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Kerrey outlines economic development plan

By Patty Pryor

Gov. Bob Kerrey outlined his economic development program by detailing five areas of top priority.

In a press briefing Tuesday before addressing the Legislature today, Kerrey and other officials discussed recommendations in the areas of agriculture, small business, telecommunications, education and water management.

In opening remarks, Kerrey reiterated his commitment to developing individual economic opportunities as part of overall economic development throughout the state.

Speaking specifically about agriculture, Chuck Schroeder said it was important to recognize farming as a key industry in the state's economy.

The governor's agricultural forums, held throughout the state with local citizens, provided valuable input, Schroeder said.

Also, because Nebraska is the No. 1 cattle feeding and slaughtering state, an animal science complex and a regional veterinary college are "extremely important developments," he said.

Maxine Moul, a small business equity task force member, talked about LB1117, which would create a small business authority to provide technical

assistance for small businessmen.

Thirdly, Sen. Pat Morehead talked about opportunities for economic growth in a burgeoning telecommunications industry.

Among recommendations she offered was development of a full-time staff to coordinate efforts between the private sector and state government in pursuing new telecommunications technology.

Joe Lutjeharms spoke about the role of education in "keeping the Nebraska economy strong and making it even stronger."

He cited statistics which show that Nebraska ranks fourth nation-wide in ACT scores, with 72 percent of the population taking the test.

Finally, Bill Kerrey addressed the issue of water management, saying water has become a top priority in Nebraska, which ranks second nationally in number of irrigated acres.

Noting the conflict between developers and conservationists, Kerrey said LB1106 is intended to bring the different factions on the water issue to a compromise.

Among the governor's recommendations, his brother said, are creation of a water management board and a \$4 million water management fund.



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Gov. Bob Kerrey

'Do it Sober' presents alternatives to alcohol

By Kelli Kellogg

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, in conjunction with the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, will present "Do it Sober" today at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

The program, which is free to the public, will feature former Nebraska All-American tackle Bob Newton as one of three speakers.

Newton, now a UNL graduate student football assistant, cut his 11-year professional football career short by his addiction to alcohol, marijuana and cocaine.

Other features of the program include films and an open non-alcoholic bar. The bar will open 20 minutes before the first speaker, and again after the last speaker, said Mike Sophir, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member.

Linda Lewis, of the LCAD, said "Do it Sober" is the first event of its kind at UNL.

She said she hopes "Do it Sober" will change attitudes toward drinking and drug use.

"It's starting to be considered cool not to drink," Lewis said. "What we hope to do is let people know that they don't have to get high to have a good time."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon expects about 600 people of the event, Sophir said. Those who attend the program can drink non-alcoholic pina colodas and Bloody Mary's free, he said.

Aim targets student cooperation

By Milli King

The Aim party announced its candidacy for ASUN Senate Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Main Lounge, emphasizing the word "party" and the need for cohesiveness among all facets of ASUN.

"ASUN is an association of students, and each student on this campus is a member," Mark Scudder, Aim presidential candidate, said. "Unless all components of ASUN work together, the effectiveness of the organization will be greatly limited," he said.

Scudder, a junior English major, is currently ASUN Student Life Commission chairman, Faculty Senate Computational Services Committee secretary, Phi Kappa Psi rush chairman, and was an IFC Rush Committee member.

Aim will focus on representation, Scudder said. "We want to represent the students to the administration, the Board of Regents, and the Legislature," he said.

Scudder said decisions to hold finals over the weekend and to pick up grade reports were made without student input.

"One questions the administration's priorities when our grades, the single most important thing to most students, are held until we return to school," Scudder said.

Aim also plans to focus on the Legislature, because many bills have a direct impact on the quality of education at UNL, Scudder said.

UNL students contribute more than \$20,000 in student fees annually to Nebraska State Student Association, which employs a lobbyist to speak on issues that affect students at the university and four state colleges, Scudder said.

"Aim feels this money could be used more effectively if it were spent on issues that specifically affect UNL," Scudder said.

"Hiring a professional lobbyist to represent our interests would cost approximately one-third as much as our NSSA dues, and the lobbyist's time would be focused on issues most important to our campus," he said.

Curt Oltmans, first vice-presidential candidate, said he planned to oversee the senate and enhance communication between the senate and the executive branch.

Oltmans, a junior political science major, is currently an Arts and Sciences Senator, Student Alumni Association chairman of policy and procedures, and IFC cabinet representative.

Aim also supports the Chancellor's task force that recommended a new, freestanding bookstore across from Broyhill Fountain, he said.

Paul Edens, second vice-presidential candidate, said Nebraska is a farm-based state and agriculture must be given a high priority in every aspect, including education.

Edens, a junior majoring in social sciences in the Teachers College, is a Block and Bride member, Homecoming king runner-up, Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge trainer and executive officer, and College Republicans member.

"We don't promise to have the answers to everything; anyone who does is dreaming," Scudder said. "What we do promise are open minds, open doors and open arms to anyone who wants to help us make the university a better place."



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The Aim party, Curt Oltmans (far left), Mark Scuder (center) and Paul Edens (right), announced its candidacy for ASUN.

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