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10-minute ovation for donors Band to get long-awaited uniforms

By Julie Bira

The UNL band received a birthday surprise just a week after their 100th birthday celebration. Thanks to an alumni donor, the band will be getting long-awaited new uniforms.

Last Saturday Director of Bands Jack Snider received a phone call about 9 a.m. informing him that the NU Foundation had found a donor to pay for new band uniforms. He was instructed not to tell anyone until later in the morning.

"It was an emotional shock to hear all of a sudden that we had new uniforms, and it was a long time to keep something like that to yourself," Snider said.

Snider met the donors, Capt. and Mrs. Henry Pascale of Seabright, N.J., later in the morning. Pascale is a 1916 graduate of NU, was a member of Innocents Society and lettered in wrestling.

The Pascales have frequently donated to university projects, but always anonymously, according to Ed Hirsch, NU Foundation vice president. The Foundation has an active donation solicitation program, Hirsch said, and the Pascales were contacted about the need for band uniforms because of their expressed interest in the UNL football and band programs.

Pascale agreed to pay for new uniforms at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

During pre-game band warmup at Westbrook Music

Building, Snider brought the Pascales in and told the band he had an announcement to make. Saying he'd better "say it before I faint," he gave the good news. The band's response was a 10-minute ovation for the couple.

"Naturally, the kids are overwhelmed," Snider said. "They enjoyed seeing who the donors were, because they seemed so genuine. And he and his wife were overwhelmed with the response from the kids."

"They (the band) were tickled to death," said Hirsch, who was also present for the announcement. "I couldn't believe their response myself. Afterwards, with tears in their eyes, they (the Pascales) told me it was the finest thing that had ever happened to them."

Snider and Robert Fought, band director, are visiting a uniform company in Wichita, Kan., this weekend to work with designers. After presenting designs to university officials and band members, they hope to have a final design in mind by the end of the week, Snider said.

They hope to have the uniforms ready by Jan. 1 in case the football team is invited to the Orange Bowl, he said. But, it will be pushing it to have them ready by then, he added, and if the team goes to an earlier bowl game the uniforms probably wouldn't be ready.


Among possibilities for uniform designs are a cape, a more elaborate hat and "Nebraska" printed on the front instead of the back.

"That way, people would know who we are when we're coming instead of going," Snider said.

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This is what a new two-semester physics course for non-science majors will be like, Eugene Rudd, an NU physics professor said.

Liberal Arts Physics 198, is a three-credit lecture course that will study science as part of the intellectual and artistic development of man, said Rudd, who will teach the course's only experimental section.

"We need more courses of this type," he said explaining the historical aspect of physics is not brought out in other physics courses.

Liberal Arts Physics has no prerequisites and requires a high school algebra math background, Rudd said. This


course counts toward a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences requirement and he said about half of his examination questions will be essay.

Course discussion topics will include the laws of gravitation and planetary motion, the kinetic theory of gases and the nature of scientific method, he said.

The class will be taught for one semester on an experimental basis, and if it is a success, Rudd said, it will be added to the course catalog next semester.

The idea for Liberal Arts Physics came from Rudd. The physics department hasn't added any new general-interest courses lately, and he said he thought a course like this was a good idea.

"Other universities teach more courses of this type," Rudd said.



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