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The Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity

***Sue Tidball** (1925-1976) invested her life, energy, and spirit in human beings. She enriched the community with volunteer work in her church and in many social service agencies. In 1966 she became a counselor and resource consultant with the UMHE campus ministry at UNL. In her work with individuals and groups on the campus she was well known for her **joyous, positive, adventurous and hopeful** way of life. Aware for the last 20 years of her life that she had an incurable, debilitating disease, she turned that reality into creative and caring sensitivity to others.*

CREATIVE HUMANITY AWARD

This annual award, presented to individuals from the campus community, is a way of recognizing significant contributions to the **development of a humane, educationally creative, and caring community within UNL**. The award is also a symbolic recognition of everyone associated with the University who daily makes such contributions. You are encouraged to nominate a person for the SUE TIDBALL AWARD FOR CREATIVE HUMANITY.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Anyone associated with UNL is encouraged to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member. Nominations must be for one individual only - not for a couple or a team. Nominations in the past years have included secretaries, administrators, custodial workers, faculty, staff members, graduate and undergraduate students.

Information, forms, and guidelines are available at Cornerstone (640 N. 16th St.), Human Resources (Admin. 407), Student Involvement offices (NU 200 & ECU 300), the Culture Center (333 N. 14th St.), IFC-Panhellenic (NU 332), all residence hall desks, and many college and divisional offices. Information and forms can also be accessed at Website <http://www.unl.edu/tidball/>.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001 at Sue Tidball Award, Cornerstone, 640 N. 16th., Lincoln, NE 68508. Nomination forms and supporting letters may be faxed to 476-0356.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Nominations are sought for individuals who have made significant contributions, beyond the usual job or role expectations, to a more creative and humane learning, working and/or living environment at UNL, in one or more of the following ways:

1. Creating new processes or structures, or improving old ones, which make the work/living environment better for everyone.
2. Exhibiting caring attitudes that positively and lastingly affect individual lives.
3. Helping to bridge or heal "gaps" between different groups on campus (e.g. faculty & students, clerical staff & faculty, maintenance workers & students); or helping groups "on the fringe" to move more into the center of campus life.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Award Committee (an independent group of faculty, staff, students, and community persons) administers the nomination process and selects the award recipient(s) each year.

All Nominees will be publicly honored at the Annual Award Event and Celebration, scheduled for Sunday April 1, 2001, beginning at 7:00 PM., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 13th & R Streets, Lincoln.

NEWS RELEASE
Monday, March 19, 2001

The Twentieth Annual Sue Tidball Award Celebration for the UNL campus community will be held on Sunday evening, April 1, beginning at 7:00 PM in the main sanctuary of St. Mark's on-the-Campus Episcopal Church and Student Center, 1309 R Street, Lincoln.

The Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity honors persons from the UNL campus who are nominated by their peers for making significant contributions to the development of a humane, open, caring, educationally creative and just community on the campus. Since the first year of the Award program over 200 students, faculty and staff members have been publicly celebrated as Award Nominees, and forty-three have been named Award Recipients. Recipients have ranged from senior faculty and administrators, to first year students, to secretaries, and building custodians.

On April 1, 2001, thirteen Nominees will be publicly recognized and honored, and one or more will be named Award Recipients. Recipients receive a small check and appropriate plaque. All nominees receive a framed recognition certificate and a booklet made up of the nominations and supportive letters written on their behalf.

Following the formal program, there will be an informal reception, including refreshments, for the Nominees, Recipients, their families and friends, and the attending public, in the church fellowship hall.

The Sue Tidball Award program is sponsored by the campus ministry of Cornerstone-UMHE at UNL, as a memorial to a former staff member, widely recognized and admired on the campus and in the Lincoln community, who died in 1976. The program is conducted by an independent committee of UNL students, staff and faculty.

The Award Celebration and the reception following are both open, without charge, to the UNL and supportive Lincoln publics.

Media representatives are invited and welcome.

For further information, call 476-0355.

A list of names and campus identities of the 13 2001 Nominees is attached.

