

Young Democrats plan boycott

By Jane Hirt
Staff Reporter

Accusing ConAgra of attempting to blackmail Nebraska UNL's Young Democrats, supported by Nebraska Young Democrats, resolved in a recent press release to boycott ConAgra products if the company decides to leave the state.

This statement was issued in response to ConAgra's threat to relocate outside the state because of what ConAgra spokesperson Lynn Phares called a poor economic environment in Nebraska.

The press release said, "if ConAgra is going to stab Nebraska in the back in a time of economic difficulty and cause our taxes to go up, then we should boycott their products."

Nebraska Young Democrats, said the Young Democrats thought ConAgra was leaving because of the high taxes they would pay under current tax law.

Specific actions have not been determined, Neary said, because there have been no recent developments.

"We're keeping that (the boycott) option open," she said. "We're trying to remind the public with this release that we should not allow these demands from a single corporation."

ConAgra, an international business based in Omaha, sells food-related products like seed and fertilizer, and owns such companies as Armour and Banquet foods.

Phares said a location analysis was conducted to determine the best location for an urgently needed food research and development center. It

was determined through the study that it would cost \$7.2 million a year less if headquarters were moved to Knoxville, Tenn.

Neary said she has not contacted ConAgra yet with the Young Democrats' concerns.

Phares said, "We're not trying to blackmail the state; we could have just packed up and left but we didn't, we have tried to make it public."

Although the decision to move has not been made, the food plant's location will be decided in early spring or summer, Phares said.

"If a move does occur, it will happen in phases," she said.

Neary said her group will wait until ConAgra has decided before taking action.

Keep grads in state

Senator says better-paying jobs needed

By Lee Rood
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Nebraskans must increase home-grown industries and accept change to keep university graduates in the state, a state senator said Tuesday.

Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg told UNL students from his district that Nebraska is losing too many graduates to higher-paying jobs elsewhere because there is "no new growth."

"The days of Ma, Pa, the cow, the sow and the plow are over," he said.

Moore met with nearly two dozen

students to open up communications and get their opinions on how he can help stop Nebraska's "brain drain."

Many who leave the state move to larger cities, Moore said.

"As long as there is no new growth, there is no room for new people," he said.

According to a report by the NU Alumni Association, nearly 60 percent of all recent UNL graduates stay in Nebraska. Moore said he was unfamiliar with the study, but he said he did not consider that a bad ratio.

But that statistic is down on percentage from a 1983 survey.

Services today for former UNL dairy specialist

Funeral services for Philip H. Cole, longtime UNL extension dairy specialist, will be at 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church.

Cole, 64, died in his Lincoln home Tuesday morning of cancer. He retired in 1983 after 33 years at UNL.

Cole joined the university staff in 1950 after receiving his master's degree from NU. For many years he was superintendent of the 4-H Dairy Show at the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition and at the Nebraska State Fair.

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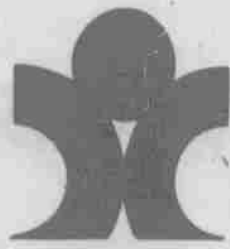
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