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University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Students to be expelled for inadequate grades

By Anne Mohri Senior Reporter

About 1,000 students will be dismissed from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for academic reasons this month, but there are appeal procedures for possible re-admittance, said Ellen Baird, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Last May, 999 students received dismissal notices. In December about 600 were dismissed although some were readmitted later, she said.

The rules for appeals were not completely in effect last May because the necessary publicity had not been released, she said. Baird said the student appeals are considered by a faculty committee.

The committee was set up by Robert Fur-gason, vice chancellor for academic affairs, she said. Furgason also appointed the members.

The Dismissal Appeals Committee includes Baird, chairperson; Donald Gregory, director of General Studies and associate professor of English; Sheldon Stick, chairman of the faculty senate grading committee and professor of special education and communication disorders.

Gregory said the rules have been in the schedule of classes since the fall semester, in the 1987-88 undergraduate bulletin and on the back of grade reports.

Baird said the committee was used first in January when 224 dismissed students appealed.

She said 138 students were readmitted into UNL, 74 were turned down and 12 appeals were not resolved because of financial blocks on students' records.

Financial blocks are recorded when a student fails to pay all financial obligations to the university, she said. Appeals cannot be filed until all financial obligations are paid, she said.

A student with 0-18 credit hours who has attended the university for more than one semester will be dismissed for having a cumulative GPA below 1.00, according to the academic standards policy. Students with 19-45 credit hours will be

dismissed if both the current semester and the cumulative GPA are below 1.75 and the previ-

ous semester's cumulative GPA was below grandmother died," Baird said. 2.00, the policy says.

Students with 46 or more credit hours will be dismissed if both the current semester and the cumulative GPA are below 2.00 and the cumulative GPA was below 2.00 at the end of the previous semester.

Students who are on probation for three consecutive semesters are also dismissed, Baird said.

She said the academic standards are approved by the faculty senate committee.

Baird said grade reports and probation or dismissal notices are scheduled to be sent to students May 18.

She said students' personal problems are taken into consideration. One student's parents died and his funeral director wrote a note confirming it.

Students fill out an appeals form and give reasons for their poor academic performance, Baird said. She said it is possible that some students make-up stories but most are probably true.

"I don't think one person said that their

Baird urges students who have retaken classes to file a D or Fremoval form because the computers do not automatically re-average the new grades.

As soon as a student receives a dismissal notice, he should file a D or F removal form, Gregory said.

The student should have his status evaluated by contacting his dean's office, he said, and at that point the student can decide whether to appeal.

Students can pick up dismissal appeal forms in their college dean's office, Baird said.

If students pre-register for summer or fall sessions and receive a dismissal notice, their schedules will be cancelled, Gregory said.

Students cannot re-register unless they are readmitted, he said.

Students who are re-admitted into the university are allowed one semester to earn a GPA that will return them to academic good standing, Baird said. Baird said to remain in academic good standing a student must have a two-semester GPA of a 2.00.

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Dora Smith, class of 1938, greets Katherine, '37, and Maurice, '38, Peterson at a reception honoring alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more.

Football alum says team was fun in '38

By Amy Edwards Senior Reporter

When Elmer Dohrmann played football for Nebraska from 1936 to 1938, things were different.

"We had a lot more fun," he said. Dohrmann, 72, said the pressure in athletics wasn't as great as it is now. There were no scholarships; seasons and practices were shorter; and any-one who could walk onto the field could play the game, Dohrmann said.

Dohrmann, who played end for the Cornhuskers, earned 11 letters during his athletic career at UNL: in football, basketball, baseball and track. A record, Dohrmann said, that will never be beaten.

'Athletics are so time consuming today," Dohrmann said. "There's no

time for all sports." When Dohrmann played football, the team of 26 to 30 members won the 'Big Six" Conference all three years. Dohrmann was 6'5" and weighed 200 pounds. He said he was the biggest man on the team.

There was no training table, no year-round practice and no weight room. The men played both offense Depression, he said, so nearly all the players had to work.

