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Alum considered for position Chancellor recommends Krepel as assistant

By Michael Hooper
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If given the job as assistant to the chancellor and director of university relations, Thomas Krepel, a former Nebraska educator and legislative analyst, said he would use his academic training and experience in education to help the chancellor fulfill his diverse responsibilities.

UNL Chancellor Martin Messengale said Tuesday he will recommend the appointment of Krepel at the NU Board of Regents meeting, Saturday.

Krepel taught in Omaha and Bellevue public schools and served as a research analyst with the State of Nebraska before moving to Louisiana in 1985. Currently, Krepel is an assistant professor of educational



Krepel

administration at the University of New Orleans.

In recommending Krepel, Chancellor Messengale said, "I believe that Dr. Krepel's demonstrated experience, ability and commitment to education and public service will make him an invaluable addition to the UNL administrative staff."

Krepel, 35, graduated from UNL with a bachelor's degree in education in 1972. He earned his Master of Education degree from UNL in 1979, and his Ph.D. degree in administration, curriculum and instruction from UNL in 1983.

Krepel was born in Crete but calls Lincoln his home in Nebraska.

If given the job as assistant to the chancellor, Krepel would start August 15.

Krepel said he wants to be an advocate of UNL.

"The University doesn't stop on R Street," he said. "Its relations involve the entire state of Nebraska."

Providing research, public service

and teaching are primarily the functions of the university, he said. It must also provide leadership in agriculture, business and education, he said.

"I think that's what the people of Nebraska expect of the university," Krepel said.

It is UNL's obligation to provide what Nebraskans want because it is a public institution, he said. The mission of UNL is always changing, and that is why the university must always listen to the people's views and expectations, he said.

Krepel said after being away from Nebraska, he has learned UNL has a good reputation and said he will make every effort to continue building its reputation.

Krepel said he will concentrate on cooperating and communicating with the public schools. A strong tie to the public schools will make it easier for high school graduates to make the transition from high school to UNL, he said.



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Volgyes

Despite options, professor chooses teaching at UNL

By Steve Thomas
Staff Reporter

Decision, decisions. Ivan Volgyes, a political science professor at UNL, has made a few. He has bypassed teaching jobs at prestigious universities and research jobs for the U.S. government because he likes teaching at UNL.

Volgyes, a native of Hungary, will be returning to UNL this fall for his 20th year after a year at Rutgers University. The decision to return to the midwest was not mandatory for the professor who specializes in political science of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. His options have always been numerous.

"I've taught in other places," Volgyes said. "But I especially like the environment of the large midwestern schools. I enjoy the people here and I've always had wonderful rapport with my students."

Volgyes' two daughters, ages 5 and 9, also played a role in his decision.

"I was teaching at Rutgers on a 'distinguished professor' visiting basis," Volgyes said. "I had the chance to do it permanently and the pay was about 50 percent more, but my two girls are here and their love and affection are very important to me."

Volgyes' past is colorful. He stared a major decision in the face at the age of 20. Volgyes had been working

as a journalist and a bricklayer. But the Hungarian Revolution broke out in 1956. Volgyes' escape to the U.S. followed a short time later.

"I was 20, and I was angry," Volgyes said. "I came over here with no idea of what I wanted to do. I guess I kind of got into education by accident."

By accident or not, Volgyes found his number one interest in education. He received all of his degrees from American University in Washington, D.C., where he studied international and comparative politics with an emphasis on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

If you're shopping for an ordinary course — complete with text book lectures and three exams — Volgyes is not your man. His teaching style is distinct and full of flavor.

"Most importantly, I want to shock the students, and get them out of their traditional thinking pattern," Volgyes said. "And I can be a foul-mouthed son of a bitch."

It's not uncommon for Volgyes to propose outlandish theories and deliver a lecture full of rubbish. His objective is to provoke the students into rejecting his comments.

"I'll talk nonsense," Volgyes said. "I'll tell them Thomas Jefferson was a fascist to shake them up. What I'm after is disagreement — not discussion. Discussion is worthless. Anyone can do that, but I want to teach these people to really think."

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Farm given to benefit Lied

By James M. Lillis
Senior Reporter

A Holt County farm has been given to the NU Foundation by First Commerce Bancshares, Inc., to benefit construction of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Tim Thietje, vice president, University Foundation and legal counsel, said that the land will be farmed for now, with proceeds from crop sales going to the Lied Foundation. Crop money is expected after fall harvest, he said.

At some point when the market is right and the right buyer is found, the farm will be sold with the income given to the Lied Center, Thietje said.

He said that the First Commerce Bancshares, Inc. has been very helpful in the past by providing other programs such as the NBC Visiting Executive and Scholarship Program, the Economic Education Fund (both for CBA), the L.E.A.D. program for the further development of agriculture and agribusiness and a cash pledge toward the Wick Alumni fund-raising campaign.

Thietje said the gift was creative and interesting, considering the fact there has been only one other farm donated for the project.

"Most of the donations for the private-gifts campaign are in the form of cash pledges," Thietje said. "The pledges usually cover a three-to-five-period."

The Foundation has completed its \$10 million fund drive for the Lied Center for all practical purposes, Thietje said. The Foundation has collected about 95 percent of all money pledged. The breakdown of funds pledged include:

- From Lincoln, 44 percent.
 - From in-state, 28.8 percent.
 - From out-state, 26 percent.
- Cash and Pledges:
- From foundations, 44 percent.
 - From corporations, 15 percent.
 - From individuals, 41 percent.
- Breakdown of Individual Funds:

- 20 grand benefactors giving \$100,000 and up.
- 28 benefactors giving \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- 125 giving \$10,000 to \$50,000.
- 240 giving \$1,000 to \$10,000.
- 1,242 giving up to \$1,000.

Thietje said the Lied project is on

schedule with construction expected to start this fall at the site on the south edge of the UNL campus. The project was launched in 1984 with the announcement of a \$10 million gift to the University Foundation from the Lied Foundation Trust of Las Vegas. Its completion date is set for the fall of 1988.

ASUN-funded program provides free information

By Linda Bendixen
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Beginning Aug. 1, the new Student Information Center, an ASUN-funded program, will provide UNL students free assistance, Ann Mallett, director of student information, said.

"The main goal is to provide a central office for students to get information," she said.

The Student Information Center, located in Room 116, Nebraska Union, will have information covering several areas to aid UNL students.

Research for the center began about one year ago by ASUN senators. After reviewing various programs at other universities, the Senate approved a bill for the program, Marlene Beyke, director of development, said.

"The senators did a lot of brainstorming and research," she said. "After some good debate on the Senate floor, a bill was approved. It was then passed by the Committee for Fees Allocations and finally the Chancellor."

Although open to all students, the focus of the program is on the off-

campus students.

"Off-campus students comprise about 75 percent of the student population and have been relatively neglected in the past," Mallett said.

The center provides information and assistance in finding off-campus housing, roommates, renter's insurance and transportation to and from campus. Information about financial aid, scholarships, and local banks as well as a job board and placement information is also available.

For the recreation minded, the Student Information Center provides information concerning intramural sports, holiday trips, and the general nightlife in Lincoln.

Mallett said she hopes the center can provide a student with information on the services available for students in Lincoln, preferably at student rates.

"We hope to cover everything," she said.

The center moves into the union at the end of August, but information is available through the ASUN office until then. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.