

UNL to run museum seminar because of dean's leverage

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Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will direct a national conference on museum education projects March 5 through 8 said Robert Simerly, dean of the Division of Continuing Studies.

Simerly said UNL was asked to manage the conference, which is sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The foundation's request was made because of his influence, Simerly said.

"It's a result of my many years of involvement . . . that caused the Kellogg Foundation to ask me," Simerly said.

Simerly was director of a 30-day national training program at University of California-Berkeley called the Museum Management Institute for seven years.

Simerly will direct conference management. The Division of Continuing Studies staff will help in publications, conference materials and on-site arrangements.

Study shows athletes on par academically

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all athletes," a recent NCAA report states.

The committee also compared the number of athletes failing or on academic probation to the rest of the student body. The number of athletes making "unsatisfactory progress" was 10 percent higher.

The committee concluded in its report that the higher percentage was "tolerable" because of extra demands put on athletes.

In order to assure that athletes make satisfactory progress toward their majors while participating in sports, the committee sent letters to all student-athletes, requiring that they get approval of their class schedule by an academic adviser before registering for classes.

Horner said the committee tries to discourage athletes from dropping out in order to participate in professional sports before they graduate.

Horner said members of the committee had asked the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska to appoint two athletes to the committee. There are none now, he said.

ASUN appointed two athletes, but no one has shown up to meetings, he said.

The conference will be held at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village near Detroit and will focus on the "educative museum."

Simerly said the Kellogg Foundation has been "very concerned with working with museums to help them become more educative."

The conference will show what has and hasn't worked in museum education projects, he said. . . .

Education projects in museums are "critical," he said.

Simerly said University of Nebraska museums do an "excellent job in educating people."

Simerly will be the only UNL official to attend the conference. Leaders of 125 of the nation's top museums will be invited, he said.



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