

UNL observes World AIDS Day

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Staff Reporter

Working the World AIDS Day booth on Thursday had a special meaning for Amy Bornemeier.

"I had an uncle who died of AIDS two years ago," the junior biological sciences major said.

"If I can hand out one condom and one ribbon today to increase awareness and keep one person from having unsafe sex tonight, that makes his death and life worthwhile," she said.

More than 600 red ribbons and more than 350 "Love Safely" packets containing condoms and sex information were handed out at the booth in the Nebraska Union. More than \$60 also was raised for the national Names Quilt project.

Staffers at the booth kept busy as people came by to sign the quilt piece. It will be shipped to Omaha in the fall of 1995 to become part of the Names Quilt. Staffers estimate more than 150 people signed the quilt.

At the booth, a flier from the Nebraska Department of Health said that in Nebraska:

- 563 persons with AIDS have been reported as of September 1994.

- An estimated 5,000 persons are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus.

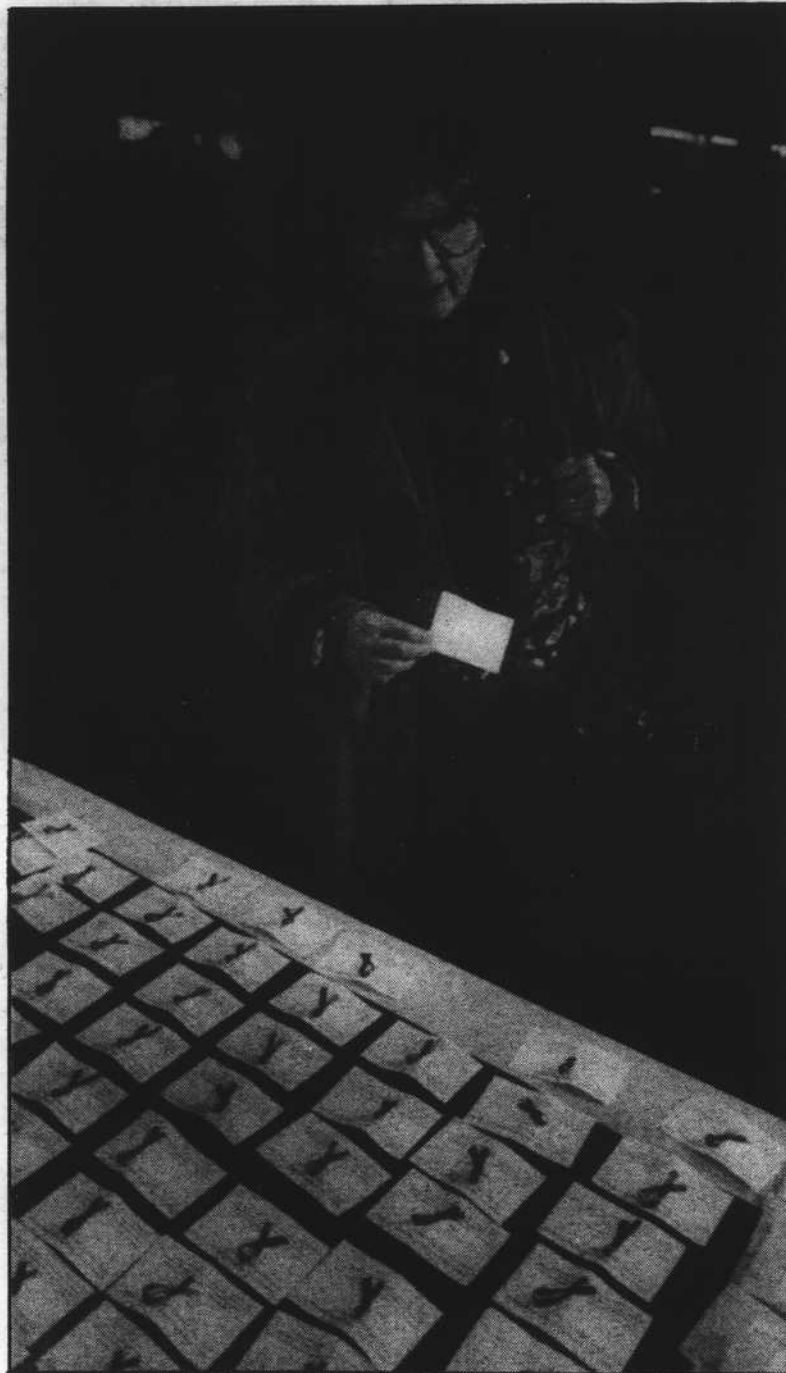
- About 30 percent of persons with HIV were infected while they were teen-agers.

- Women and teens are experiencing the greatest increase in HIV infection.

Michelle Haggerty, a sophomore secondary education major, stopped by the booth to pick up a ribbon. AIDS became real for her, she said, when a family friend died of the disease in her small hometown of Spalding.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska unions, was supportive of the day.

"I don't think there can be too much awareness," he said. "Too much awareness is a good thing."



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Jan Wahl picks up a red ribbon on Thursday at the World AIDS Day booth in the Nebraska Union.

Renteria fund-raising efforts reach \$4,300

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Fund raising to assist the family of Francisco Renteria has reached a total of \$4,300, but officials say they still have a long way to go.

Rick Wallace, chairman of the fund-raising committee, said the projected goal was \$10,000. Committee members expect to reach that amount by late March, he said.

Renteria died Oct. 1 following a struggle with police. The committee is raising money to help the family pay for the funeral and other costs resulting from the death, Wallace said.

The Renteria family has 40 members in Lincoln, he said.

"Our purpose is not to raise dollars pertaining to the legal fees," Wallace said. "We don't have anything to do with legal or political matters."

