lumni Association trying mass media ads

By Brandon Loomis Staff Reporter

Even as membership in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association climbs to its highest point ever, the association has, for the first time, turned to mass media advertising to attract more graduates.

Bryan Van Deun, executive vice president of the association, said membership increased from 23,459 to 26,379 during 1987. He said 16 to 18 percent of all alumni are currently members.

"We'd just like to increase that rate of growth," he said.

The association has 30-second commercials running on USA, CNN and ESPN cable networks throughout the association's \$819,000 yearly

Lancaster County, as well as ads on budget comes from membership local radio stations.

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Van Deun said about 90 percent of

dues, which are \$30 a year or \$300 for life. Most of the remaining 10 percent comes from the university in return for keeping track of where all alumni are and what they are doing, he said.

More than \$80,000 of the budget goes to a magazine called the "Ne-braska Alumnus," which is sent to members every other month. Because many members show the magazine to friends and neighbors with children, he said, the magazine helps attract students.

One story in the magazine features Donald Cram, the 1987 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry who got his master's degree in chemistry from

People want to hear about a UNL graduate who wins a Nobel Prize," Van Deun said.

The last issue had 32 pages, eight of which were in color. If the advertising campaign is successful, the association would like to enlarge the magazine and make it entirely in color, Van Deun said.

Although numbers have not yet been released, Van Deun said membership has increased steadily since the campaign began in December.

We're not sure whether it's the Lancaster County ads or our new mailing system," he said.

simply received letters asking them to this is an experiment on my part.'

join, he said. This year, the association is sending non-members decals that say "UNL grad and proud of it," along with premade membership

"All they have to do is send in their checks," he said.

Van Deun said he has not yet received bills for the advertisements, but expects them to cost around \$3,000. Once the bills come in, the association will compare the campaign's cost to its success rate. If they decide it was cost-effective, they will look to expand the advertisements to areas outside of Lancaster County, he said.

"I don't know of too many alumni In the past, non-member graduates associations that do that,"he said. "So

Veterinary research center

UNL, USDA join in project

By Linda Holmes

Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln veterinary science students will study and treat animals at the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center after completing a cooperative project with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kansas State University.

The project, which will be at the Hruska building near Clay Center, is scheduled to begin operation by

spring 1989. Jack Schmitz, director of the UNL veterinary science program, said Nebraska's veterinary science teaching program will team up with the USDA Veterinary Research Program to form the Center for Medicine.

A team of researchers, professors and students will study more than 25,000 animals, Schmitz said. He said the program will provide advantages for both UNL and KSU.

UNL doesn't have a complete veterinary science program, so students attend universities in other states for part of their training, Schmitz said.

Originally, students were sent to Iowa State, the University of Minnesota and Ohio State University. But contracts with the schools were canceled after a contract with KSU was confirmed, he said. KSU has decreased charges, which helped UNL finance the new program.

UNL saves 22 percent on each

Advanced Study in Food Animal student who attends KSU's veterinary college, Schmitz said. KSU reserves 30 places for UNL students in its veterinary science program, he

> Half of Clay Center's program costs will come from federal funds that were originally appropriated for a four-year veterinary college at UNL. The UNL college was never approved by Nebraska Legislature.

> The state of Nebraska also is contributing \$1 million, and the University of Nebraska Foundation has raised \$200,000 and is trying to raise another \$300,000 to finance

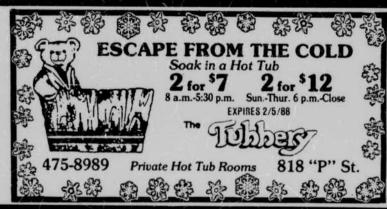
the \$3 million project.
UNL will hire four additional veterinarians to teach at the center. KSU students also will be allowed to attend the new program.

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