As a freshman, Dohrmann won the Simon scholarship. It paid his tuition \$40 a semester.

Football tickets were cheaper, too. Dohrmann said makeshift stands were set up before every game for the "knothole club." Kids could get into the knothole club to watch the game for a dime.

Dohrmann said athletes today put ressures on themselves. Because few players make professional teams, they should be more concerned with their education, he said.

'While winning was important. it wasn't as important as it is today.

-Dohrmann

Any student who wants to get an education could get a better education today, Dohrmann said. Education today can't be compared to education in the 1930s just as football today can't be compared to football then, he said.



Class of 1938 reunites Lots of fun was had then without much money

By Amy Edwards Senior Reporter

Harry Brown, Ken Kratochvil. Donald Lamp and Fred Geiger hadn't seen each other in 50 years until they met at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Half-Century Reunion.

The four men were among about 75 people attending the "Kickoff Cookout" Thursday for the reunion that lasted until Saturday night.

The men stayed in a rooming ouse together when they attended.

nouse together when they attended UNL's engineering college during the Depression. "I temember how much fun we had," Brown said. "We didn't have a lot of money, but we had a lot of fun.

The men kept in touch through the years, playing tricks on each other as they did in college.

Lamp said the practical jokes in college made up for the lack of

"Ken lost his fountain pen, and we told him it went down the regis-ter," Lamp said. "The rooming house had an ancient furnace, and Ken went down and took it apart to look for the pen. He came up cov-ered with soot to see Harry writing

with his pen." Kratochvil said he's still waiting

to get Brown back. The men said they were anxious to see the changes on the campus since 1938.

Brown said his friends from college hadn't changed much since

he last saw them. "(There are) just a few minor adjustments in hair color and amount, and some diametrical changes on the women," he said. Dora Smith, a graduate of the

1938 Teachers College, said hard times during the depression left time only for work and school. Eileen Donley Dort, who gradu-ated from the UNL College of Arts

and Sciences, said students made their own fun in the 1930s.

Smith said most of the students went ice skating and sledding on the weekends and went to "hour dances" at the girls' dormitory. Col. Bev Finkle, who graduated from the UNL College of Arts and Sciences in 1938 and received his master's degree in 1946, said the

master's degree in 1946, said the money difference between 1938 and 1988 is hard for students now to

imagine. "I was probably one of the rich-est kids on campus," Finkle said. "In 1931 I bought a Model A Ford for \$400. My dad paid my fraternity dues and I got \$5 a week for allowance."

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Dohrmann said there were three coaches for the varsity team: the head coach; the end coach, who was also the basketball coach; and the line coach, who also coached track.

Dohrmann practiced for his track event, the javelin, during baseball practice.

He entered in only the conference track meets and placed for two years.

Even during seasons, Dohrmann, senior class president and member of Theta Chi fraternity, found time to work nights in a restaurant and keep up with schoolwork. "We missed very few classes in

those days," Dohrmann said. "I don't know of anybody on our teams who didn't graduate. When you went to college, you just assumed you were going to get your degree.

There were no football scholarships during the Depression, Dohrmann said. The players didn't have the pressure to win to keep their scholarships.

"While winning was important, it wasn't as important as it is today," Dohrmann said.

Nobody had any money during the

"Today football players are stronger, bigger and faster," Dohrmann said.

But he said pressures from scholarships and professional teams shouldn't hinder education.

The rules for education are there now," Dohrmann said. "The problem is compliance. We should get players qualified --- get them to meet the requirements."

Dohrmann said the NCAA has come up with too many rules and restrictions. He said there should be controls on the game, but he's not sure how far the control should go.

Dohrmann was drafted by the Washington Redskins - one of 10 pro football teams in 1938 - after he graduated from UNL. He turned down the \$18,000 contract to become a sales traince for IBM.

The physical education major and English minor worked for room and board only for IBM, a little-known company at the time. Dohrmann said

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