Cathy Maestas, president of the Mexican-American Student Association, said a dance held on Saturday at First Avenue raised \$1,125. Two community action groups, Grupo Futuro and Grupo Amistad, put on the dance, she said.

MASA also has been collecting money to aid the family.

A fund-raiser banquet at the Cornhusker Hotel is in the works for early to mid-February, Maestas said. A definite announcement should be made within the next two weeks, she said.

Maestas said people also were talking about putting together a raffle sponsored by area Mexican restaurants.

Wallace said the banquet would include an auction with items donated by community members. Lincoln residents have said they wanted to help, he said, but they didn't know how.

Task Force Findings

Proposed short-term goals for the next budget biennium:

- Expand master's programs, primarily in the Omaha area, while enhancing such offerings statewide where 30 percent of the practicing engineers live. This includes night classes, courses, courses on TV, computer and expanded statewide locations: \$375,000.

- Expand scholarships, seek more high-ability students, women and minorities through a major marketing effort: \$165,000 a year.

- Increase Omaha undergraduate courses; use TV teaching more; hire more Lincoln faculty to lower student-faculty ratios; add construction and environmental engineering options; seek industry help: \$400,000.

- Establish two-year pre-engineering programs at other selected two-year and four-year colleges, and make transfer to NU easier: \$44,000.

- Initiate plans for an independent Omaha college, with six more faculty immediately, a founding dean and support staff, and three civil engineering faculty from UNL: \$1 million.

The task force report also recommended improvements in physical facilities with an immediate cost of more than \$4.5 million, including equipment.

- Long-term goals for the next three to six years could include continued expansion statewide of graduate programs, including more two-year and four-year transfer programs at other schools, at a cost of about \$2 million.

Long-term goal highlights:

- Attraction of more students to Lincoln with more faculty: no cost given.

- Construct an engineering complex in Omaha as funding is available: \$25 million.

- Completion of work toward an independent UNO college would come only if there are sufficient students, faculty and resources assured within the next three to six years.

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- expand industrial extension services to Nebraska manufacturing and processing companies, at no additional cost.

- correct deficiencies in facilities at UNO and UNL to meet space needs for expanded programs, estimated at \$4.6 million.

- establish a partnership between engineering education and Nebraska industry, at no cost.

- establish a statewide Engineering and Technology Coordinating Board, estimated at \$10,000 per year.

- proceed with short-term actions leading to the establishment of an independent engineering college in Omaha, estimated at \$1 million.

In the short term action for establishing a separate college in Omaha "a goal remains that unnecessary duplication be avoided. However, the need for any college of engineering to have a minimum core program .. makes some duplication necessary," the report states.

A decision to establish a separate college would require a three-to-five-year commitment, it says.

The report gives this outline of a separate college:

- engineering technology programs only at the bachelor's level.

- access to appropriate doctoral programs provided by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Omaha engineering students through the NU Graduate College.

- a partnership between the college and industry.

The report also provided seven long-term goals, as follows:

- continue to hire faculty to expand master's and continuing education programs, expecting Omaha undergraduate growth, estimated at \$2 million.

- expand Omaha bachelor's degree programs and marketing efforts, in select areas, which is included in the above \$2 million.

- continue to improve undergraduate and marketing efforts at UNL, undetermined cost.

- build an engineering complex in Omaha to meet expansion needs, estimated at \$25 million.

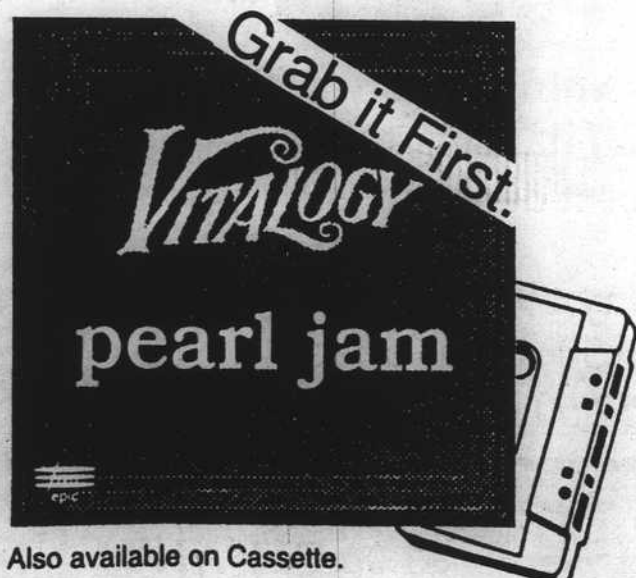
- develop library support for the Omaha campus, estimated at \$356,000.

- expand industrial extension services beyond manufacturing and food processing, at an undetermined cost.

- bachelor's and master's engineering degrees available in electrical/computer, mechanical, civil/construction; and industrial/manufacturing.

The last program would address a specific need in Omaha, but priority should be given to the first three "core programs."

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Bangert said she heard about that program at a conference and decided to try it in Lincoln.

In the past, she said, some interactive activities were incorporated in the Star City Parade. In one activity, children painted a Christmas card on the street before the parade, she said. That activity will be offered again this year.

Other parade highlights this year include a new Santa Claus float, which is 49 feet long, 14 1/2 feet wide and 12 feet tall, Bangert said.

A 60-foot Bozo the Clown balloon also will make its debut, she said, becoming the fourth balloon featured in the parade.

Bangert said it would be a challenge to get the balloons under the new skywalk across O Street between 12th and 13th streets.

Another parade highlight will be the marriage of Lincoln residents Lisa Ahman and Kendal Stairs. The couple will be married in the staging at 10th and S streets before the parade. After the ceremony, the couple will appear in the parade riding Molley the Trolley, she said.

"It looks like it will be a good parade," Bangert said.