "but we lost two of our top players just before the nationals started. We should be a lot stronger this year."

Schmidt attributes part of his optimism to a new member of the team, John Rose.

"John was the Iowa State high school champion last year," Schmidt said. "Dean College in Massachusetts offers a minor in chess studies, and they let John know a scholarship would be available if he went there."

Weekend tournament

That enthusiasm funnels into two or three major college tournaments each year for UNL's 18-member chess team. In addition, members compete in weekend tournaments sponsored by surrounding state colleges, Schmidt said.

"The Chess League conducts their matches by telephone," Schmidt explained. "Each city in the league has six team members and you are required to make 30 moves an hour."

"In correspondence tournaments you play your opponent by mail, with three days allowed for each move."

Two games of tournament chess can eat up 16 hours of playing time daily, Schmidt said, and many top players gobble vitamins and train hard to get themselves ready.

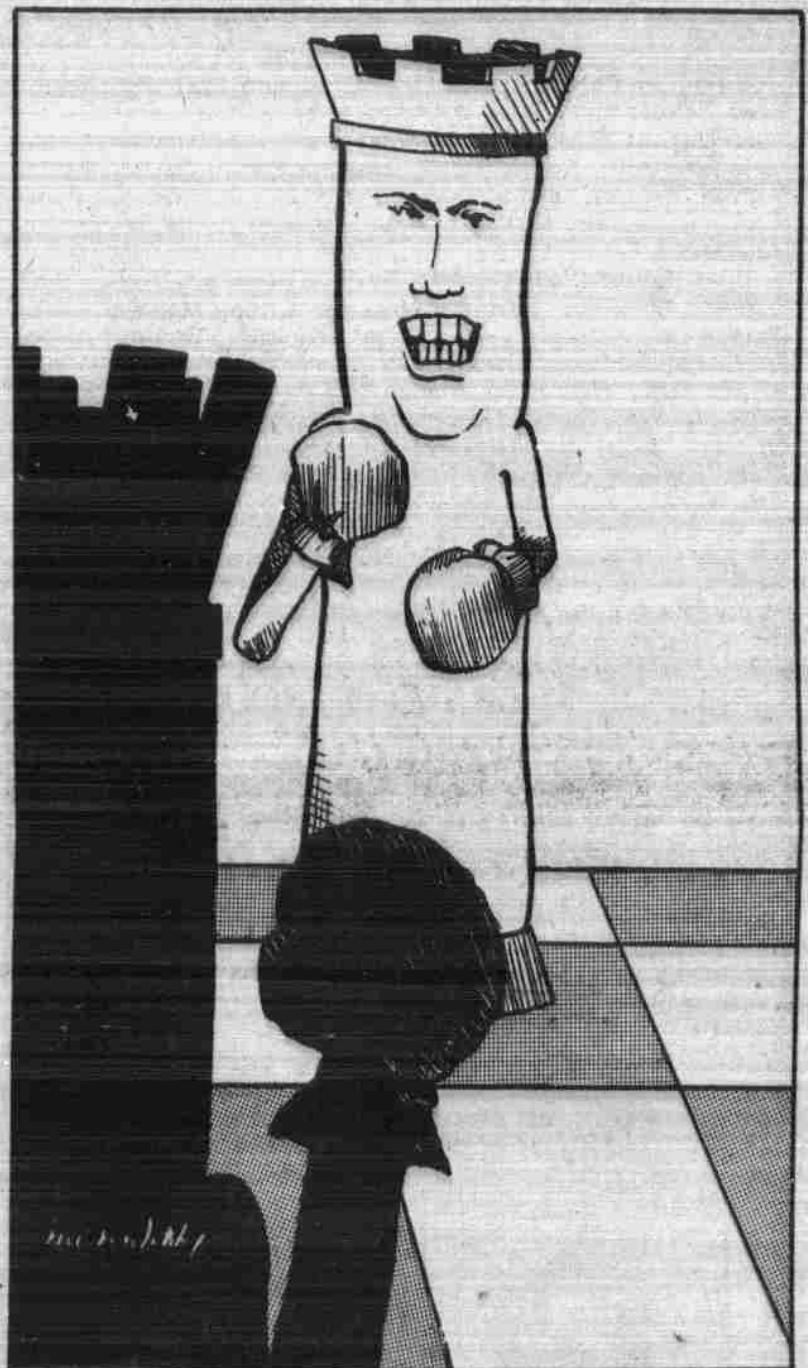
Stamina needed

Once a major tournament begins the body may be ready, but yet to come is a war of wits, willpower and nerves—nerves that can fray, snap and produce peculiar behavior.

Michael Chess

"Michael Chess was on the UNL team and he was playing in a room that had all mirrors on one of the walls," Schmidt recalled.

"In the middle of the match a CBS news team came in and started filming. The film lights started exploding off the mirrors. Michael took it for as long as he could before exploding out of his chair."



"He started waving and shouting and chased the stunned film crew out of the room."

Anyone interested in hustling a good game of chess, Schmidt said, should stop by the Nebraska Union lounge where members are polishing skills for the Nebraska State Chess Championships in two weeks.

"If you don't see anyone playing chess," Schmidt cautioned, "look for the ones playing bridge. That's what all chess players do in their spare time."



No need, Noah, elephants are OK

A broken pipe in the air conditioning system at Morrill Hall Tuesday sent water pouring down the west stairwell and brought two Lincoln Fire Department trucks to campus.

Harley Schrader, UNL physical plant director said the water caused little damage to the building, other than peeling some paint off the walls. Nebraska State Museum exhibits remained dry, he said.

The leak came from a chilled water pump above the fourth floor of the building and soaked through the ceilings and walls. Lincoln firemen were called when the water set off the fire alarm system.

The water leak was a replay of last year. A different water pipe broke in the same stairwell last fall. Schrader said last year's broken pipe also caused little damage.

Harvey Gunderson, associate museum director, said water stood two or three inches deep in some places. Lincoln firemen and UNL maintenance men equipped with mops and squeegees had the water mopped up within an hour and a half, according to Gunderson.