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## Bell resigns as chairperson

By Kara Wells  
Staff Reporter

In an effort to "concentrate more on myself," Rodney Bell, chairperson of the UNL Gay/Lesbian Alumni Association has decided to resign.

"After seven years with the university, it's time to take care of myself," he said.

Bell said he would like to go on to graduate school or find a job in human services counseling gays and lesbians.

"I am very satisfied with what I have done. It's just overwhelming to look back," he said.

Bell came to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1983. He became a member of the Gay/Lesbian

Student Association and served as its president from 1985 to 1987.

"There was a lot of fear when I came out in 1985. I was scared to speak up for the rights of gays and lesbians," he said.

As the chairperson for the alumni association, Bell actively worked toward equality for gays and lesbians at UNL.

Bell said the alumni association currently provides a network for faculty, alumni and students.

Until 1983, the alumni association was solely a social support group, Bell said. In 1985 it became more of a resource center. The association houses a library as well as a telephone line, Bell said.

"It is very small at this point, but it's still a beginning," he said.

Bell said the university is at a good point in dealing with homosexual issues. Sexual orientation classes have been added to the curriculum at the university, and sexual orientation is a key point in the university's sexual discrimination policy, Bell said.

This policy sets a precedent that discrimination will not be allowed by the staff and students at UNL, he said.

Although the university has made progress, Bell said he still feels it needs to deal with homophobia and AIDS more effectively.

He said the possibility of homophobia workshops and more education in the classrooms would help to increase understanding and possibly ease discrimination. UNL needs to work toward educating students about these issues, he said.



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Rodney Bell

Bell said he has been urging James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, to do something about these problems, but "they're ignoring me

at this point."

Bell said his personal philosophy,

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## UNL hosts health care seminars

By Mark Georgeff  
Staff Reporter

For the second consecutive summer, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's department of International Student Affairs is hosting a series of rural health care training seminars for 20 nurses from Guatemala.

Jean Aigner, executive dean of international student affairs, said the seminars, which last until July 1, cover a broad, intensive learning experience in health care delivery and leadership/teaching skills.

"Public and private sanitation, water hygiene, food nutrition and sanitation, dental health, basic first aid, child care and communicable

diseases" are areas covered in class instruction and visits to local health care institutions, she said. Other areas of instruction include professional development of information, such as public speaking and teaching skills.

The colleges of home economics and agriculture provided teachers for the varied health care instruction, she said.

"We are providing the opportunity for the nurses to relay the task of health care needs assessment that are critical to the rural communities in Guatemala," she said.

Seminar program coordinator Barbara Muchisky said the nurses are knowledgeable in their technical expertise and are the only health care providers in rural areas.

Aigner said that Muchisky developed "Experience America," a program in which the students visit health clinics and homes for the aged throughout Nebraska with trips to Ogallala, Scottsbluff and Chadron.

Jose Badillo, a UNL graduate student who worked with the program last summer, said the students love Lincoln and the UNL campus but are homesick for their country and families. Most of them are from the rural areas, he said.

"They work in rural areas back home, accomplishing everything from janitorial work, paperwork to setting bone fractures and surgery, with not much government support and resources to hire more people," Badillo said.

## Candidates prepare for election

By Cindy Wostrel  
Staff Reporter

With primaries out of the way, candidates for the NU Board of Regents now are gearing up for November's election.

The candidates who were elected in May's primary elections seem enthusiastic and willing to spend the necessary time on the job, said Board of Regents Chairman Don Blank of McCook.

"I've met them all, and they all seem like very capable people," he said.

Four candidates ran in the District 1 race, and District 2 had seven candidates, the most running in a district since 1982. In primary elections, the two candidates in each district who gain the most votes continue on to the November elections.

Dick Powell and Charles Wilson led the Lancaster County primary and

Lee Sapp and Nancy O'Brien led the Douglas County primary. In November, voters will elect one candidate from each of the two districts.

Blank said he found it encouraging that so many Nebraskans filed for regents candidacy this year even though the positions might have been eliminated by the Nebraska Legislature.

When the candidates filed, they were unsure how the Legislature might restructure the governance of Nebraska higher education, and the positions for which they applied on the board might have been eliminated.

In earlier interviews with the Daily Nebraskan, regents candidates stated their views on certain education-related topics.

Powell, a 44-year-old self-employed optometrist, said he supports a stronger post-secondary coordinating commission with power over planning, definition and academic programs and coordination of role and

mission, although he said he was unsure if he supports the Legislature's proposed changes in Nebraska's higher education system.

Wilson, a 51-year-old cardiologist, said he agreed with the Legislature's restructuring proposal, saying it was "almost to the word" the same proposal that he had given to Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion in December 1987.

Sapp said he supports increasing the governing power of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education because, "evidently the majority of the people want it," and legislation should be directed at that majority.

O'Brien also said she supports the Legislature's restructuring proposal, and said the effectiveness of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education depends on the caliber of those appointed to it.



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Jim Schultz, a senior computer science major, rests in the Sheldon Sculpture Garden Tuesday morning. Schultz is taking an art history class during the first five-week session.