

# Western Week kicks off with capitol ride Monday

The East Campus Annual Western Week will kick off at 9 a.m. Monday when more than 50 University of Nebraska Rodeo Association members ride to the Capitol to meet Gov. J. James Exon.

The week-long event, Monday through Sunday, will be highlighted by the UNRA's 11th annual intercollegiate rodeo. Four performances are scheduled: April 7 at 7:30 p.m., April 8 at 1 and 7:30 p.m., and the finals at 1:30 p.m., April 9. All performances will be in the Nebraska State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

UNRA publicity chairman Dan Nosal said tickets will be available at the door or in advance at the Gateway Western Store, Lincoln Army and Western, Vanice GMC, East Union, the UNL Animal Science Department or from any UNRA member. Advance prices are \$2.50 adults and \$1 for children. Prices at the door will be 50 cents more.

The traditional Western Week Games Day will be April 7 on the north side of the tractor testing track beginning at 2:30 p.m., according to Tony Warner, East Union program and recreation manager.

Warner said teams of UNL students may enter the bale stacking race, tug-of-war and arm wrestling competition by filling out

entry blanks available at the North 40 recreation area in the East Union.

New additions to the games are foosball, pool and pinball tournaments to be in the North 40 April 5 at 7 p.m., Warner said. The tournaments are open to UNL students only and a \$1 fee is required for entry, he said.

UNL's Block and Bridle Club will contribute to an Old West feeling with quarter horse and beef shows, according to club president Doug Winz. The quarter horse shows, April 6 and 7, are open to anyone with a registered quarter horse, he said. The owner of the horse winning the most points in the show's 35 classes will receive a hand-tooled saddle from the club, he said. The show will be in the State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

The beef show, open to 4-H and Future Farmers of America exhibitors, will be April 8 at the State Fair 4-H Arena. The exhibitors will show in breeding heifer, market steer and market heifer classes, Winz said.

Other events include a chili supper sponsored by UNRA and Alpha Tau Alpha, an agricultural honorary, and a Western movie sponsored by the UNL FFA Club, both on April 6.

# Alumni members increase

The 9 percent membership increase last year in the University of Nebraska Alumni Association is credited to aggressive membership selling according to Jack Miller, executive vice president of the association.

"The economy has turned up a bit," he said, "and we were much more aggressive in selling memberships than last year. We mailed more letters encouraging alumni to join."

Miller said the association also formed alumni groups in the college of agriculture, home economics and nursing.

"These groups are affiliated with our organization paying the \$12 annual fee but paying \$3 more into their own college

alumni group," he said. Miller said University of Nebraska alumni who were graduated in the past three years pay a half-price rate of \$6 for annual membership dues. Alumni who were graduated 45 or more years ago are also eligible for the half price rate.

Life memberships cost \$200, he added. Membership in the association increased by 1,187 during 1977. The most significant gain was in life memberships with 519 new members, which was a 20 percent increase. The association gained 161 paid life members, a 9.6 percent climb.

There are 53,089 alumni living in Nebraska, 6,650 of which are paying members of the association.

# Proposed NU budget lean, allows no extras—Roskens

NU will get no new programs and no substantial additions to existing programs if the Nebraska Legislature passes the proposed university budget, said president Ronald Roskens at the March meeting of the NU Board of Regents.

The budget Roskens proposed to the Legislature included a 10.5 percent increase over last year's budget. But the budget approved by the Appropriations Committee and under consideration by the Legislature only includes a 6.8 percent increase, Roskens said. "The (proposed) budget is lean, if not austere," Roskens said at the March 18 meeting.

The first priority is still faculty salaries, Roskens said. "Some other pressing needs may have to be deferred" in order to raise faculty salaries 9 percent and other staff salaries 7 percent, he said.

The budget under consideration by the Legislature includes a 6.5 percent increase for all NU employees.

Roskens told the regents that because of the decreasing amount of tax money available to the university, they should reorder their priorities for the future, reduce programs and "review academic overhead."

The board also approved new requirements for student government candidates.

Beginning July 1, candidates for president and vice presidents of the student government at the three campuses will have to be taking at least six credit hours, be in at least their sophomore year and be elected by a majority of the students voting.

Those seeking other student government offices must have a grade point average of at least 2.0 and not be on academic or disciplinary probation.

In other action, the board refused to reinstate former UNL women's basketball coach George Nicodemus. Nicodemus was fired from UNL last May.

# Johnson cautions senate

Outgoing ASUN President Greg Johnson advised the new ASUN senate Wednesday night that three of their campaign goals, instituting a voting student regent, getting alcohol on campus and calling a constitutional convention "just won't pan out."

Johnson said that it would be highly unlikely that the current NU Board of Regents would approve either a voting student regent or alcohol on campus.

He also said that he has seen other student governments "flounder" in the midst of a constitutional convention, such as the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Recapping the past term, Johnson called the past year the "renaissance of student government," commending the senators for taking stands on stadium expansion, quality education, speakers on campus, student fee and tuition increases, parking and student services.

Vice president Charles Fellingham and Ken Christofferson also thanked the senate for their work in their final executive reports of the term, challenging the new senate to continue their work.


Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor of student affairs briefly addressed the senate, saying "the direction (of ASUN) is uphill."

Johnson also presented four distinguished service awards to persons making significant contributions to ASUN: Bob Lange, attorney for Student Legal Services, Mike Brogan, chairman of ASUN Budget and Fees Committee, Mike Herman, chairman of Government Liaison Committee and Scott Cook a senator serving three terms who resigned first semester upon graduation.

The new senators took their seats at the table midway through the meeting after being formally sworn in.

After brief executive reports, new first vice president Bob Moodie appointed senators to two ad hoc committees, one forming rules of procedure for the new senate and another examining the feasibility of holding a constitutional convention.

The committees will present recommendations to the senate next week.

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