

'70s party to kick off minority-focused group

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Staff Reporter

Clubhouse Rhetorical Society will celebrate its birth at UNL with a 1970s Masquerade Party tonight.

The new University of Nebraska-Lincoln club is sponsoring the party with radio station KLDZ at the Nebraska Union from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The club was founded for graduate students and will focus on minority issues, said Tony Gauthier, president and co-founder of the club.

"We are a graduate organization that will deal with minority issues and how they affect the majority. Our programming will be toward everyone," Gauthier said.

Gauthier, a first-year graduate student in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, said he noticed a lack of educational and social programming in Lincoln for minority students. He said he also saw a lack of understanding and learning among cultures.

He said he wanted to provide an environment for graduate students to talk and share experiences. But the club also is planning events that include all students, including undergraduates.

Jeffery Brown, who as a senior political science major is an excep-

tion to the graduate student rule, helps organize events for the club.

"A lot of times minority graduate students are left out of people's eyes, and this is a great way of providing a social gathering to interact together," Brown said.

The party is the club's first event.

Prizes will be awarded to the three best 1970s costumes, starting with \$50 for first place. The second-place winner will get \$25, and the third-place winner will receive a pair of movie passes and a KLDZ T-shirt.

Advance tickets will be available in front of the union through 11 a.m. today.

Cost for the fund-raiser is \$3 in advance for students and non-students in costume, \$4 for students at the door with no costume, and \$5 for non-students at the door not in costume.

KLDZ also will be giving away about 40 tickets, Gauthier said.

Gauthier said the club was planning more events, including speeches and film showings.

The group, which has about five charter members so far, met the first time on Oct. 30 at the Culture Center, he said. They plan to meet monthly, and the next meeting probably will be after Thanksgiving.

Hassebrook

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braskans, Hassebrook said.

"Tuition costs have made a good education increasingly inaccessible for many people," he said, "and I want to stop this trend."

He also said he wanted to be an advocate for minorities and women.

The regents made positive steps toward equity in hiring, promotions and equal recognition for equal work, he said. The steps are admirable, he said, but they must be enforced.

"I want to make sure these issues are addressed," Hassebrook said.

Regarding the role the University of Nebraska Board of Regents should play in the university system,

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CHUCK HASSEBROOK

NU regent-elect

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Miller

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to discuss details about any engineering administrative or funding changes.

The university must upgrade facilities in key areas, Allen said, such as arts and sciences and agriculture. He said upgrading Burnett Hall and Richards Hall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln also should be a priority.

He also said the university should focus on strengthening basic education to ensure graduates could compete in the job market.

Allen said his goals would not be achieved easily.

"We've got our work cut out for

us," he said. "We can do better than what we have. We can make our money go farther and put focus on students, faculty and classrooms."

Allen said he welcomed the two new regents on the board. Drew Miller and Chuck Hassebrook were elected to serve their first terms.

"When you bring in new people, you get new ideas and new enthusiasm," Allen said. "I'm looking forward to it. I think it will help us get our act together."

He also said he hoped the secrecy that plagued the board during his first term would end with the addition of the new regents.

"If it does, we will be able to be a lot more effective than we have in the past," Allen said.

Gangs

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the press conference.

The strategy report states that in the past year, there have been increases in gang-related graffiti, reports of out-of-town gang members coming to Lincoln and incidents involving gangs. In the past nine months, 153 police reports noted at least 23 gangs.

But Casady said those reports told only part of the story.

Complete records on gang activity are not available, Casady said, as police cannot mark incidents as gang-related. The strategy targets a change in reporting so that gang activity can be noted.

Also included are ways to communicate better, increase training to deal with gangs and youth violence, and pay more attention to gang members.

Community involvement is needed for the strategy to work, Casady said.

Part of involvement is awareness, he said. Many Lincolmites either believe no problem exists, Casady said, or believe everyone wearing a "Starter" jacket of a professional sports team is a gangster.

But few people, including parents, know the actions or signs that indicate gang membership, he said. And with most activity centered around 12- to 15-year-old kids, that's a problem, he said.

Johanns said police had been fighting an uphill battle for several years. The City Council has consistently granted police requests, he said, but the available resources are bad. More public support will be needed, he said.

"In Lincoln, we don't need to reinvent the wheel (when it comes to policing)," he said. "But I hope the community is prepared for the needs we're going to express."

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remove the sexual orientation clause from the nondiscrimination policy.

The decision to remove Massey from the search committee was unrelated to the camp committee's vote, Jolly said.

Massey, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln agricultural economics professor, has said he was removed for expressing his opinion. He has said the removal was a form of censorship.

But Chancellor Graham Spanier, in a Tuesday speech before the Academic Senate, said Massey was removed from the committee because he would not agree to follow UNL's nondiscrimination policies.

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