‘Getting to Know All about U’ 2001-02 programs’ theme

We had a very positive response to last year’s theme, “Getting to Know U,” so we thought we would build on that theme this year. (Just in case there are a few of you out there who can’t quite place this year’s theme, think “The King and I.”)

All UNL employees should consider themselves ambassadors of this great institution and should try to learn as much as possible about the place at which we currently spend about one-fourth of our lives. We also should know more about the fine programs UNL offers—especially those with high-impact and/or national or international reputations. This can help enhance student and employee recruitment and garner the public’s support for university programs.

The UAAD Program Committee has developed an excellent agenda that highlights new and timely topics and places. We’ll hear about what’s new on the alumni front, meet two vice chancellors who joined us this year—John Owens (IANR) and Prem Paul (Research)—and learn about the J.D.

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Now is the time to join UAAD

We need your help! ... Bring a Guest! ... Join the Fun!

Please encourage your colleagues to join UAAD and take advantage of all the opportunities available to members. Invite one or more nonmember managerial/professional employees to our first meeting, Sept. 19, at the Wick Alumni Center, and introduce them to UAAD. UAAD could double its numbers if each member brought one eligible employee as a guest to the first meeting and encouraged them to join UAAD.

If you are interested in membership or need to RENEW, contact UAAD membership chair, Nancy Pittman, 220 NE Union, 0452; 472-2181; or npittman1@unl.edu

Welcome new members!

Welcome to the following new members approved at the August Executive Board meeting:
- Cathy Jewell, Fitness Coordinator, Campus Recreation
- Tari Hendrickson-Sweeney, Dual Career Coordinator, Academic Affairs
- Lana Johnson, Project Manager, Communications & Information Technology
The 2001-02 UAAD year gets off to a great start Sept. 19 with a program featuring the Nebraska Alumni Association. Ed Paquette, executive director, and Marc Sckolnick, associate executive director will give a formal presentation at the meeting. They also will be at the Wick Alumni Center at 11:30 a.m. to greet UAAD members and will hold a question-answer session immediately following their presentation. Bring your brown bag lunch and a drink. Our meeting may run a little past 1 p.m.; however, if you need to leave early, please feel free to do so.

Currently, the Alumni Association is heavily involved in several fascinating activities, many of which will be of special interest to all UAAD members. Some of the activities Ed and Marc will discuss include the Champions' Club, the annual holiday party for children/grandchildren of staff and faculty, several pre-game and homecoming events, the numerous benefits of becoming an annual or lifetime member and the Star City Chapter (Lincoln) of the Alumni Association. They also will discuss several new initiatives, such as the development of a retirement village and golf course. In addition, Marc and Ed will share with us many new projects the Association has going with students, including the restoration of a single student ring tradition, homecoming pizza pass and an annual Breakfast of Champions.

Finally, both the Nebraska Alumni Association and UAAD share several common interests. During the 2000-2001 UAAD year, we initiated a dialogue with Marc and Ed in order to discuss any potential partnerships that could mutually benefit our organizations. These discussions have generated several ideas, some of which will be presented at this meeting. We hope you can attend.

–Duane Molman, Past President

TREASURER’S REPORT

UAAD Budget – Year-to-date activity
Fiscal year 2000-2001

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Total assets: $3,992.65

Remarks: Budget for 2001-02 will be available in September 2001.

For more information about the budget, contact Michael Carlson at mcarlson3@unl.edu

–Pam Murray, Program Committee

Programs

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Edwards Honors Program in Computer Science & Management and the Antelope Valley Project, see the Great Plains Art Collection, and more! Some of our meetings will take place in the venues associated with the topics, including the Wick Center, the Kauffman Center and Hewit Place.

The business meetings will begin at 11:50, and the programs about noon. Some programs will include tours. See Page 1 for the tentative dates of the UAAD meetings.

I can’t stress enough the importance of attending monthly meetings. Please make every effort to make all of them. Not only will you be better informed; you will be showing your support for UAAD to our presenters and to each other. Do not think, “Nobody will miss me; I’m only one person.” You all count, and we count on you!

See you on September 19 at the Wick Alumni Center.

–Duane Molman, Past President

Pam Murray, Program Committee
President Duane Mohlman called the UAAD General Membership meeting to order at noon.

President’s report
Duane Mohlman began by having members introduce guests who were with them for the meeting. He introduced his supervisor, Mark Kuzila, and thanked him for his support.

The finalists for UNL Police Chief have been interviewed. There should be an announcement of the new Chief approximately June 1.

Duane thanked the Executive Board and other committee representatives from this past year and had certificates made for each person. He then announced the Executive Board for 2001-02 including the newly elected officers: Julie Hagemeier – Vice President/President-Elect; Vicki Fisher – Secretary; and Mike Carlson – Treasurer.

Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women
Kandra Hanh commented that during the past year the Commission has supported tuition reimbursement for spouses and dependents and including prescription birth control in our benefits plan. They held a series of forums this spring to determine what it is like to be a woman at UNL. The results are currently being tabulated. (Editor’s note: Tuition reimbursement has since been adopted by the Board of Regents.)

