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Lori Berg, Panhellenic Association rush chairwoman, answers questions from rushees at counseling sessions held during rush week, which ended Tuesday. Rush counselor Anne Ely looks on.

Search process continues

By Michael Ho
Staff Reporter

Applications for a new vice chancellor of research have started to roll in, but the search process is still in its infancy, a search coordinator said.

Herb Howe, interim associate to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor, said applications had started to roll in for the position, which will continue to be combined with the position of dean of graduate studies.

The position became vacant when John Yost resigned last semester to take a position at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

The inquiries, Howe said, are the result of advertisements placed in The Chronicle of Higher Education and other national academic publications. So far, Howe said, he's pleased with the response.

"We're getting a reasonable stream of applicants . . . two, three, four or more per day," he said. But he added that volume wasn't what he's looking for.

"I think that the critical part in the

search is not so much the number, but the quality" of applicants, Howe said.

The Chronicle advertisement said a campuswide committee would start reviewing applications in early September, Howe said, but that date may be optimistic.

"In fact," he said, "the committee hasn't even been appointed yet."

Once appointed, the committee will have to review candidates' applications and produce a short list to present to the chancellor.

Those candidates will be brought to the campus for an interview and the top few will be asked back for second interviews.

Scheduling the interviews could be troublesome, Howe said.

"Hopefully, these are very busy people," he said. Many of them will have faculty responsibilities and aren't available except during breaks between semesters. Setting up even one interview is "probably asking a lot," he said.

Realistically, Howe said, the process won't start gathering steam until next spring.

Counseling sessions held during rush

By Tabitha Hiner
Staff Reporter

Counseling sessions for the approximately 580 sorority rushees were introduced this year to provide easier access to rush delegates.

Courtney Flanagan, assistant Panhellenic Association rush chairman, said the sessions gave the rushees an idea of what the counselors could do for them.

Rush delegates were available to help the rushees during the rush activities by taking them to houses and by helping to answer questions.

In addition to taking rushees to sororities, Flanagan said, she wanted the women to know that counselors could provide emotional support.

Rush took place Friday through Tuesday with meetings held the first two nights in residence hall lobbies and invitations being given on Tuesday. The 14 rush counselors fielded

questions from rushees.

"We wanted them to feel more comfortable talking to their rush counselors," Flanagan said. "I also felt the women would put the counselors to more use if they knew where they were."

Lori Berg, Panhellenic Association rush chairman, said she knew it would be easier for rushees to talk to their counselors if the women did not have to "search them out."

Rush delegate Megan Kim said about 25 rushees at the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex showed up for the first session. Questions ranged from the sororities' financial requirements to parties, Kim said.

"I think we should do this every year," Kim said. "Even if just five women show up, those are women that might not have been helped before."

The earlier rush schedule started

last year also made rush easier, Flanagan said.

This year's schedule provided five free days between the end of rush and the beginning of school. The previous schedule did not allow any days off between the two.

The rush days were broken up into a decreasing number of parties with 14 on Friday and three on Monday. The rushees visited sororities and talked to active members during the parties. Sororities had different themes and skits throughout rush to give the house an identification with the rushees.

This year's schedule allowed pledges to get to know each other while having an opportunity to formally pledge before school started, Flanagan said.

Nancy O'Brien, alumni coordinator for rush, said the schedule was created to provide the fewest conflicts.

Department gets \$100,000 grant

By David Burchell
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln agronomy department will finance an outstanding professorship with a grant that sponsors called the first of its kind.

The department received a \$100,000 agricultural endowment from the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl Wednesday. Nebraska played in the 1990 edition of the bowl, losing to Florida State, 41-17.

The agronomy department will use the grant to finance an outstanding professor chairmanship, Chairman Robert Shearman said, though no specific plans have been made.

UNL officials watched Fiesta Bowl executive director John Junker present the grant to Robert Shearman, chairman of the Department of Agronomy, during a press conference at the N Club Lounge in the South Stadium.

Chancellor Martin Massengale, Athletic Director Bob Devaney and NU football coach Tom Osborne attended the conference. They emphasized the benefits a strong athletic program could bring to academics.

"I think there is an academic value to athletics," Osborne said.

The endowment to the agronomy

department is part of Sunkist's commitment to academics and athletics, said Larry Gunning, 1990-91 Fiesta Bowl president.

The grant marks the first time a college bowl game has established a financial award of its size to academic departments, Gunning said.

The Sunkist Fiesta Bowl also donated \$100,000 to Florida State University, Nebraska's opponent in the 1990 bowl. It will be used to establish educational chairmanships in the FSU Department of Meteorology.

Junker said the relationship between the bowl and Sunkist Growers had benefitted universities participating in the bowl game.

The Fiesta Bowl officials specified that the money be used in connection with agriculture, Shearman said, because Sunkist Growers is an agricultural corporation.

The money probably will be invested by the NU Foundation, with the interest going to finance a stipend for the position, Shearman said.

More than 300 students currently are pursuing degrees in the agronomy department, under the direction of Shearman and 60 faculty members.

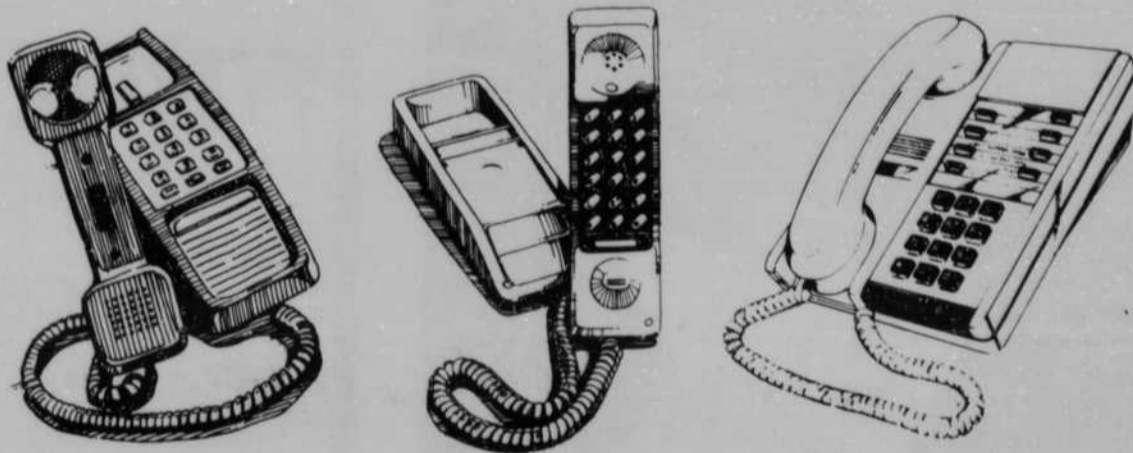
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