

Club funds UNL academic programs

Membership in the NU Chancellor's Club costs \$10,000, but even people with empty piggy banks benefit from this exclusive group of university supporters.

The club, founded in 1971, has four basic goals, said John Yost, assistant to the chancellor and professor of history at UNL.

The club encourages and maintains suitable financial support for UNL through alumni and friends of the university, he said. It provides a channel through which gifts and bequests can have a lasting impact on the quality of academic programs, he said.

Yost said the club also provides recognition for individual alumni and organizations who invite the challenge of helping UNL face problems that institutions of higher education face today. And, he said, it permits communication between club members and administrators for common purposes at UNL.

The club was founded by the NU Foundation, and support goes toward scholarships, lecture series, facilities such as the Barkley Memorial Center, equipment for various colleges and distinguished professorships. Only academic programs are supported.

Membership is obtained by offering a gift of \$10,000 over a ten-year period or \$20,000 deferred. Yost said members are recognized at an annual banquet and are listed in football programs.

Chancellor lists criteria

Criteria to guide the process of program reduction and budget reallocation at UNL will be distributed Friday to offices on campus, Chancellor Martin Massengale said.

Tentative criteria have been reviewed this week by the various colleges. Massengale will issue the final list of criteria.

The chancellor said the list will be printed Friday and distributed to college and departmental offices.

The criteria will serve as guidelines for the colleges and departments in identifying programs and activities that might be recommended for reorganization, reduction or elimination in a process approved by the NU Board of Regents.

The process is aimed at reallocating 2 percent, or almost \$3 million, of the university's proposed general fund budget for 1984-85.

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Lech Walesa wins Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway — Lech Walesa Wednesday was awarded the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize for leading the struggle against Poland's Communist authorities to set up the Solidarity free trade union. The Norwegian Nobel Committee said Walesa had made considerable personal sacrifice to ensure the workers' right to establish their own organizations.

In Gdansk, Poland, Walesa said he would donate the \$192,000 in prize money to a proposed church fund established to aid Polish agriculture. Walesa, the leader of the banned trade union, said he did not regard the award as solely his own, but as a gesture for all Polish people. Walesa said he had not yet decided whether he would personally travel to Oslo to collect the award on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite and founder of the prizes named after him. The literature prize will be announced today.

In Warsaw, the news that Walesa had won the prize was greeted with joy Wednesday by Poland's Roman Catholic Church and by Walesa's supporters. But deputy government spokesman Andrzej Konopacki said the award was "politically motivated."

In Washington, President Reagan warmly welcomed the awarding of the peace prize to Walesa, and said the Warsaw government could not destroy Walesa's ideas. In remarks at the Labor Department, Reagan also renewed his plea for the Polish government to ease its restraints on civil liberties. He said the award "underlines the need for the Polish government to turn away from a policy of confrontation, toward one of reconciliation with all of the Polish people."

Mondale gets official nod

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — The AFL-CIO Wednesday formally endorsed former Vice-President Walter Mondale as its choice for the Democratic Party's 1984 presidential candidate, following the recommendation of their General Board, delegates to the biannual AFL-CIO convention approved Mondale without dissent. The endorsement does not assure Mondale of the votes of individual union members however. But, it will give him the AFL-CIO's sophisticated publicity machine, computerized phone banks providing direct access to every registered union voter in the nation and an army of volunteers — resources estimated to be worth about \$25 million in campaign funds.

U.S. support continues

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon told Congress Wednesday that it intends to sell Lebanon 259 armored personnel carriers as part of its effort to help the Lebanese army fight off rebel forces and assert the government's sovereignty. The personnel carriers, with communications equipment and 50-caliber machine guns, are valued at \$61 million. Previous arms shipments to Lebanon have included M-48 tanks, howitzers and communications equipment.

The Reagan administration has announced plans to spend more than \$100 million to help Lebanon rebuild its 22,000-man army.

Shamir forms coalition

TEL AVIV — Israel's Prime Minister-designate Yitzhak Shamir Wednesday succeeded in forming a government and asked for Parliament to convene on Monday to confirm it, an official announcement said. Shamir made his request after winning the support of the ultra-orthodox Aguda Israel Party, which temporarily held back from joining the coalition until it received fresh promises that the new government would enact tough religious legislation.

The new coalition is made up of the same six parties and three one-man factions of the previous administration and is expected to follow former Prime Minister Menachem Begin's policies.

Shamir, 67, a former underground fighter for Israel's independence, served as foreign minister under Begin and plans to continue holding the post of prime minister.

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