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Sen. Chambers reprimands ASA at banquet celebrating African unity

By Mark Davis

The African Student Student Association had its African Days banquet Saturday in celebration of African unity and the betterment of African-American relations. But when the program missed its starting time and the speakers were asked to be brief, the last speaker, Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, spent his time reprimanding the crowd and ASA for organizing the banquet under false pretenses.

Chambers said ASA invited white people to its celebration to "pretend that we all like each other and then go home with a good feeling." Chambers said that actually, hate exists between the cultures and that he was invited to the banquet as a drawing card to entertain the crowd.

"People mistake my accommodating for being a sucker," Chambers said. Chambers said the audience entertained him with its ignorance of racism and with its concern for eating, rather than listening to the speech he was presenting.

Okechi Mary Nwaogu-Dupain, president of the ASA, said Chambers never appeared on any of the promotions for the banquet and they invited him to speak because of his awareness of African-American relations.

After the speech, Chambers and his son left the banquet. He said that if anyone wanted to hear what he had to say, they did not have to give him a dinner because his doors were open.

Immediately following the speeches, a buffet dinner was served.

The African cuisine included moi moi (bean cake), Samosa (pie), pilau (beef rice), enjerna (rolls), bakiava (pastry desert), wet broiled chicken, and suya.

Then the crowd watched an African fashion show and dance, followed by a slide show presentation on Africa.

Abdel-Razek El-Naggar, UNL Ph.D. student in horticulture said that this weekend was a common day of celebration for Africa.

"Near this time every year, the peoples of Africa celebrate unity and governments meet to decide how best to bring about it," El-Naggar said.

ASA was formed in 1962 to give African students a chance to follow the national and international events that affect Africa. It also gives students a forum to discuss problems African students have when coming to this country.

According to Dupain, one problem African students face is cultural shock.

"We come here as a ready-made jigsaw puzzle, but are rapidly dismantled and put back in the box," she said.

She explained that Africa is a society of close interrelations. When African students come to the United States, she said, they face the problems of a "don't touch me society," which leaves them lonely and cold.

Dupain credited the ASA and the progressive people of America for making the difference a little easier for the students.



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Mark Dupain, son of Okechi Mary Nwaogu-Dupain of Nigeria, demonstrates African styles handed down through the generations.

Dorm follows Greek tradition, gets exam file

By Jim Berryman

Exam files, which allow students to check out tests given in past classes to study for upcoming tests, traditionally have been used exclusively in Greek houses.

The situation now has changed.

Two weeks ago, former Selleck Hall president Joe Hayman and two Selleck residents started the first exam file in a UNL residence hall.

Hayman, a sophomore from Annapolis, said the birth of the exam file at Selleck resulted from a survey of Selleck residents.

"The reason we're doing this is to make Selleck a better dorm," Hayman said. "We're fulfilling what they (Selleck residents) wanted."

Hayman said that about one-third of Selleck's 540 residents responded to the survey about exam files. And, he said, 84 percent of those responding said they wanted an exam file in Selleck Quadrangle.

Hayman and his two Selleck counterparts, Rhonda Thue and Carmen Jantzi, began their project more

than two months ago, he said. After posting flyers around Selleck and going door-to-door asking for old exams, the trio has collected more than 500 exams, which currently are on file at Selleck, he said.

So far, about 20 people have used the exam system at Selleck, said Jantzi, a freshman from Cairo.

"I've been approached by people about it," Jantzi said. "I think it is working really good."

Thue, a freshman from Brandon, S.D., said the Selleck exam file was patterned after exam files in UNL's Greek houses.

At the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the exam file is a volunteer system, said Paula Nielsen, scholarship chairperson for the house.

"The exam file is in our study room, and the members can give old tests and check out tests at any time if they want to," she said.

Also, if a member chooses not to put a past test in the main exam file, Nielsen said, a list of personal tests is kept in case another member of the sorority wants to use one.

"It is an effective system depending on the class,"

she said. "The exam file helps in most cases by giving a student an idea of what the test will be like."

Nielsen said she did not know how many tests Alpha Xi Delta has on file.

At the Acacia fraternity, the exam file is used extensively, although scholarship chairman Dan Longacre said it is controversial.

"We collect exams at the end of each semesters and award points to members who donate the most exams, based on a point system," he said. Final exams are worth the most points, while hour exams and quizzes are worth fewer points, he said. At the end of the semester, awards are given to members with the most points, he said.

Despite using the exam files at Acacia for more than 10 years, and having two drawers filled with tests, Longacre said he does not care for the system.

"A lot of students tend to study just these old tests," he said. "I discourage students to use them as their only study tool."

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Schwartzkopf: Experience is strong point

By Stacie Thomas

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of three stories about the NU Board of Regents District 1 race.

Many good things have happened to Edward Schwartzkopf, 2020 Park Ave., and he said he owes a lot of them to the University of Nebraska.

A desire to repay that debt is what motivated Schwartzkopf to run in 1966 for the NU Board of Regents District 1 seat. Schwartzkopf won the race, and now is running for his fourth term.

Schwartzkopf said his three terms have given him a depth of experience unmatched by either of his opponents.

"I don't know anybody that knows more about this university and cares more about it than Edward Schwartzkopf," he said.

Schwartzkopf said experience is vital at this time because one-fourth of the board's members have less than two years' experience. Handling a \$450 million operation like the university requires experience and continuity, Schwartzkopf said.

Schwartzkopf, the current board chairman, was a dissertation away from his doctorate when elected to the

board. He chose not to finish his doctorate because his colleagues thought there was a conflict of interest, he said.

Schwartzkopf said his reasons for running in 1984 basically are the same as they were in 1966.

"I care about this university, the students, the faculty and the people," he said.

Schwartzkopf, who said he originated the statement, "We need a university our football team can be proud of," said that philosophy has taken him far during his three terms. The development of the Toward Excellence program, which provides additional funding to benefit and improve the quality of programs that need updating, and the establishment of the Bereuter stipends highlight his career as a regent.

Schwartzkopf said the board also has made progress in developing long-term plans, which include enrollment projection and admission adjustments for the College of Dentistry and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Schwartzkopf's goals for his fourth term are continued increases in faculty salaries, improved facilities and the possibility of developing faculty benefits that the faculty would not have to

pay taxes on. Schwartzkopf said benefits are important because many faculty members depend on the university for their entire income and have few possible tax deductions.

The benefits might include insurance, retirement plans and travel benefits for those faculty members whose jobs require travel, he said.

Schwartzkopf said that developing non-taxable benefits is likely because similar programs are becoming more common.

"I'd like to be in the forefront of providing these benefits," he said. "We've got some of the best brains in the country, we should be able to figure this out."

At 64, Schwartzkopf said he thinks his age is unimportant. He said people should consider a person's background and education, rather than age. Schwartzkopf used Winston Churchill as an example. He said that Churchill was in his 70s when England called on him to be prime minister during World War II.

"There's nothing magic about a certain number," Schwartzkopf said. "What's important is good judgment, experience and maturity."

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