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FIRE to support regents race

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The group calls itself FIRE—First in Responsible Education—and although it sounds like another new political party involved in ASUN elections, it is not.

FIRE, a political action committee formed by seven UNL students, has two basic purposes: to make the members of the NU Board of Regents more responsive to the student body and to bring about a coalition of student power for elections.

Mark Hirschfeld, appointed chairman of FIRE, said FIRE wants to campaign for candidates for the regents' election on May 13th who would make a commitment to work with and for students. ASUN Sen. Gail Casteel is the treasurer of the group, which will solicit funds to support its program.

The first steps in accomplishing FIRE's objectives are to file with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission which is being done, and to form a core group of committee members, Hirschfeld said.

Solicit money

"Then we can begin to solicit money for a contribution fund to help finance the campaigns of selected candidates and organize our members to campaign for candidates in the respective districts," Hirschfeld said.

Two positions on the NU Board of Regents currently filled by Robert Raun of Minden and Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff, will be contested this year. One candidate has filed for Raun's position. The filing deadline is 30 days before the election, Hirschfeld said.

Hirschfeld said FIRE is looking for two candidates that will be supportive of student wishes for strong academic quality at UNL and who will be willing to devote large amounts of time to being on the board.

"The candidates would ideally work for better communication with the regents and the student body and would have to remain visible on issues concerning students," he said.

Hirschfeld said FIRE has contacted several possible candidates, but no one has been chosen by the group or has agreed to run.

Just as important as getting candidates to run, Hirschfeld said, is to actively campaign for those candidates and have sufficient funds to properly do so.

\$1,000 goal

"We're looking at \$1,000 as a goal to shoot for and the students' power in terms of numbers in the key issue here," Hirschfeld said. "We're not counting on large contributions, but one dollar contributions from a few hundred people."

A fund raiser or making buttons or T-shirts for donations have been discussed, he said.

With the funds received, FIRE would draw up fact sheets on the strengths of its candidates to send to students in the respective districts. FIRE also would campaign for the selected candidates.

"A few effectively placed ads in newspapers and week-ends spent in the districts actively campaigning does not cost that much money," Hirschfeld said. "We're going to try and get a conscientious vote so people won't just vote for a familiar name, but the person who is going to do the best job."

Hirschfeld said even if FIRE does not succeed in getting a candidate elected, it will consider it a victory if students participate in the political process.

"The time is right and it's not out of the question to get someone elected. In fact it's realistic," Hirschfeld said.

Any interested UNL students may join the group, Hirschfeld said.

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North Platte attorney runs for Raun's seat

North Platte (AP)—Harold W. Kay, a North Platte attorney, has announced he will challenge Robert Raun of Minden for the 7th District seat on the NU Board of Regents.

Kay ran unsuccessfully against Raun in 1974, losing by 404 votes out of 48,268 cast in the 21-county district. Raun has not indicated whether he will seek another term.

Kay is a trustee of the NU Foundation and is on the NU President's Advisory Council. He is a past president of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce.

Kay said he mailed his filing form to the Secretary of State's office Saturday.

Scholarship deadline announced

April 4 is the last day to apply for a McKelvie scholarship, which is for graduates or undergraduates interested in a public service career.

Six awards worth \$2,000 each will be given for the 1980-81 school year, said Robert Miewald, UNL political science professor chairman of the McKelvie committee.

Recipients must demonstrate high scholarship and a commitment to public service, such as work in local, state or federal government, he said.

This is the fourth year the scholarships are to be awarded, Miewald said. The scholarship is named after Samuel McKelvie, Nebraska governor from 1919-1923.

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- 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Financial Aids Check Distribution, Ballroom
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—UPC—City Concerts—Jazz, The Rostrum
11:45 a.m.—UNOPA Luncheon, Regency Suite Heritage Room
12 p.m.—Nebr. Environmental Health Luncheon, Georgian Suite A
12-1 p.m.—UPC—Cultural Discussion "Designs with Black Men", The Cellar
12:30-1:30 p.m.—Student Affairs Staff Development Comm., 216
3-4 p.m.—Parking Appeals Board, 216
3:15-5:15 p.m.—Faculty Senate Meeting, Centennial Room
3-5 p.m.—UPC—City Foreign Film Co., 401
3:15-4:15 p.m.—UPC—City Free University, 402
5-6 p.m.—Cornco, 232
5:15-6:45 p.m.—I.E.S.—Women Across Cultures, Georgian Suite B
5:30-8:30 p.m.—UPC—City, Heritage Room
6-9 p.m.—Multi Cultural Affairs Tutoring, 225
6:30-8 p.m.—Baptist Student Union, Regency Suite A
6:30-7:30 p.m.—E Week Board, The Rostrum
6:30 p.m.—Billiard 9-Ball Tournament, Rec Room
7-9 p.m.—ASUN Student Court, Regency Suite B
7-11 p.m.—ASUN Committee for Fees Allocation, Georgian Suite A
7-8:30 p.m.—Student Education Assn., The Cellar
7-8 p.m.—ASUN Facilities & Services Comm., 402
7:15-10 p.m.—Navigators, Harvest Room C
7:30-10:30 p.m.—Math Counselors, 225 B-C
8-9:30 p.m.—Student For Responsible Energy Decisions, Harvest Room C
8-10 p.m.—University 4H, 232
9:30-11 p.m.—Mortar Board, 401
Booths: 1A—Phi Beta Lambda 1B—UPC East 2A—Alpha Tau Omega 3A—Theta Chi 4A—Chi Phi

short stuff

Special Valentine's Week "Give From the Heart" blood drive. It takes only 45 minutes of your life to save someone else's! Lincoln Community Blood Bank drive at the Wesley House Tuesday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The UPC-Foreign Films Committee will have it's first meeting Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Room posted. The committee encourages anyone interested to attend.

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