Students, administrators praise profs at first Faculty Appreciation Day

By Brandon Loomis

Staff Reporter

About 100 students and administrators showed their support for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty before Saturday's football game at UNL's first Faculty Appreciation Day.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska and the Residence Hall Association sponsored the rally on Union Plaza. The reason they stayed here for undergraduate groups gave away blue balloons, rather than the traditional red, to show that students are not only fans of football, but of academics.

Athletic Director Bob Devaney told the crowd that a good faculty is important for the working relationship with the athletic department. The UNL faculty is among the best in the country, he said, but many teachers are leaving because of low salaries.

the lowest-paid faculty in the Big Eight," he over education. said.

Devaney praised ASUN for its recent bill requesting a tuition increase to increase faculty salaries, and said it's now up to the Legislature to provide additional financing.

'Let's all get behind this drive to keep them here," Devaney said.

Margaret Robinson, chairperson of the NU Board of Regents, told a story about an early Chinese philosopher who said that while someone can make a difference for a year by planting rice, one must educate in order to affect the world for 100 years.

"That's as true today as it was thousands of years ago," she said. Robinson also saluted students for their

willingness to make sacrifices in order to keep a quality faculty. She said the faculty is important to the university and the entire state.

'Faculty salaries have to go up this year,"

she said.

Andy Jacobitz, Barbara Meister and Patricia Sokolik, recipients of the Outstanding Student Leadership Award, honored individual members of the faculty at the rally

Jacobitz said David McGill, professor of agronomy, makes going to class fun. McGill has made the faculty strong through his longstanding support, Jacobitz said.

"I've had more than one alumnus say that the school was Dr. McGill," he said. Meister opposed ASUN's tuition-raising

bill because many of her friends are already unable to pay for school. Increased tuition, along with increased student fees to finance the football team's indoor practice field, will drive many students into the work force without degrees, she said.

I cannot wear Husker red today," she said, "These people that contribute so much are because people are beginning to stress football

> "Without a quality faculty," she said, "there can be no quality university

> Meister honored Susan Welch, professor of political science. Welch strives for excellence and helps to make UNL recognized for academic quality, she said.

Sokolik said Eva Winter, associate professor of construction management, sets an ex-

helped start the freshman Foundations courses, through, he said.

State Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg, a "But I'm here to say that what you're saying is UNL graduate, said he is grateful to the being heard loud and clear."



Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney speaks at the convocation celebrating Faculty Appreciation Day Saturday.

Winter has given guidance and kept students high-school class of 10 students. He said he was from making mistakes, she said. high-school class of 10 students. He said he was afraid UNL's faculty would not have enough "To be a member of the faculty is to live from making mistakes, she said. Sokolik said Winter has helped her write letters to several companies. Winter also did have time for him and helped him make it

said. "She took the time to care and did make a he hopes the Legislature will follow suit.

"I'm not here to give you promises," he said.

Jim Lewis, Faculty Senate president, said tant group," he said.

"To be a member of the faculty is to live a life of gentile poverty," he said. Lewis said his job is rewarding because students provide him with

energy and show a thirst for knowledge. ASUN President Andy Pollock said that although Saturday was UNL's first Faculty Appreciation Day, he hopes students will have one each November.

"It is important to recognize the most impor-

Regents award firm contract for med center project

By Shawn Hubbell Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska Board processory of regents awarded the Nebraska Service and Construction Co. a construction bid Friday afternoon for the renovation of six adult private patient rooms at the NU Medical Center.

During an emergency session held by teleconference, the regents unani-

mitted the low bid of \$274,500 and construction time. met all of the conditions of the bidding

William Swanson, NU corporation was needed to approve the low bid as soon as possible so construction on the project could start immediately.

mously approved the selection of the said approving the bid at the emer- ment, contingency costs and fees.

Omaha construction firm, which sub- gency session would save two weeks

The cost of the project is estimated at \$450,000 and will be financed through the operating budget of the secretary, said the emergency session University Hospital's major capital renovation account. The bid of \$274,500 is for the construction of the six additional adult intensive-care The next regularly scheduled re- rooms. The remaining \$175,500 will gents meeting is Nov. 20. Swanson be used for fixed and movable equip-

The intensive-care unit will be treatments that require private rooms. constructed from existing space in the hospital and will consist of the six adult private patient rooms, a nurse's station, two utility rooms, a waiting room, a staff locker room, a conference room and a staff office.

According to a summary of the project, the need for the intensive-care unit was brought on by increased complexity of patients' ailments and a trend toward longer stays.

Room 201

Increased use of the current intensive care unit also has been a contributing factor in the addition of the new unit.

The summary of the project indi-cated that from February to July, use of the intensive care units has increased 18 percent and the length of stays averaged six to eight days, with



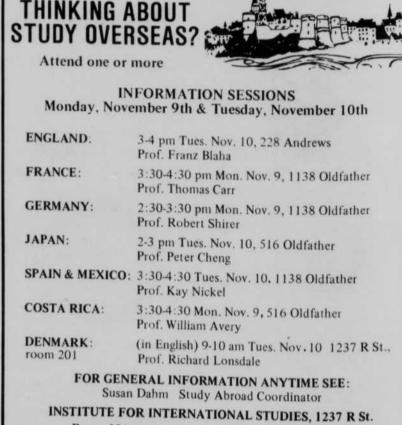
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