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Correction: An article in Friday's Daily Nebraskan gave the incorrect date for the ZZ Top concert at Omaha's Civic Auditorium. The concert will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

WEATHER

Today, partly cloudy and warmer, southwest wind 10-20 miles per hour, high in the mid 60s. Tonight, partly cloudy, low 35-40. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high in the low to mid 60s.

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Powell queries tactics

By Jennifer O'Ciłka
Senior Reporter

Dick Powell, a candidate for NU Board of Regents, said he has asked the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Committee to investigate campaign practices of his opponent, Chuck Wilson.

A news release from Rick Bell, Powell's campaign coordinator, announced Friday that Powell has asked the committee to launch an investigation into Wilson's fund raising at Firethorn Golf Club.

Powell said some guests to Firethorn may not realize they are contributing to Wilson's campaign.

But, Wilson said, fund raising through Firethorn is a free choice. Wilson is a supporter and investor in Firethorn.

Powell said an anonymous source sent him a copy of a letter that had been sent to Firethorn members.

The letter states that the "letter is being sent to about 40 Firethorn members who have already helped Chuck, or those who we thought might be willing to support him. Between now and the election in November, the guest fees of those you invite to play Firethorn will be donated to Chuck's campaign committee. If you decide to help, all you need to do is invite the guests and fill out the attached form when you sign in at the Pro Shop."

Powell said he has reviewed the letter with his campaign committee, including about three attorneys, and the group advised him to have the accountability committee look into it.

"Essentially the advice we've received is it looks bad, it may be ethical or unethical and it could be illegal," he said.

Now, it's up to the committee to decide, he said.

Powell said he has received calls from supporters who are concerned about the fund-raising activities at the club.

"I have people on my campaign, very strong supporters of mine, who are members of Firethorn and are

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Viewers observe 729 panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in the State Fair Park's Agriculture Hall. This was the first time the quilt was displayed in Nebraska.

AIDS quilt induces tears, soul searching

By Adeana Lettini
Staff Reporter

Barefoot volunteers dressed in white approached the center of the room.

They stood together for a while, lingering, crying and hugging as the public was invited to view the panels that had just been spread along the floor.

Nita Danklesen, along with her daughters Allie, Kari and Jenny, were among the group of volunteers this weekend at the display of 729 panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Danklesen's panel for her brother John Lechner was displayed among the others, and it officially was added to the quilt at Sunday's clos-

ing ceremonies.

John died of AIDS Oct. 8, 1988.

"Everyone in the family made squares about something they remembered about John," Danklesen said. "We put the squares together and he saw it before he died."

Danklesen said that when she first walked into Agricultural Hall on the State Fairgrounds where the quilt was displayed, she felt overwhelmed.

"It brought back a lot of memories," she said. "If people could see the quilt, I think they'd understand. The whole thing is important because everyone is going to be affected eventually. People need to be educated, open.

"It could be someone in their

family."

Other volunteers said they felt the same.

"I think the people in the Midwest need to know about its enormity," Marsha Arps, a volunteer, said of AIDS victimization.

Mike Burger, another volunteer, agreed.

"It's (AIDS) happening here, and I don't know if people know it," he said.

Burger saw the quilt in Denver 2 1/2 years ago. "It was very sobering. It made you think about how mortal everybody is," he said.

Burger, whose partner has AIDS, said he volunteered because he likes to help and support people.

"If helping put this together, if somebody learns something from

it by seeing it, it will be worth it," he said.

Kathy England, the coordinator for Omaha volunteers and activities, has volunteered for the Nebraska AIDS Project for several years, she said.

England said she thinks the quilt is important "so people here begin to understand that AIDS is people. It touches all of us.

"I don't know how people could walk out of here and be the same," she said.

Joel Gajardo, coordinator of the Minority AIDS Education Task Force in Lincoln, said in his opening speech Saturday that everyone had gathered to keep the love alive.

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Search committee narrows candidates to seven

By Pat Dinslage
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska Presidential Search Committee on Friday narrowed the number of candidates to seven, its co-chairmen said.

Duane Acklie and Don Blank, who is also NU Board of Regents chairman, said, however, that the committee is not ready to take the candidate list to the board, even though the number is within the parameters set by the board of four to eight candidates.

"We're still checking references on all seven," Acklie said.

The consulting firm of Heidrick and Struggles Inc. of Chicago will check the references given by the candidates a second time and will develop a secondary list of references whose names were not given by the candidate. The secondary list also will be checked, Acklie said.

In addition, the employment records of the candidates will be checked, Blank said, to examine their work with women and minori-

ties.

"Their records show there have been very positive efforts in recruitment and working with minorities and women," he said.

After the second references check, it is possible the list will be narrowed further before the committee forwards the final slate of candidates to the regents, Acklie said.

"The committee takes its mission very seriously," Blank said. "It's not just a matter of 'X' number of candidates. We want to send forward a list of the most qualified candidates to

be the president of the University of Nebraska.

"Not everybody (on the list) is equal in experience," Blank said.

Also, Acklie said, not all of the seven candidates have said they would take the job if offered. However, all seven have indicated a "strong interest" in the position, he said.

The committee still is accepting nominations and applications for the position but will not conduct more interviews "unless an out-

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Council gives suggestions for coordinating commission

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Council for Public Higher Education, walking "the fine line between the tigers and the sharks," passed its version of how a proposed Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education should operate.

LB1141, the amendment to go before Nebraska voters Nov. 6, would give the present Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary

Education budget authority and the power to coordinate programs and academic activities.

The current coordinating commission serves only as an advisory board.

The council met Friday to give input to the Nebraska Legislature — should the amendment pass — on how the commission should use its powers.

Nancy O'Brien, chairwoman of the Metropolitan Board of Nebraska Technical Community Colleges Board of Directors, said the Legislature and the higher education community are

concerned about how the commission would work, making the implementing language important.

Higher education officials could lose their credibility from the Legislature, she said, if the proposed language doesn't pass.

The different sectors of higher education have not seen eye to eye in the past, O'Brien said, and if they get hung up over the language, the Legislature "could use this to say we're not cooperating."

The Nebraska Council for Public Higher Education's proposal to im-

plement LB1141 would give the coordinating commission responsibility to:

- Employ an executive director and other employees of the coordinating commission.

- Prepare a comprehensive statewide plan which would identify the state's educational goals, objectives and priorities.

- Review, monitor and enforce the college and university role and mission statements and recommend revisions in role and mission.

- Review, monitor and approve or

disapprove programs in consultation with each institution's role and mission.

- Prepare and periodically update a comprehensive statewide capital facilities plan which would include all facilities that use tax funds designated by the Legislature.

- Review the budget requests of each institution submitted to the Legislature.

- Encourage and assist in the development of cooperative programs

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