

Baha'i Association addresses gender equality, prejudices

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Involvement

The Baha'i Association at UNL is trying to undo prejudices one at a time. Tonight, its members will start by building equity between men and women.

The campus organization is taking steps toward making the world one of equality by addressing a topic each month surrounding the theme "Prejudices: Just undo them."

Tonight's presentation at the Culture Center will start at 7. A member of the Baha'i faith will speak on the equality of women and men, Chad Dumas, UNL Baha'i chapter president, said.

Each weekly discussion this month centered on the removal of inequality between the sexes.

A pamphlet called "Two Wings of a Bird: The Equality of Women and Men," is a statement on the equality of women and men and what is needed to bring about that equality. Tonight's speaker will address that analogy.

"This statement discusses the image of men and women as two wings of the same bird," Dumas said. "When men recognize women are equal, the bird of

humanity will fly."

Originally, the group planned to have Hal and Jubi Maggiore, a couple from Grand Island, come to speak.

They were injured in a car accident last weekend, so two other Baha'i followers may take their place: Terry Johnson is chairman of the Baha'i Spiritual Assembly of Lincoln, and Deb Chestermen is its consultant.

Through a consensus, the officer team decides the focus of the topics. Each of the officers, Dumas; Anna Bodie, secretary; and Dorothy Pedersen, treasurer, is a member of the Baha'i faith.

The Baha'i faith is the newest world religion, Bodie said. The faith started in Persia by those who followed the prophet Baha'u'llah, who believed in one god, that all religions come from that one god and all humans are equal.

Every Thursday the Baha'i Association meets in the Nebraska East Union for a spiritual meeting at 7 p.m. The last Thursday of each month, however, is reserved for a special event at the Culture Center.

ASUN plans for new legislation

BY BRAD DAVIS
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Wednesday night's meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska was short.

So short, in fact, that senators had time to grab a bite to eat together after the meeting.

Although this week's meeting was less than a half-hour long, Speaker of the Senate Viet Hoang said next week's meeting would be much longer as many ASUN committees introduce new legislation.

Hoang plans to introduce legislation next week that will increase the number of students allowed to participate in ASUN subcommittees. Currently only 12 students are allowed to serve on the subcommittees.

Government Liaison Committee Chairman John Wiechmann will introduce legislation next week naming more areas on campus that are dangerous for pedestrians. The committee is researching possible solutions to the dangerous traffic near 14th and Vine streets.

Next week, the GLC will also present a bill to the senate dealing with the Lincoln city ordinance that forbids more than four people to live in one house. Wiechmann said his committee would lobby the city to either change the number of people allowed in a house, or for the city to provide an exemption for college students.

ASUN President Curt Ruwe said other committees have been working on new legislation. He also congratulated students for their handling of the Sigma Chi

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cross-burning incident that happened last year. A story about the students' response to the incident was recently featured in the Lincoln Journal Star.

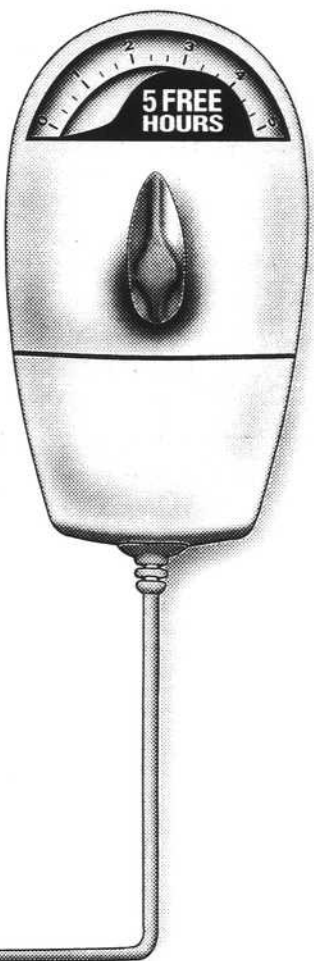
"We have made a tremendous amount of progress with diversity issues," Ruwe said.

Second Vice President Malcolm Kass encouraged senators to continue their work with diversity issues by attending the UNL Cultural Diversity Retreat Oct. 11-12.

In other ASUN business:
■ Government Bill No. 7 passed unanimously. This bill recognized the Gamers' Association and the Wrestling Spirit Leaders as official student organizations.

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