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Action party declares candidacy for ASUN

By Dan Dwinell
Staff Reporter

Action Party candidates announced Tuesday they will enter the race for executive positions in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Action candidates Jeff Petersen for president, Nate Geisert for first vice president and Kim Beavers for second vice president spoke in the main lobby of the Nebraska Union.

The ASUN election will be March 9.

Petersen said his qualifications included being this year's chairman of the Government Liaison Committee and being on the ASUN Executive Committee. In addition, he was an ASUN senator last year. Petersen is a junior from Scottsbluff.

The three candidates announced the party's platform and what they hoped to accomplish if elected.

Petersen said it is important for Nebraskans to know the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is an outstanding institution.

"We need to expand our horizons," he said. "We need to form a partnership between the university and the state."

He said he would lobby to improve student financial aid and continue to work on raising faculty

salaries.

"It can't be a one-year fix," he said.

The Action Party wants to improve communication.

Beavers said it is important to inform and get more students involved in the government. She suggested giving information to residence-hall student assistants, floor presidents and Greek houses.

"We need to break down communication barriers and integrate all UNL students," Beavers said.

In addition, she proposed that senators should have meetings in their colleges at least once a month.

Geisert raised another communication problem. He said he would work to raise the English speaking requirements for foreign teachers.

Beavers said the student-to-adviser ratio is too high and should be lowered. She said that in the College of Journalism there are 60 students for every adviser.

Beavers said advisers need to know more about courses offered outside their department.

Geisert said a student information hotline should be created along with a drop/add manual to clear up confusion on the procedure.

He added that an evaluation of Dead Week should be done and the procedure should be changed if necessary.

Library serials budget cut postponed

By David Holloway
Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Martin Massengale gave \$150,000 to postpone any cuts in the library serials budget for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

Faculty Senate President Jim Lewis said Tuesday that the \$150,000 was money the university saved in energy costs.

Agnes Adams, professor of libraries, said this contribution will not prevent the growing problem of the serials budget. But the \$150,000 will allow the fiscal budget of 1988-89 to pass without any cuts, Adams said.

By the time the library has to

renew subscriptions in 1989, it will have to pay an additional \$255,000, assuming its budget gets a 5 percent increase from the Legislature, Adams said.

"There has been a trend in foreign takeovers by western European countries in the area of publications during the past decade," Adams said. "What is going on in the serials world can boil down to three factors: discrimination, devaluation, and exploitation."

Adams said that countries outside Europe pay on the average 31 percent more than European nations.

United actions against these factors have been started on a national

basis by the Association of Research Libraries which consists of more than 100 large academic libraries working together, Adams said.

The association has hired a lawyer to advise libraries about situations on handling publishers and make the problem known on a national level, she said.

UNL has been corresponding with other Big Eight schools in order to share materials, cutting down the cost of buying new materials as a result, Adams said.

Lewis said if the library serials budget is reduced, it is predicted in five years the journals for students and faculty members will be cut in half.

APU panel says support groups help black students cope at UNL

By Gretchen Boehr
Staff Reporter

Support groups are important to help black students cope at predominantly white universities, participants in an African People's Union panel discussion said Monday night.

The panel was the first in a series of campus activities for National Black History Month during February.

"Black History Month gives us an opportunity to educate black folks and white folks about the contributions of blacks to the nation and the world," said Vaughn Robertson, counselor for the Multi-Cultural Affairs Center.

The events were planned by APU, UPC Black Special Events, UPC Black Entertainment and Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

About 40 people gathered at the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St., to interact with the five-member panel made up of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

The panel discussed problems such as black stereotypes made by

white students who grew up in small, rural, predominantly white communities.

"They see us as the stereotypical characters on 'Saturday Night Live,'" said Angela Jones, a senior speech communications major and panel member.

Melanie Dupree, a sophomore engineering major on the panel, said the most difficult thing for her to cope with was being one of only three women as well as the only black student in one of her engineering classes.

Other panel members said white students at UNL were friendly toward them.

Patrick Palmer, a sophomore management major on the panel, said he found white students were friendlier than he had expected.

Black students said they can cope with a predominantly white university by becoming involved in support groups such as black student government, APU choir and black churches.

Panel members also suggested closing the gap between black underclassmen and upperclassmen, and

called for more black student unity.

Tonya Horn, a senior human development major, and Bridget Sims, a sophomore broadcasting major, were also on the panel.

Other Black History Month activities will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Culture Center with a movie about apartheid in South Africa. The film is entitled "Winnie and Nelson Mandela."

A dance, sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, to raise money for research on sickle-cell anemia will be from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Culture Center.

A black awareness workshop is scheduled for Feb. 22 in the Nebraska Union. Speakers will include Mario Kelly, assistant professor of educational psychology, and Maxine Montgomery, assistant professor of English and ethnic studies.

A black student/faculty reception is scheduled for 5 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Nebraska Union. A movie entitled "Woza Albert" will follow.

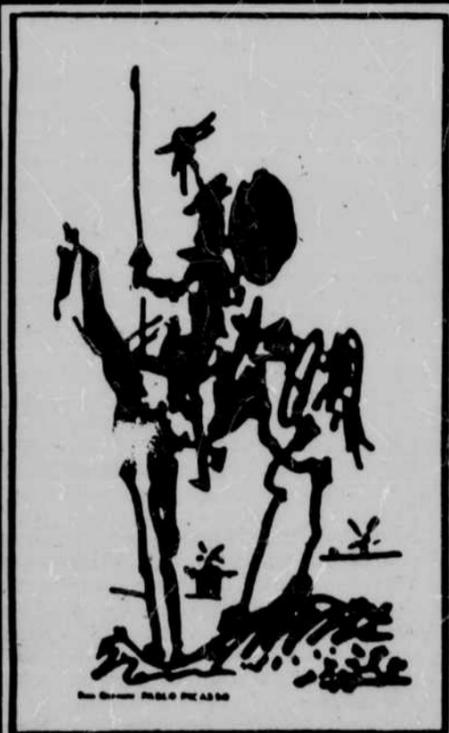
Other activities include a dinner Feb. 26 and a skit about racism at UNL Feb. 29.

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