

UNL freshmen get a Big Red Welcome

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ed by Wells' Dairy Inc. The ice cream was gone in 20 minutes.

The University Health Center handed out bandages and antibiotic ointment while the Gallup Organization gave away bags to hold the freebies. Valentino's and da Vinci's offered pizza coupons.

In addition to the free food and other items, many students were out to interact with the other party-goers.

"We really like it a lot," said freshman psychology major Tamra Slama, who was out with her friend, freshman business major Shauna Larson.

Larson and Slama said it was meeting the new people that drew them to the Big Red Welcome, not just the giveaways.

On the other side of the stands, sophomore textual design major Summer Spivey, working for the University Program Council booth, said she was happy to see so many people out enjoying themselves.

"This is just a lot of fun," Spivey said. "Anybody will come for the free stuff, but I'm also hoping a lot of people want to get

involved with (student organizations)."

As the Sugarhill Gang prepared to take the stage around 7 p.m., senior education major Minisa Chapman said she was pleased with the turnout.

"It's been crazy around here since 8 a.m., but I think it's going great," Chapman, a UPC spokeswoman, said. "We had a real diverse crowd out with students and people from the community," she said.

Junior environmental science major Emily Millard, the chief organizer of Big Red Welcome for New Student Enrollment, said she too was pleased with the turnout.

Millard, who also was a New Student Enrollment leader, said this year's Big Red Welcome crowd was about 25 percent larger than last year's.

John Grebe, another NSE leader and Big Red Welcome organizer, said the party was a great event.

"I think it was a large success," Grebe said. "I'm really amazed at the amount of people who fought the weather and gave us a lot of support."

70 ASUN spots vacant

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With 70 unfilled positions in UNL's student government, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is looking for qualified leaders.

Vacancies are open on 20 campus committees and councils, said Matt Boyd, an ASUN Appointment Board member.

"If you are interested in getting involved, applying for a committee is a good way," Boyd said. "There's something for everyone."

Students interested in applying for committees should pick up an application in the ASUN office, 115 Nebraska Union. All applications are due Sept. 11 at 4 p.m.

ASUN Director of Development Marlene Beyke said committee openings are the result of students not applying for positions last spring and the lack of qualified applicants.

"We were discouraged that all positions were not filled," Beyke said. "But now freshman students have the opportunity to be involved."

Boyd agreed. Having appointment positions open at the beginning of the

school year is acceptable, he said. "Most of the committees don't really get started until this semester."

Beyke said UNL students may apply as long as they are not on academic or disciplinary probation. Students applying must have at least a 2.0 GPA and one letter of recommendation, she said.

After students turn in their applications, Beyke said, an interview is scheduled with the ASUN Appointment Board.

Boyd said interviews help his panel determine applicants' interests and reasons for wanting to be on the committee they are applying for.

"If you are qualified and interested, you can get onto a committee," Boyd said.

All appointments will be posted in the ASUN information window after interviews are completed and approved by the senate. Applicants will be notified by letter.

Boyd said a variety of interests are represented in the open committee spaces. Most students do receive their first choice, but some committees have specific guidelines for posi-

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tions, he said. Beyke said applying for committee openings allows students to get involved with the government process.

"It gives them the opportunity to represent the whole student body - all 22,000 of them on this campus," she said.

Jeff Bangert, a sophomore business management major and ASUN Racial Affairs Subcommittee member, said he wanted to get input to help make a difference in university racial matters.

"I think it is important for students to have a voice," Bangert said. "ASUN committees are a huge tool students can use - it does matter what we say."

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