

UNL stops ad to avoid Kerrey endorsement

By DeDra Janssen
Senior Reporter

Following the protest of an Omaha Republican, UNL temporarily has stopped airing a radio announcement that names U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey as one of several successful alumni.

Pat McPherson, Republican Party chairman in the 2nd Congressional District, said recently in letters to the NU Board of Regents that the message, which he heard on KFAB radio in Omaha, constituted "a veiled endorsement of Senator Kerrey."

Kerrey, a Democrat, is running for

re-election against Republican Jan Stoncy.

Phyllis Larsen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln spokeswoman, said the advertisement wasn't intended as a Kerrey endorsement. However, the university still decided to pull the announcement until after the Nov. 8 election.

"It was basically a spot calling attention to success stories of former UNL students," Larsen said. "It didn't say anything specific about Bob Kerrey. Nothing inappropriate was done."

But, she said, UNL had no reason to continue broadcasting the ad if it concerned people.

Tim Lonergan, executive director of the Douglas County Republican Party, said the message would be perceived as an endorsement for Kerrey, whether it was intended to be or not.

"It's perceived as they like Bob Kerrey, and he's a good man," Lonergan said. "It's perceived as an endorsement whether they endorsed him or not because he is a candidate for 1994."

Larsen said UNL distributed the

message to radio stations around the state for use about 10 months ago. The public service announcement was not intended to be used this close to the election, she said.

Some radio stations in the state, including KFAB radio, recently pulled the announcement from their archives for use, she said.

UNL does not pay for public service announcements, which are given free air time, Larsen said.

Lonergan said he was pleased UNL temporarily dropped the radio spot.

"On November 10, they can replay it," he said.

Steve Jarding, a press secretary for the Kerrey campaign, said it was unfortunate UNL pulled the radio announcement because the school had a right to be proud of Kerrey. But, he said he supported UNL's decision.

"UNL pulled the ad because they didn't in any way want to seem partisan, and we certainly respect that."

Jarding said he was sure UNL intended no endorsement of Kerrey by distributing the announcement.

"It would not be in their interests to do that," he said. "They're certainly far above politics."

Schlondorf seeks delay

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Lawyers for Gerald Schlondorf, the man arrested in the shooting of a UNL police officer, asked the court Monday for a two-week delay in a court hearing.

Dennis Keefe, Lancaster County public defender, said his client needed more time before a docket call.

Schlondorf, a 31-year-old senior criminal justice major, was arrested Sept. 12 on charges of firing 11 rounds from a semi-automatic rifle at a University of Nebraska-Lin-

coln police Blazer and Lincoln police officer Robert Soffin was hit in the hand during the altercation at 16th and R streets.

Schlondorf has been charged on nine felony charges, including two counts of attempted second-degree murder.

Keefe also asked that court records refer to Schlondorf as Gerald L. instead of Jerry.

Schlondorf did not appear in court Monday. His next court date is scheduled for Oct. 11.

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"It's going to be very difficult," he said.

A lot of negotiating will need to be done, Hitchcock said. There are many political groups in Haiti, including those who oppose Cedras, Aristide and the United States and those who would like completely different political leaders, he said.

Regardless, both professors agreed that Aristide was an improvement.

"Aristide is no prince," Hibbing said. "But he's a big step up from

Cedras. I'd take my chances with Aristide any day."

Aristide was removed from power in September 1991 by Cedras and Biamby. He had been elected by 70 percent of the popular vote.

Hitchcock said if parliamentary elections are held as scheduled later this year and presidential elections in 1995, they still won't be signs that democracy has returned.

The United States associates democracy with elections, Hitchcock said.

"I see elections as a very small part of it," he said. "Basically, you're going to have to revamp the system."

UNL to raise funds for library

By Gregg Madson
Staff Reporter

Love Library is ready for the next step in its recently proposed \$28.6 million expansion and renovation project, the library's dean said.

Kent Hendrickson said the university was working to raise money for the expansion.

The first step in the library expansion plan was to develop a program statement, which outlined the expansion goals. The NU Board of Regents approved the statement in July.

That statement set goals such as providing more space for library users and for storage purposes, making the library a more user-friendly facility for students. The library would also be improved technologically by expanding the computer system.

Hendrickson said choosing those goals took time.

"We have been working on the program statement for the past six years," he said.

Raising the \$28.6 million is the library's top priority now, he said.

"Chancellor Spanier's plan is to raise \$10 million through private donations and then go to the Legislature for the rest of the money," Hendrickson said.

Hendrickson was optimistic that the university could raise the money but said it would take three to four years.

The proposed construction was divided into two categories—expansion and renovation.

The expansion would add two floors on top of Love North, one floor above the link between the north and south branches of the library and one floor underneath Love South.

The two floors above Love North would be used for shelving, student study sections and a new computer area. The additional floor above the link would be used for more storage.

The floor beneath Love South would extend underneath the sidewalk between the libraries. This addition would serve circulation services and also provide elevators and stairs for easier student access.

The renovation part of the plan would take place in Love South and likely be the second phase of the overall project, he said.

The changes would include an improved air system to provide better ventilation and storage conditions. The renovations in Love South also would bring the library into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Hendrickson said the renovations and expansion would bring UNL's library up to standards set by other university libraries.

Despite having completed all preliminary steps for expansion and renovation, Hendrickson said the library must raise the money before another step was taken.

"We have gone as far as we can go without money right now."

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The proposed budget would be divided among NU's branches. UNL will receive the largest portion, Hendrickson said. The remaining four libraries will receive a percentage based on their current funding, he said.

The budget request has been separated into three categories: acquisitions, \$725,000; operations, \$275,000; and personnel, \$250,000.

The proposed budget will now enter the state legislative process. Giesecke said she was optimistic that a decision could be made on the budget in May 1995 when the session ends.

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