Treasurer’s Report
The UAAD Foundation account balance is $1,220. The UAAD checking account balance is $641.04.

Summer Activities – J ulie Hagemeier:
This summer UAAD is sponsoring two ‘UAAD Nights at the Rep.’ UAAD members and their guests may purchase tickets to Jake’s Women on Thursday, July 19 and/or ART on Thursday, July 26 for $10, which is $8 off the regular price. Both performances will conclude with a Meet-the-Cast Dessert and Coffee reception.

Recognition of Duane Mohlman’s Service to UAAD
Edie Schleiger, UNOPA President, thanked Duane for his hard work and presented him with a certificate and a memento on behalf of UNOPA. Rosalee Swartz then thanked Duane for his outstanding year of service to UAAD on behalf of Jim Main who couldn’t be at the meeting. Rosalee read comments from Jim regarding the high quality of leadership that Duane has provided to UAAD this past year. Rosalee presented Duane with a plaque of recognition.

Final Thoughts from Duane Mohlman
Duane thanked the board and other UAAD members who helped him accomplish so much and enjoy this year so much. He encouraged everyone to become involved with UAAD because it is a fabulous organization where you can work with great people and learn a lot about the University.

Program/Speaker Introduction
Butch Hug introduced Joe Selig, Senior Associate Athletic Director at UNL, and Charlie Meyer, President of Lincoln Pro Baseball.

Joe Selig began by stating that a few years ago this project began as a vision of Jim Abel’s. Ground was broken more than a year ago and are only a couple of weeks away from opening. The University put in a $10.6 million investment and will get a baseball and softball complex better than we ever could have done on our own for 1/3 of the price.

The UNL Athletic Department is excited about the partnership and the progress and hopes to have a Super Regional baseball game at Haymarket Park. Enthusiasm for UNL baseball is certainly growing. In 1999-2000 there were 60 season tickets sold. This season 1,200 were sold, and they have already sold over 1,300 for next year, and that is without doing hardly any marketing.

Charlie Meyer started by saying this is an aggressive project that has gone extremely fast. They will be ready to hold a Salt Dogs game on June 1, but everything will not be done by that time. The winter was very tough for them, so they will continue to do landscaping throughout the summer. Currently there are approximately 200 people working on finishing the project. The stadium seats 4500 and there are also 16 sky suites. Eleven of the suites are given as part of corporate sponsorship packages and the other five are available for nightly rental. The sky suites each hold 20 people.

The Salt Dogs have approximately 60 season tickets left. There will also be tickets available on a nightly basis. The stadium holds three different concessions areas and a children’s play area. This is truly a “park within a park” – there is wonderful access and you can walk around the whole area. The field is drained and heated so they will be able to play in February. It is the first ballpark in the United States with this system. Construction has started on the softball complex as well.

Tickets are still available for the Salt Dogs first game. If you’re interested call 474-BALL or via the internet at www.saltdogs.com.

After a brief question and answer session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Fisher, UAAD Secretary
Did you know …?

• 90.6 percent of managerial/professional employees responding to the employee survey conducted by UAAD last spring agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “Compared to other employment experiences, UNL offers me a satisfying job.”

• 83.1 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement “I would recommend UNL as a place to work to my family and friends.”

• On a scale of 1-5 (5 being very satisfied), 80 percent of respondents ranked the December campus closedown a 3 or above.

• On a scale of 1-5, 61.9 percent of respondents ranked their satisfaction with athletic tickets a 3 or below.

These are just a few examples of statistics gathered from the UAAD Managerial/Professional Employee Survey conducted last spring. Overall it appears we are satisfied with our employment and there were no major surprises in the primary things we aren’t satisfied with–i.e. salary, wages, parking.

The data is now being analyzed and a written report will be produced. Stay tuned to the Update for more results from the survey.

Salary allocations

Representatives from UAAD and UNOPA met with members of the Human Resources staff earlier in August to discuss employee issues with regard to Human Resources. We discussed the pooling of managerial/professional and office/service salary allocations was one topic discussed (HR will put together a group to continue this discussion across the campus), and the revival of the New Employee Orientation Program by Human Resources and how UAAD and UNOPA can help. Information regarding each organization will be made available to new employees during the orientation process.

– Cindy BdI, Employee Liaison

UAAD TO HOST SPECIAL BROWN BAG LIFE WORKSHOP

What? The UAAD sponsored LIFE workshop with Donna Washburn. (Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish)

Who? All managerial/professional staff

Where? East Campus Union

When? 11 a.m. -1 a.m., Nov. 7

Why? Few people consider themselves caregivers and few know it is a sign of strength to ask for help when they find themselves in that role. There is support to help elder caregivers balance their lives, and community resources that help older persons stay in their own homes longer. On November 7 find out how easily burnout can occur, and answers to the financial and legal concerns involved with elder caregiving.

How? RSVP to jhagemeier1@unl.edu by Oct. 31.