A later release, dated for disclosure after 8:00 PM, Sunday, April 1, will be sent, giving the name(s) of the 2001 Award Recipients(s).

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The Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity



2000 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee*: _____
 Present Position or Class Standing: _____
 Address: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: Office: _____ Home: _____

*Nominations must be for an individual only.

Nomination

Submitted by: Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: Office: _____ Home: _____

This form, completed on both sides, with required letters of endorsement and support attached, must be submitted no later than Monday, February 14, 2000 to:

Sue Tidball Award Committee

c/o Cornerstone
 640 N. 16th
 Lincoln, NE 68508
 (402) 476-0355

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Nominations and supporting letters can be sent by regular mail or fax 476-0356.

NOTE: Members of the Committee and previous nominees are not eligible for nomination.

Guidelines and suggestions for making nominations are given on the sheet attached to this form. Read both sides carefully. If you need additional forms, or need individual assistance in making a nomination, or have questions, call Cornerstone at 476-0355, email; uc3@unl.edu, or call one of the members of the 2000 Award Committee:

Members of the Committee

Students: Jeremy Penn 438-7095
 Katie Wolfe 436-7717
 Carrie Wiese 467-5372
 Angie Splittgerber 472-1038
 Urrvano Gamez 436-9350

Faculty: Dick Boohar 472-2306
 Jerry Petr 472-3003
 Teresita Aguilar 472-1993
 Norman Schneider 472-8462
 Anna Shavers 472-2194

Staff: Linda Olson 472-9736
 Debbie Hendricks 472-9685
 Jan Wassenberg 472-6965
 Glenn Gray 472-1046
 Mike Leupold 472-2181
 Susan Budler 472-9188

Community: Larry Doerr 421-8799/423-6946
 Beth Franz 466-0658
 Jeff Carle 476-3465
 Pat Lopez 435-7240

Past Recipients

- 1982
Garnet Larson
- 1983
Marcee Metzger
Vernon Williams
- 1984
M. Marie Arnot
- 1985
Mary Marcy
Martin Bradley Munn
- 1986
Rodney Bell
Lisa Ann Dzyban
Michael Morosin
- 1987
Erwin H. Goldenstein
Gene Bennett Hardy
- 1988
Luis Diaz-Perdomo
Galen W. Dodge
Barbara Meister
- 1989
Hazel Crain
Melinda Holcombe
Nanci Rivenburg
David Whitaker
- 1990
Sara Boatman
Jimmi Smith
- 1991
Norma Bosley
Emilia Juarez
- 1992
Paul C. Cantu
Richard Barnhart
- 1993
Deloris (Dee) Borg
Louis Crompton
Yolonda Yates
- 1994
Paul Olson
Helen A. Sexton
- 1995
Chad Greseke
Cathy Maestas
Reshell Ray
- 1996
Joan Mendoza-Gorham
Kathy Parker
- 1997
Pat Tetreault
- 1998
Cheryl Card
Webster Robbins
- 1999
Ardis Holland
Claudia Price-Decker
Jocelyn Walsh

The Sue Tidball Award Program is sponsored by United Ministries in Higher Education at UNL, in cooperation with an independent committee of faculty, staff, students, and community friends.

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Nomination Narrative: Describe specific actions, accomplishments and caring attitudes of your nominee, which fit as many of the Criteria areas as apply, and which, in your estimation, qualify the person to be considered for the 2000 Sue Tidball Award (use this form and/or attach 8 1/2 x 11 white sheets for additional space. Attached computer printouts are acceptable):

Below provide a short one-paragraph summary which integrates comments from your nomination and from letters of endorsement. This summary will be used in preparing comments to be read aloud at the time of honoring your nominee at the annual award event & celebration on Sunday, March 26, 2000.

Do Not Forget To ATTACH the 2-4 Required Letters of Endorsement!

