

Smokers try to extinguish habit during annual smokeout

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More than 100 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will try to clear the air around campus today.

The students will be participating in the adopt-a-smoker program for the American Cancer Society's 14th annual Great American Smokeout, said Michelle Rochford of the Student Diatetics Association.

About 120 university health aides will select a smoker and help him or her go 24 hours without smoking.

Chi Omega sorority, 480 N. 16th St., is challenging other sororities on campus to adopt a smoker in an effort to help women quit smoking, Rochford said.

Terry Dougherty, chairman of the Great American Smokeout Committee in Lancaster County, said that adopting a smoker can include as little as going jogging with the smoker or taking him or her to places where smoking is not permitted.

"The adopt-a-smoker program is just being a friend to a smoker," Dougherty said.

The university is the site of other

activities during the week of the smokeout.

Rochford said doctors at the University Health Center are asking students if they smoke and are writing student smokers a prescription to quit.

The Student Diatetics Association and the Health Center Student Association will have booths set up on East and City campuses from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and will give out pamphlets, stickers and candy, Rochford said.

Dougherty said UNL is part of a multi-faceted plan in Lancaster County to educate people on the dangers of

smoking and encourage them to participate in the smokeout.

Women are targeted in Lancaster County, he said, because trends in smoking show that by the mid-1990s, the number of female smokers will outnumber the number of male smokers for the first time.

Dougherty said activities in the Lancaster County area include a celebrity quitter, Deb Collins of KOLN-TV, and lectures at schools and businesses.

The cancer society defines the smokeout as a day set aside for smokers to try and quit smoking for 24 hours, he said. The day is designed to give a smoker the confidence to quit

for good, he said.

"Some people see it as the first day of the rest of their lives," he said. "Nicotine is an addiction, and the smokeout was designed to let the smoker say: 'I'm going to take back control of my life.'"

Last year, 5 million people made it the whole day without smoking, with 4 million of those reaching their goal not to smoke for a couple of days or more, Dougherty said.

The American Cancer Society hopes to have 20 percent of smokers participating in the event.

Just fewer than 18 million people participated nationwide last year, he said.

Regents

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president backed by total support.

"It would not be in the best interest of the university and the state to have Massengale forced on us as president," Allen said.

Allen also said Dickeson should be disqualified from the search because of a censure on UNC during his administration.

In 1984, the American Association of University Professors censured Northern Colorado because Dickeson had fired 47 faculty members, 39 of whom were tenured, in 1982-83.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk disagreed with Allen.

Dickeson should not be disqualified from the search, she said, but his actions should be taken into consideration.

"We need to take a closer look to see if there are pluses on the other side to overcome that minus," Robinson said.

She added that she didn't want to publicly declare one candidate the

front-runner in the search.

However, Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha agreed with Payne's statement regarding Massengale.

"It is important that the university has a president who can get the ball rolling, because the election of a new governor and the upcoming budget appropriation makes this a critical time," Skrupa said.

Skrupa said Budig would have been a "viable" candidate.

"He was a substantial candidate with strong ties to Nebraska," she said. "His qualifications, along with those of Massengale, might have scared off a lot of potential candidates."

"His withdrawal was a slap in the face to the university," Skrupa said, "because he had a professional and moral responsibility to stay in the running."

The regents were "stunned," Skrupa said, because Budig's withdrawal happened little more than 24 hours after they interviewed him for the position.

"We had no idea it was coming," Skrupa said.

U.S. diplomat to speak at UNL

From Staff Reports

Prospects for capitalism in Eastern Europe will be the topic of the last E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues this semester today at 3:30 p.m. in the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Nicolas Salgo, an international businessman and diplomat, is serving

as an ambassador on property issues with the Bush administration. He was the U.S. ambassador to Hungary from 1983 to 1986.

In 1989, Salgo headed the State Department's negotiations over the alleged bugging of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Salgo, born and raised in Hungary, became a successful businessman in Switzerland and the United States. He also is a well-known art collector. The lecture is free to the public.

in brief

NEWS

Doctor to speak about health, addiction

Dr. Richard Keelor, chief executive officer of Health Designs International, will speak tonight at 7 in the Nebraska Union.

Keelor's speech, titled "Love, Sex and Addiction: The Search for Health in a Dysfunctional Society," will encompass the essential role of understanding family sys-

tems as the roots of health and disease. The role of addiction and compulsive behaviors that block healthy relationships and prevent individuals from taking care of their health will be explored.

The presentation, which is part of the Steinhart Lecture Series, is free to the public.

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12:36 a.m. — Army poncho taken, Triangle fraternity, 1235 N. 16th St., \$15.

8:22 a.m. — Cash taken, Nebraska Union, \$55.

8:22 a.m. — Cash taken, reported late, Nebraska Union, \$8.

2:57 p.m. — Radar detector taken, 19th and Vine streets parking lot, \$60.

6:21 p.m. — Possible heart attack, man (non-student) taken to Lincoln General Hospital, Nebraska Union.

9:30 p.m. — Missing person located, 4001 Holdrege St.

9:37 p.m. — Illness, man taken to the University Health Center, Love Library.

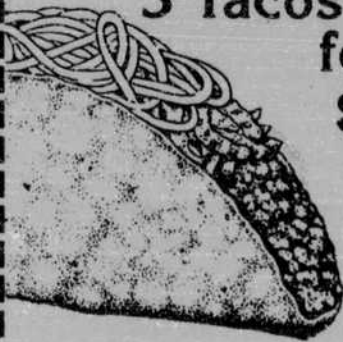
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