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Partly sunny today and tomorrow. Extended outlook: summer.

Committee begins search for new president

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

Summer vacation gives most people in the University of Nebraska system an opportunity to kick back and relax.

But for one group, the vacation months will be spent searching for a new NU president.

NU Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo, the NU presidential search committee's co-chairperson, said Sunday she and the presidential search committee would spend the summer pouring over applications for the presidential post.

"A lot of the summer will be spent looking at applications," she said. "We'll be pretty busy."

O'Brien said she expected the committee to receive more than 100 applications for the position Martin Massengale will vacate.

"I would say we're expecting over a hundred plus," O'Brien said. "And out of that number, it is really tough to say who will be qualified for the job."

Massengale's contract expires December 31, 1993, but he has agreed to continue to serve as NU's president until the end of June 1994.

The 17-member search committee is made

up of representatives from the administration, faculty and student communities from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. It is co-chaired by O'Brien and Rob Raun of Minden, a former regent.

The search committee's work was scheduled to begin May 17, but that date had to be pushed back because of committee members' schedule conflicts, O'Brien said.

O'Brien said the committee would meet for the first time on May 28. They will discuss the

recommendation of an outside search firm to aid in the hunt for qualified applicants. The search committee's recommendations will then go to the NU Board of Regents for final approval.

Even with the use of an outside search firm, O'Brien said, the committee planned to do much of the work itself.

"We will most likely use a firm, but only on a limited basis," she said.

O'Brien said the committee's goal was to have the list of qualified applicants narrowed to four or five people by the end of November.



Michelle Paulman/DN

On the run

A giant inflated panda at A Street and Capitol Parkway bears a message of encouragement for competitors in the Lincoln Marathon Sunday. At that point, the runners had about 10 more miles left in the race.

Budget cuts trim theatre, dance shows

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

Play productions at UNL will be limited next semester because about \$7,000 will be cut from the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance.

The budget cut is part of a \$2.9 million universitywide cut, which represents 1.5 percent of the total campus budget. The cuts stem from the September 1992 legislative-mandated budget reductions.

Tice Miller, director of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, said the number of shows to be cut would not be determined until the department's budget was finalized.

Miller said cutting the number of productions would save money, but also would limit students' stage experience.

"I need so many shows so we can use the talent in the kids that are here," he said. "If we do a show with six actors as opposed to 15, nine students won't get to act."

About 15 to 20 theater productions and six to nine dance shows are presented annually by the department.

A possible solution to the cuts is to cut production costs by performing cheaper shows and reducing the amount of scenery in productions, Miller said.

Part-time positions might be eliminated in the theater department, but that, too, would not be definite until the budget was decided, he said.

The graduate department also is being targeted for possible cuts, Miller said.



Editor of The Ideal hopes to breed activism

Freshman carves niche on campus for conservatism

By Joel Strauch
Staff Reporter

Rush Limbaugh, Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan have more in common than their conservative political ideologies. They are all role models for

Boyd Johnston.

Johnston, a freshman political science major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has made a name for himself with his outspoken criticisms of "liberal" university policies and his commendation of conservatism.

Johnston formed Students for America, a new conservative student group on campus, to foster students' interest in politics.

In addition to serving as the group's president, Johnston acts as editor-in-

chief of its newspaper, The Ideal.

Johnston's commitment to politics has taken a toll on his schoolwork.

"I was a good student," Johnston said. "Then I got way too active, and now my grades just suck."

"But at least I sacrificed them on the altar of student activism."

Johnston said his political preferences were not bred at home.

"My dad's a Republican," he said, "but he's not really into politics."

"I come from a very nontraditional

family — I have seven brothers and my dad's been married four times."

Johnston began forming his politics in high school.

As a senior at Papillion-LaVista High School, he served as captain of the debate team and editor of the school newspaper.

He also went to Washington, D.C., as a congressional scholar from the National Youth Leadership Council.

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UNL to gain two new sculptures

Outdoor art to have labels, autographs

By Mark Harms
Staff Reporter

When students return next fall, two sculptures and new detailed label plates will have been added to UNL's outdoor sculpture collection, George Neubert, director of Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, said.

Neubert said the gallery planned to place one of the sculptures, called Fragment XO, near the main entrance of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

The piece is a ring-shaped bronze casting that stands more than 6 feet high and has a definite lean.

"It will humanize a rather bland entryway at the Lied," he said. "The leaning creates a tension that will energize the space."

The sculpture, Neubert said, is worth about \$150,000 and was acquired by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln through donations. Many of the donations came from the Collector's Forum, a group of art enthusiasts who are members of the

Nebraska Art Association.

The artist, Juan Hamilton, graduated from Hastings College and lives in Santa Fe, N.M.

Another sculpture, called Odalisque II, will probably be placed on the west side of the College of Business Administration building.

Made of grey marble, the piece resembles a fragmented female torso. Neubert said the sculpture fit in with the classical-style architecture of CBA.

"This piece, being figurative and made of marble, harkens back to Greek and Roman times," he said.

The sculpture was donated by the artist, Manuel Neri, and is worth be-

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Odalisque II

Courtesy of Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery