

Alumni pledge support

Foundation draws foreign gifts

By Betsy Miller

UNL alumni from Japan, India, Canada, Australia and the Panama Canal Zone have set contributions to the NU Foundation this year, according to Foundation Treasurer Herb Potter.

Laxmi N. Sharma of New Dehli, India, and a 1976 UNL graduate, recently pledged to contribute at least 1 percent of his annual salary to the university for the rest of his life said Foundation President D.B. Varner. "That's really pretty dramatic," Varner said.

Varner said the pledge was significant because it symbolized how grateful Sharma was for the education he received at UNL.

Potter said that although a rather small percentage of foreign graduates contribute to the university annually, it is still impressive that alumni from far away make the effort to contribute.

Pledges from foreign alumni are usually given to the Foundation in their country's coinage Potter said.

Nebraska Alumni Association Executive Association Vice President Jack Miller said that the association has current addresses for 1,154 alumni in foreign countries.

Hot tub set for completion soon

Installation of a hot tub for Abel-Sandoz residents is expected to be completed in October or November, an Abel Hall student official said.

Marci Hagerty, Abel Hall president of the Abel-Sandoz Residence Association, said the hot tub was purchased with funds Abel-Sandoz received from the housing department in past years.

Ina Luehring, complex program director, said the tub will cost \$1,784. Hagerty estimated that with installation charges, the bill may total \$4,000.

Hagerty said the suggestion for a hot tub came last year when the association was discussing how to spend previous year's money.

Students suggested the idea and it was approved by Housing Director Doug Zatecha.

Hagerty said the hot tub will be available only to Abel-Sandoz residents and their guests, and will just about complete the "Abel-Sandoz Health Club" with its pool, sauna, weight room and other facilities.

In addition to this total, 17 members live on Pacific Islands, 43 live in either Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands, and 485 have temporary foreign addresses according to Miller.

Miller said members with temporary foreign addresses are those who may work for the military or the state department.

The NU Foundation is in the last year of a three-year fund raising plan called the Nebraska Campaign according to Foundation Vice President Terry Fairfield.

The foundation sent out 900 letters to foreign addresses but approximately 300-400 may have been undeliverable because of improper addresses Fairfield said.

"We wrote all alumni in all other countries and asked if they wanted to contribute," Varner said.


Although Fairfield said foreign alumni get solicited for Foundation funds only once a year, alums in the U.S. are reached much more frequently.

In fact, NU ranks in the upper half of major universities nationally in the area of receiving donations Varner said.

The only way that UN alumni can get off the University's mailing list is to die according to Potter.

Varner theorized that if every UNL alumnus would make the same pledge as Sharma, the university could collect about a billion dollars annually.

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