

Mike Veak, the Voice of the Cornhusker Marching Band, announces during halftime of the Nebraska-Colorado State game Saturday. Veak has announced for the band for 20 years.

Now is the time

Voice of the band blends with harmonious sounds

By Taryn Gilster Staff Reporter

t's showtime! And the NU drumline takes the field to begin another pregame spectacular by the Cornhusker Marching Band." This familiar refrain

throughout booms Memorial Stadium at every Nebraska football game in which the band PROFIL performs. The owner of that stirring voice, Mike

Veak, has become synonymous with the Cornhusker Marching Band. After 20 years of announcing at football games, Veak is still in step with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and blends vocally with the harmonious sounds of the Marching Red.

Veak, a music teacher in the Lincoln Public Schools, played baritone in the Cornhusker Band from 1961 to 1965 while attending UNL

In the early 1970s, Veak was asked by the music director, Jack Snieder, to be the "voice" of the Cornhusker Marching Band.

Veak said the man who was the voice before him improvised too much during the

performances, confusing the drum majors. I was surprised when I was first asked to fill this position," Veak said. "I'm glad that I accepted, though. "Now I'm glad that I can serve the band in another way.

Veak holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in music and said his knowledge of music helps him with his position.

There are certain counts that I must make during percussion interludes and dur-ing the pregame performance," Veak said. "I think it would be hard for someone who didn't know how to count or to tell when musical phrases ended."

Because of his position, Veak said, people refer to him in an unusual way.

"If anybody introduces me to somebody else, they don't say that I'm a teacher in the Lincoln Public Schools or I'm the organist at St. Matthew's church. Instead they say, He's the Voice of the Cornhusker March

Campus Scams Students unwary victims

of financial aid schemes promising scholarships

By Wendy Navratil enior Reporte

inancial aid scams are sweeping college campuses across the nation, and some fear students in Nebraska may be the next victims.

The scams vary in structure, but they all are designed to do the same thing: rip off students.

Monica Krupski, a corporate communications specialist at the lending institution NSLP-Nebhelp of Lincoln, said she has been warned about one group that calls itself College U.S.A. The group reportedly originated in Texas and has moved through other states, including Oklahoma and Arkansas.

"If it's in Arkansas and Oklahoma, it's get-ting up here," Krupski said. "We want people to know about it.'

She said the group allegedly calls students or advertises in the student newspaper that it has access to "hundreds of thousands of unclaimed scholarship dollars.

Representatives of the group, which may consist of only a few people, tell students that if they apply, they will be guaranteed some kind of loan or scholarship.

The representatives eventually ask students for their checking account numbers, perhaps claiming the numbers are for reference or identification purposes

Students unwarily give their account num-bers to the representatives, who then withdraw unauthorized sums from the students' accounts. The group disappears before either the students or their financial institution realizes what has happened.

An assistant vice president in the checking department of a financial institution in Winfield, Kan., said she has been warned of students being defrauded in this manner.

'A fellow financial institution that we are networked with in Fort Smith, Ark., had this problem with five customers," she said. She did not want herself or her financial institution to be named.

The official said the schemers create a fraudulent draft, usually made out for an amount between \$80 and \$100.

All they have to do is go out and buy a copy machine, at Scars or anywhere. It (the fraudulent draft) looks very real until you really look at it," she said.

The student rarely notices the discrepancy in his or her account balance information in time to cancel the transaction.

While the financial institution usually takes the loss, students suffer because the checks they have written may bounce after



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Sports Center roof repair hurt by budget cuts

By Wendy Navratil Senior Reporter

ight budgetary times have strained efforts to fix the deteriorating roof of the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The UNL budget-cutting process

has had a bearing on finding money to replace the roof, said Richard McDermott, UNL director of facilities management.

"But there are certain maintenance items that can't be deferred," he said.

Problems with leaking and deterioration were first noticed about two years ago after a harsh winter, said Gerald Lott, the sports center superintendent.

Since then, a contracting company

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Official: Cuts process needs time

By Adeana Leftin Senior Reporter

process to evaluate budget cuts just needs time to work, UNL's interim chancellor said Wednesday

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Proposed cuts, BUDGET made last week to the Budget Reduction Review Committee, have received hostile reactions from some

faculty who say that they weren't consulted about recommendations. But Jack Goebel said the time for that input is now.

The open meetings scheduled to begin in October will "provide an excellent forum for that (input)," Goebel said.

Goebel defended the development of the budget-cutting process, saying was a joint effort between the it

administration and the Academic process used," he said. Senate. After hearing public responses, the

Both organizations, as well as the Academic Programs Council and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, had to approve the structure of the BRRC.

The BRRC was formed in response to last spring's Nebraska Legislature mandate that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cut its budget 2 percent this year and 1 percent next year.

The committee was designed to study cuts recommended by vice chancellors and to hear public testimony in support or disagreement of the proposals. The BRRC will then make recommendations to the chancellor.

Because structuring the committee was a cooperative effort, Goebel said it was important that the process be followed.

Those who worked hard to establish the process are anxious to see the

BRRC will decide which of the proposals, if any, it wishes to forward to the chancellor.

'I'm in the role of interim chancellor," Goebel said. "I have to behave consistent with the process.

The process says the chancellor does not get involved until the BRRC forwards its recommendations to him, he said

However, it will be UNL's new chancellor, Graham Spanier, not Goebel, who will review the committee's recommendations.

Despite some public outrage, Goebel said he thought the BRRC was working well.

"We have a process in place that was agreed to by the parties . . . and it's working just as we anticipated," he said.

That process has only begun, Goebel said