

NU Board of Regents candidates

Regent's goal: competitive UNL

By Brenda Moskovits

Aside from holding down the cost of education, incumbent Lincoln Regent Edward Schwartzkopf said he wants to make the university system academically competitive with other Big Eight and Big Ten schools.

By putting emphasis and money into certain areas through the university's Areas of Excellence program, the university has and will continue to benefit, Schwartzkopf said.

He mentioned establishment of a regional center for mass spectrometry at UNL (the analysis of water impurities) and high national ratings for UNL's journalism school as examples.

Preparation 'good'

Schwartzkopf said he wants one thing for UNL graduates: that they can compete for the job or graduate school of their choice "because the preparation they got here was so good."

He stressed, however, that reciprocal agreements between other midwest institu-

tions of higher education are important to help hold education costs down and provide quality programs.

"Advanced degree programs are costly," Schwartzkopf said. "I don't think we can provide the quality with the dollars we have."

To the same effect, he said he opposes future capital construction on the three campuses in favor of renovating existing structures.

Count full-timers

In determining enrollment, he said, it is important to figure the equivalent full-time students enrolled as opposed to a head count.

The head count method could result in over-building since trends favor more part-time students, he said.

Schwartzkopf commended NU President Ronald Rosken's budget proposal which suggested that UNL faculty receive the same salary increase as other state employees.

Although making salaries competitive with other Big Eight schools is important,

the recommendation proves "the board is not unmindful of the tax load," he said.

Limiting salary increases is wise in "mirroring the consensus of the feelings of the citizens of the state of Nebraska," according to Schwartzkopf.

Percent increases insignificant

He said the percent the NU budget increases each year is not significant.

We will provide a quality of education the taxpayers of the state are willing to finance.

"The only way you're going to get quality is a little bit of extra dollars."

Schwartzkopf said he has spent about \$3,000 on yard signs, football schedule cards and buttons bearing his name.

Three-quarters of that came from contributions, he said.

"I really intended to have a modest campaign. People ought to know you by your deeds."

Forced by contributors

Schwartzkopf said that campaign dollars could better be used in improving education. Contributors, however, force you into a large campaign, he said.

Schwartzkopf said he favors retaining open admissions policies to give all students a chance at higher education. However, he said he opposes giving a vote to the student regent, because, he said, it is unconstitutional.

He said he would prefer to see a separate student regent elected because student body presidents are too busy to handle both jobs.



Businesslike atmosphere favored by candidate Hill

By Brenda Moskovits

Leo Hill, who is trying to win Edward Schwartzkopf's Lincoln seat on the NU Board of Regents says he favors "a business approach to how you handle a budget."

Hill, 65, favors building up the NU Foundation as opposed to large increases in state financing and tuition.

If donations to the foundation are increased, "I would like to hold it (budget increases) to a 5 to 7 percent increase according to our inflation," Hill said.

Another business-like approach to the university would be getting more productivity from faculty members, he said.

Although professors should have time for research, Hill said, a balance should be struck between research and classroom functions. He advocates heavier teaching loads for faculty members.

Better productivity

Better productivity can be attained "if you ask people to really put out to meet our goals. It's all in the way you deal with people."

According to a comparison of regent campaign expenditures, Hill has spent more on his campaign than all the other regent candidates put together, over \$7,500. He said he contributed over half of it himself.

Billboards, bumper stickers and booster buttons urging voters to vote for Hill have appeared all over Lincoln.

"I was told by politicians you have to remind people what you've done because they don't remember," Hill said.

A former UNL student who never received a degree, Hill supports keeping the university's open admissions policy.

He stressed, however that the university

should not offer remedial courses for things students should have learned in high school.

"Even the course I flunked I got a lot out of," Hill said.

He studied engineering at NU.

Hill also criticized the regents' attitude requirements in all colleges which, he said, will ensure education for all students.

Although Hill supports the concept of student fees supporting broad-based student activities and services, he criticized the fees part-time students pay.

"Individuals taking a few hours get clobbered," Hill said.

Attitude criticized

Hill also criticized the regents' attitude towards student regents.

Although he opposes allowing them to vote because he said he feels one vote for each of the three campuses would be out of proportion, he said the board "should definitely listen to their student regents input."

"As I understand it, that's really not the case now."

Hill, along with the other candidates, stresses that cooperation between other state institutions is essential so expensive programs are not duplicated.

Programs such as business and agriculture should be given special emphasis because most graduates stay in Nebraska, he said.

Hill is in agreement with the other candidates, in opposing future capital construction in favor of renovating present buildings. He also emphasized that as regent he would fight for the Lincoln campus as his constituent body.

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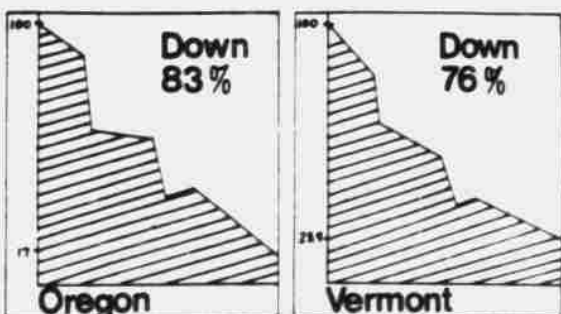
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