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WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT IN MAKING A NOMINATION:

To nominate a person for the Sue Tidball Award, please describe his/her work and accomplishments as specifically as possible, in terms related to the Criteria for the Award. **Experienced volunteer assistance is available to you in preparing your nomination. If you desire help, call Cornerstone, 476-0355 or e-mail uc3@unl.edu**

The Criteria for the Award are:

Individuals who have made significant contributions, **beyond the usual job or role expectations**, to a more creative and humane learning, working and/or living environment at UNL, in one or more of the following ways:

1. ***creating new processes or structures, or improving old ones***, which make the systems of life, work, or study better for everyone (for example—ways for people to be more sensitive and attentive to others' feelings and needs in residence halls).
2. ***showing caring attitudes*** that positively and lastingly affect individual lives.
3. ***helping to build bridges among diverse groups on campus*** (for example—faculty & students, clerical staff & faculty, maintenance staff or food service staff & students, Greek members & Residence Hall residents)
4. ***helping persons or groups*** experiencing limited inclusion to move into a more recognized, accepted and appreciated place in campus life (for example—ethnic minorities, those with physical or learning disabilities, international students, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered persons, non-traditional students)

Use the page labeled “**Nomination Narrative**” to describe your nominee’s accomplishments and activities in as many of these Criteria areas as apply. Write a continuous narrative, or use an outline form to list things which demonstrate the nominee’s qualifications for this Award.

Here are some examples from past nominations that may be helpful in preparing your nomination.

“He draws other workers together for informal sharing of concerns, mutual support, and celebration of personal special days.”

“She has helped create several teaching programs which give greater freedom, space and responsibility for individual initiative and design on the part of students.”

“He has acted with great sensitivity, but also persistence, in helping ethnic minority students and white student leadership to communicate honestly and directly to solve mutual problems.”

“She follows through with advisees, by letter and phone, to see how they are doing, to offer help at each stage of their academic and personal development, even beyond their stay on campus.”

“She not only keeps the floors clean, but takes a personal interest in the women on the floor and has more than once been a temporary, caring “mother” to a lonely, scared and disoriented first year student.”

“He makes every person, faculty, administrator, student, secretary or maintenance worker, feel important and valued and welcome.”

Once again: Be specific.

Focus your comments on concrete actions and attitudes of the nominee that illustrate one or more of the Criteria given above. “Glowing generalities” are easy to write, but are not much help in evaluation of the nomination!

NOMINATION GUIDELINES AND SUGGESTIONS

1. We want nominations from all groups of people in the campus community—faculty, administrative staff, undergraduate and graduate students, support staff, secretarial, food service and maintenance staff.
2. All nominations must be submitted on the form provided, or on an 8 1/2 x 11 photocopy of the form. White, 8 1/2 x 11, paper may be used if additional space is required for the nomination narrative. Such sheets must be securely attached to the form.
3. At least two but no more than four letters of endorsement or support from persons other than the nominator, who are well-acquainted with the nominee, should be attached to the nomination form when submitted. Do not have letters sent separately.

Suggestion: *Getting supporting letters is often more time-consuming than you think. Start early!*

Suggestion: *It is better that supporting letters come from as wide a variety of persons as possible; that is, not all letters should be from faculty in the same department, or from students in the same house or on the same floor, or from fellow workers in the same office or service. A mixture of testimony from several sources is most useful.*

Suggestion: *Help is available by calling 476-0355 or e-mail uc3@unl.edu*

4. Both the nomination form and the letters of support should be as specific as possible in describing the qualifications of the nominee in terms of one or more of the Criteria for the award. (See other side of this sheet for a statement of the Criteria).
Do not use letters written originally for other purposes
—e.g. support for a teaching award.

Note: All nominees will be informed by mail that they have been nominated for the Award. They will be honored, along with family and friends, at the annual Award Celebration which is scheduled for Sunday evening, March 26, 2000, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and concluding with a reception at about 8:30 - 9:00 p.m.

We ask those making nominations to encourage the attendance of their nominees, and to plan to attend both the Celebration and reception themselves. Those who write letters of support, and other friends of the nominees should be invited also.

