

Council, administrators discuss finances, advising

By Rose Fitzpatrick

Two of the issues raised by the Council of American Indian Students about Toward Excellence II were discussed at a meeting with some university administrators.

Chuck Roach, president of CAIS, said advising procedures and financial aid were discussed.

Toward Excellence II is a five-year plan passed by the UNL Board of Regents in 1974 to make general university improvements.

At the meeting were Lloyd Ware, counselor for Multi-Cultural Affairs, Richard Armstrong, vice-chancellor for student affairs, Don Aripoli, director of scholarships and financial aid, Al Papik, director of admissions, and Jimmi Smith, director of Multi-Cultural Affairs.

Advising important

Roach and Ware had previously expressed concern about the academic advising of Native American students, which Roach said was an important element of keeping Native Americans in school.

Excellence II stated in 1975: "During the next five years, major emphasis will be placed on retaining minority students, providing them with the social, intellectual, and financial support necessary to motivate students to remain in school."

Roach said he was informed at the meeting by Papik that the UNL advising system was not centralized, but spread among the various departments.

Roach said this decentralization means that he can't step into one office for advising information, but would have to approach each department.

However, Papik will try to provide multi-cultural affairs with more information for counseling, Roach said.

Another approach might be looking into alternatives for the listed requirements of professional schools such as law school or medical school, Roach said.

Funding sources

Also related to keeping students in school is financial aid.

Roach said that the financial aid office will begin looking into sources of funding for Native American students other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Roach said that he and Ware will point out some of the alternate sources of education funding for Native American students and the financial aid office will put together a package of information for the students.

In a telephone interview, Armstrong discussed the recruiting of minority students and faculty, an area of Excellence II not discussed at the meeting.

He said that ethnic minorities are recruited in Nebraska and South Dakota through Multi-Cultural Affairs. There is contact with other places such as Oklahoma but recruiters don't visit there.

He said he couldn't compare football recruiting with academic recruiting because he wasn't familiar with the football recruiting procedure.

Minority recruitment

Excellence II states the goal of "intensified recruitment and consideration of minority group members and women . . ." as a way of implementing the regents affirmative action program.

Armstrong defined affirmative action as developing resources that increase the probability of recruiting members of ethnic minorities. This means being in touch with depositories of applicant information and institutions where applicants might be found.

Director of the Nebraska Indian Commission, Marvin Buzzard said CAIS is asking about what the university has done to achieve stated goals.

He said that if his office can lend a voice to see that the students get information, he would be happy to.

Buzzard said he understands the federal interpretation of affirmative action to mean "action," using aggressive recruiting, training programs or whatever it takes.

Affirmative action is more than saying if an Indian applies we'll hire the person, but means beating the bushes to get people hired, he said.

"There are qualified Indians around," he said.



Photo by Colin Hackley

Taking advantage of the weekend's "purr-fect" weather, these cats enjoy some time outdoors.

Parade, contests, rodeo kick off Western Week

Western fever is "ridin' high" this week as the University of Nebraska Rodeo Association (UNRA) kicks off a series of activities to start East Campus' Western Week celebration and the association's 22nd annual rodeo.

At 9 a.m. today a UNRA parade will begin at the club's rodeo arena on N. 33rd St. and end at the Capitol where Gov. Thone will sign a proclamation designating April 7-13 as Western Week. Mayor Helen Boosalis will be riding with the group to the Capitol, according to Mike Peterson, UNRA president.

Tuesday eight UNL women who are candidates for the UNRA Queen will be judged on aspects of their horsemanship and personality. The queen will be crowned during the first performance of the UNRA rodeo at 7:30 p.m. Friday, said Patti Lutter, 1979 Queen.

In horsemanship competition eight candidates will perform split reining patterns on their own horses and on borrowed horses. They also will answer

questions about what's wrong with the saddling of a horse and compete in goat tying. Each candidate also will prepare and explain a "cowboy's lunch" which need not be edible, Lutter said.

The personality part of the competition will include personal interviews, modeling of cowgirl suits and evaluation on appearance and poise.

1980 UNRA queen candidates are: Jeanne Polley, 19, Hampton; Holly Hybiak, 22, Staplehurst; Kimmie Blackburn, 21, Mitchell; Jayne Fosdick, 19, Lincoln; Karla Maddux, 19, Imperial; Kris Iske, 18, Millard; Sheila DeGroff, 20, Atkinson; and Deb Parks, 19, Pawnee City.

On April 10 the queen contestants will appear on Channel 10's "Morning Show," said Peterson.

The 22nd annual NU Intercollegiate Rodeo will open Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska State Fairgrounds Coliseum, Peterson said. Crowning of the 1980 rodeo queen will take place at that time, he said.

Two performances are scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with finals set to begin Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

In connection with the rodeo a draeing for a saddle and stud fee will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. said Peterson.

Tickets for the rodeo may be purchased at all Lincoln western shops, Hair Station, Brandeis and Shepler's in Omaha, said Lynn Glock, rodeo ticket chairman.

In connection with the rodeo a drawing versity Program Council-East has planned a series of Western games for Friday. Ranging from a bale stacking contest, arm wrestling, to a full scale tug-of-war, the games will pit representatives from university living units, fraternities and sororities against each other.

Time and location of the events will be announced Friday.

SIU choices include UNL vice chancellor

Robert Rutford, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at UNL, is one of five finalists for the presidency of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Rutford first came to UNL in 1972. He later was director of polar exploration programs for the National Science Foundation in Washington. He was named vice chancellor in 1977.

The SIU governing board will narrow the field to three before naming a new administrator for the campus, officials there said.

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