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# Seiler is named UNOPA's Boss of the Year

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William Seiler has a new award to list on his curriculum vita: He is the winner of the 2003 Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year.

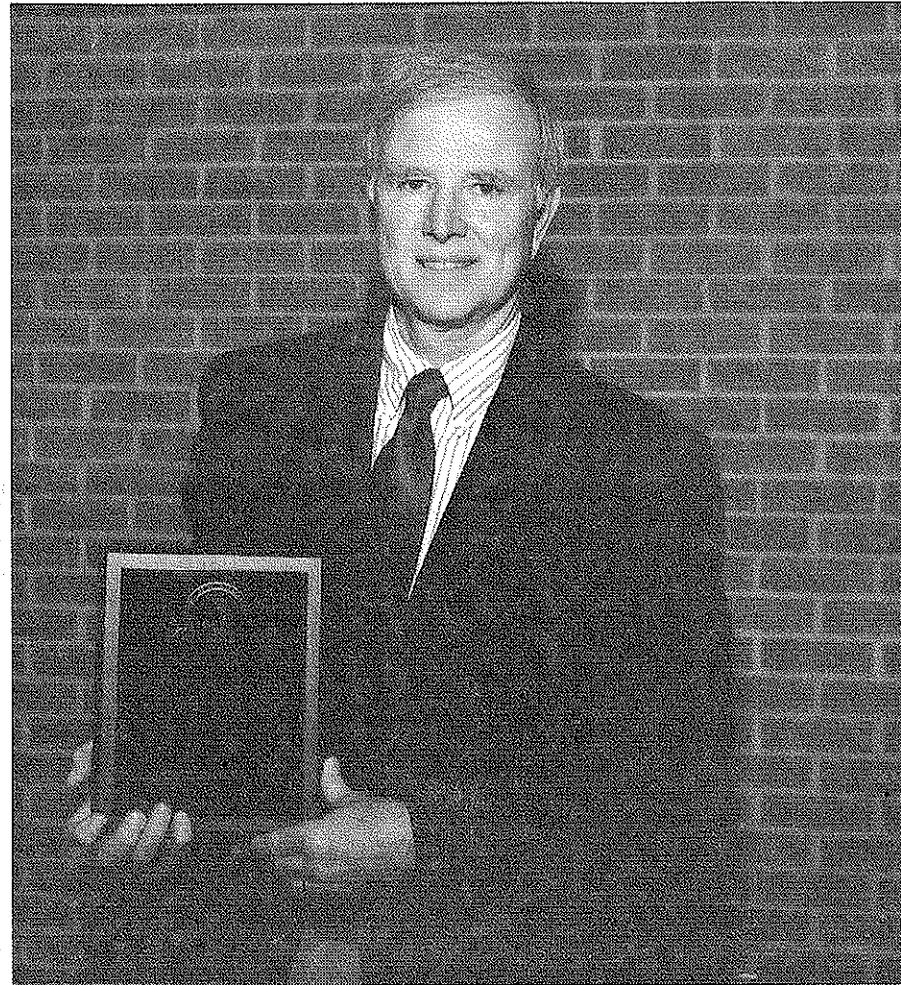
Seiler, department chair and professor in Communications Studies, received the award Nov. 11 at the annual University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association's Bosses' Luncheon in the Nebraska East Union.

"I am extremely honored and pleased to have been chosen UNOPA's Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year," Seiler said. "To be nominated by the folks that you work with every day and for them to say they appreciate what you do and that they enjoy working with you, that is something that I will cherish for a long time to come."

In one of his nomination letters, Seiler was described as someone who "always presents a professional image while encouraging a pleasant environment in which to work."

Seiler has served the university for 31 years and has been chair of the department for the last 14 years. He has also led the department during hard times, one employee of Seiler's said.

"The budget cuts have been difficult for our department and (Seiler) has worked hard to keep the departmental members motivated and working toward a common goal," the employee wrote. "Just this past year ... (he) started a monthly luncheon for department members where members can socialize



William Seiler, professor and department chair of Communications Studies, received the 2003 Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year award Nov. 11 from the University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association.

and talk about their projects together. It has been a very successful event."

Another nominator wrote, "Having

worked at several universities before coming to UNL, I can compare my chairperson to other chairpersons I

have worked with. In all areas, this person comes out on top."

In his nomination letter, a graduate student wrote, "This individual's excellent administrative skills are complemented by his warm, personable demeanor as well as his constant consideration of each faculty, student and staff members' feelings and concerns."

Other nominees for the award were:

- Sara J. Bindrum, medical materials supervisor, University Health Center
- Kathleen M. Glenn, assistant director, Mid-American Transportation Center
- Linda J. Major, director, Student Involvement, and project director, NU Directions
- Brenda Kay Osthus, director, Environmental Health & Safety
- Anthony "Tony" Schkade, assistant director of registration, Registration & Records
- Gordon P. Scholz, department chair & professor, Community & Regional Planning.

Seiler was presented the award by last year's Boss of the Year winner, James Cotter. Seiler receives \$500, a framed certificate and a one-year UNOPA membership.

The Boss of the Year award was first presented in 1982 to recognize University of Nebraska employees who demonstrate excellent personnel management, employee supervision and interpersonal relations skills. The award name was changed in 1991 after a donation from the Floyd S. Oldt Trust Fund.