Remember: All nominees will be recognized and honored at the March 26th event and at the reception following.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS AWARD PROGRAM.
THE AWARD COMMITTEE HOPES THAT THIS IS A WORTHWHILE WAY OF ENCOURAGING A MORE
SATISFYING AND HUMANE CAMPUS COMMUNITY LIFE.

NEWS RELEASE

[NOT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL AFTER 8:00 PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2001]

Professors from two UNL departments and a graduate student in Business Administration were named Sunday night as the 2001 Recipients of the Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

At the Twentieth Annual Award Celebration held at St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church and Student Center, Elizabeth Franklin, Robert Hitchcock, and Hans Patuwo were first honored along with ten other Nominees for the 2001 Award, and then announced as the Award Recipients for the year.

The Award program named in honor of a former staff member of the United Ministries in Higher Education at UNL, who died in 1976, is sponsored by the UMHE campus ministry, and conducted by an independent committee of campus students, faculty and staff, and representatives from the Lincoln community. The Award seeks to identify, honor, and encourage persons from the campus who are recognized by their peers and others as making significant contributions, beyond role expectations or job descriptions, to the development of an humane, open, caring, educationally creative and just community on the UNL campus. Every year for twenty years, all nominees, who have included first-year students, administrators, senior faculty, secretaries, grad students and maintenance/service workers, are honored at the annual celebration and from one to three are named as Award Recipients. Over the years in which the Award has been offered, 198 different individuals have been nominated and honored, and 46, including this year's three, have been named Recipients. As noted by the Award Committee Coordinator, Richard Boohar, "We deliberately do not use the language of 'winners' and 'losers' in this program. All nominees are winners in our eyes, and even more, UN-L as a whole is the winner for having such persons in its midst."

ELIZABETH FRANKLIN has made an enduring mark on the Center for Curriculum and Instruction by her active concern for providing full opportunities for women, for people of color at UN-L, and for Native Americans of the Omaha Nation at Macy, Nebraska. She has strengthened substantially the University' efforts to train practicing teachers to build their skills in English as a Second Language. She is notable in her work as departmental chair for the openness and caring with which she deals with administrators, faculty, staff and students. By building bridges and effective relationships among all with whom she works, she creates a more humane and caring work environment for the University community.

ROBERT HITCHCOCK has been characterized by his nominators as a true hero in the defense of hungry people and of the rights of indigenous people in Africa and the United States. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of populations at risk at UN-L, as well as at state, national and international levels, and transmits his concerns to individuals, groups and governmental agencies. His commitment to the betterment of life

for African peoples takes him to Africa regularly, and enables him to bring a level of knowledge about their problems and issues to UN-L students that would otherwise not be possible.

HANS PATUWO is a graduate student who is also employed fulltime, but he devotes substantial effort to helping international students integrate into UN-L and into community life in Lincoln. As leader of the Trans-Pacific leadership Program (T-PAC), he draws students from different countries together for informal sharing of concerns, for mutual support and for celebration of each others' achievements. With sensitivity and persistence, he helps them deal with difficulties caused by language barriers, culture shock and misunderstandings between individuals of different nations. He provides special assistance by using his experience in the workplace to help students interact effectively with American employers and their expectations.

In further comments on the Awards, and the Award Program, Larry Doerr, the late long-time Coordinator of the Award Committee, said, "The great privilege of working with this program is the chance to become acquainted every year with people from the campus that most people have not met. Every year we get nominations of great persons, at all levels of university life, and while we take this time to celebrate and enjoy the particular nominees of the year, we are also reminded that these nominees represent many others like them whose capacity for creative caring work and relationships help humanize this often - and understandable - bureaucratic community. We are glad they are here! We would be much less of a university without them!" The current Coordinator and the 2001 Committee very much agree with that statement.

Entertainment for the 2001 Award Celebration was provided, once again, by the Local Folks String Band. Dr. Christine Jackson, UN-L Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, and Joel Schaffer 2000-2001 President of ASUN and UNL's Student Regent, both brought congratulations and greetings from the University and the student body. The Award Celebration was concluded by a reception in the church parish hall.

For further information call Richard Boohar, 486-1712

