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Successful alumni return to UNL for Masters Week

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Every year, during the first week of November, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln celebrates **Masters Week**. This year's festivities mark the 45th annual celebration.

The program began in 1964 under Chancellor Clifford Hardin and has continued each year since.

As part of the Masters Week program, 'Masters' will be attending classes around campus on Thursday and Friday, giving lectures and answering questions.

The Masters are nominated each spring by colleges around the university. From there, the nominations are sent to Chancellor Harvey Perlman for approval. The criteria for selecting the Masters are simple: They must have graduated from the university either as undergraduates or graduate students, they must have achieved success in their field and they must have the ability to connect to students.

Making connections is the most crucial attribute, said Shelley Zaborowski, associate executive director of the Wick Alumni Center and one of the event's coordinators.

"The most important thing is connecting with the students. Masters Week is intended to show students how you apply a formal education to your career," she said.

Annette Wetzel, another coordinator, agreed.

"It's all about putting the Masters with the students," she said.

Multiple student organizations sponsor the event: The Innocents Society, the Black Masque Chapter of the Mortar Board, the Scarlet Guard and the Student Alumni Association as well as the Chancellor's Office and the Alumni Association.

The celebration commenced Wednesday evening, with its Masters Week Welcome Reception at the Wick Alumni Center. Events will continue through Friday, Nov. 6.

The Masters in attendance this year come from many fields, as each were selected by their own UNL college.

The Masters Week comes to a close Friday at the Masters Week Medallion Dinner, hosted by Perlman and the Nebraska Alumni Association. The dinner will take place at the Van Brunt Visitor Center and will focus on showing appreciation to the university's alumni Masters and their families.

The Masters Week program offers the Masters of the university an opportunity that not many alumni experience, Wetzel said.

"The Masters love it," she said. "It's quite an honor to be asked to come back."

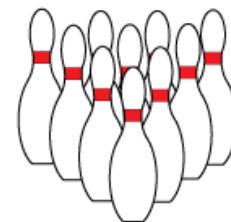
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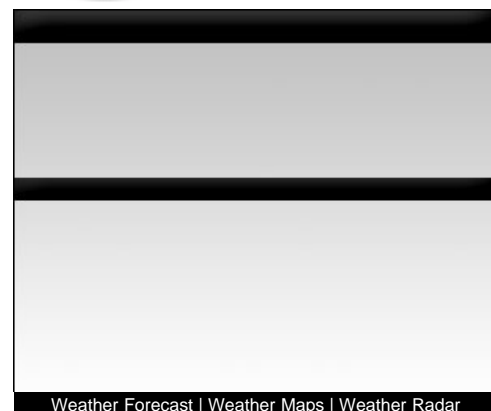
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