

Alumni return for Masters Week

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UNL alumni will be on hand for Masters Week the next few days interacting with students and hoping to inspire and show them their education can take them anywhere.

The annual Masters Week, which kicks off today and goes until Friday, is a program that brings successful alumni back to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

In January, UNL Chancellor James Moeser invited faculty to submit nominations. A selection board chose the alumni.

Moeser appointed the board, comprised of students and faculty.

Allison Hamiel, chairwoman for the Student Alumni Association and a student on the board, said she chose alumni she felt students would be interested in.

She wanted the chosen alumni to inspire students to realize how much their education could help their careers.

"The Masters we chose are people that we thought could best represent the university as a whole," said Hamiel, a sophomore biology and art major. "We tried to get a well-rounded set of Masters."

The five masters chosen this year are Rep. Doug Bereuter, Maj. General Claude Bolton Jr., Norma Cantu, Jeanette Hasse and Abbas Mohaddes.

Bereuter graduated from UNL in 1961, when he received his bachelor's degree of arts degree.

Bolton, a 1969 graduate, received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He was honored as a distinguished graduate. He is the Program Executive Officer for fighter and bomber programs for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisitions in Washington, D.C.

Cantu, who received a doctorate in English in 1982, is a professor of English at Texas A&M International University.

Hasse, who graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's of science degree, graduated with high distinction. She is a transplant nutrition specialist at Baylor University Medical Center in Texas.

Mohaddes received a bachelor's degree in 1979 and a master's degree in 1982 in civil engineering. He is now the president and CEO of Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, Inc.

The Masters will be involved this week in many activities such as classroom visits, campus tours and attending various meetings of organizations.

Charles Greene, UNL student ombudsman and a 1967 graduate, was a Master in 1995. He nominated Bolton to the selection board this year.

"I was extremely pleased when this institution gave me the chance to be a Master and give back to the university," Greene said. "I really felt like I was a part of this university."

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Gordon Scholz, a professor of community and regional planning, nominated Bereuter to the board. Scholz said he felt this program was important for students and faculty.

"I think it's inspiring for students and faculty to see people who went to school here and have achieved goals that are important to all of us," Scholz said. "And Doug Bereuter is one of those persons."

The sponsors of Masters Week are the chancellor's office, the Student Alumni Association, the Innocents Society and the Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board.

Greene said it is important for students to see in person some of the successful UNL graduates.

"There are some outstanding Nebraskans out there," Greene said, "and students would not know that unless we had this program."

Meeting examines budget, diversity

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Academic Senate

The university's budget, committee reports and diversity were topics discussed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Senate meeting on Tuesday.

The meeting opened with the senate's resolution to donate to a memorial for Durward B. "Woody" Varner, former University of Nebraska president.

Gail Latta, Academic Senate president, then handed the floor to David Brinkerhoff, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Brinkerhoff, who spoke at the meeting because Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Edwards was ill, named the budget priorities for 2001-2003.

Brinkerhoff said revising faculty and staff salaries topped the budget and included two sections. One would be an increase in participation for the retirement plan. The other would seek more competitive stipends for graduate teaching assistants.

The university is also discussing ways to increase services for Nebraskans, which would include spending more on extended education and addressing the community and its families.

The senate also discussed a spending increase to open education access.

This would include making scholarships more available to need-based students and merit-based students. The university would target more by offering scholarships to students with ACT scores of 26-30.

This list of priorities was great for dialogue and discussion, Latta said.

"This list of priorities represents the faculty well," Latta said. "We're glad to see administration collaborate with the faculty in this way."

Diversity was another issue discussed at the meeting. The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of People of Color and the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women both examined this topic.

Currently, CCSPC is putting together a draft about last month's Diversity Summit to give to the participants and Chancellor James Moeser. The draft will stress the benefits of promoting a diverse staff, faculty and student body.

Janet Prochaska-Cue, professor of family and consumer sciences, felt that the commission's reports were the most important topic of the meeting.

"They really narrowed their priorities," said Prochaska-Cue. "They are now focusing on issues that affect everyone, including both the faculty and students."

Navy sonar equipment finds plane's black box

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) - Relatives sobbed, screamed and fainted Tuesday as crash investigators warned them

there was little hope of finding intact bodies in the debris of EgyptAir Flight 990.

"Everybody was screaming and crying, because they weren't expecting to hear something like that," said George Arian, of Jersey City, N.J., who has been helping victims' families at a Newport hotel.

A positive sign emerged for investigators trying to determine what caused the crash, as officials said signals from both of the plane's "black boxes" were detected by a sonar-equipped Navy ship.

Most search vessels were ordered back to shore Tuesday evening as a storm arrived, though one Coast Guard ship was expected to try to ride out the storm at the crash site. When good weather returns, perhaps not until Thursday, the Navy's top priority will be to retrieve the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder, which could help explain the cause of the crash.

All 217 people aboard the Cairo-bound flight were killed when the Boeing 767 plummeted mysteriously into the sea a half-hour after leaving New York early Sunday morning.

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