

Womans Resource Center opens Union office

Faces of two women, an ancient symbol for "woman", brightly painted bookshelves and a room filled with pastel greens and oranges combine to make up the Women's Resource Center, opening today in the Nebraska Union.

"The room will serve as a clearinghouse for information

concerning women, and as an informal meeting place for women students," said Judy Dowding, a University student and member of the center's steering committee.

Julie Hass, also a University student and temporary chairwoman for the center, said she hopes the facility and

its services will also "reach out to the community."

Volunteers will keep the center open from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. Monday-Friday for the next two weeks, Hass said, after which she said the steering committee hopes it can be open as long as the Union is-7 a.m. till 11 p.m.,

Monday-Friday, and the regular week-end hours.

Located in Room 118 (where the ASUN record store was), the center was designed to have "office facilities at one end and lounge facilities at the other," Dowding said. She said she hopes a hot plate and cups will be made available to persons in the center so they can make their own hot drinks

Services available to both men and women through the center include reading material, tapes and possible films that can be checked out about women and their roles, employment possibilities, legal rights, history, and a lounge area in which students can relax or talk informally or in arranged rap sessions.

The Center will also have a phone which students can call--through the University switchboard-for information or counseling on female problems; and a counselor who can try to help women with problems or refer them to someone who can.

Hass said the counselors at

the center will go through a training session led by someone "with insight into women's problems, and one who has preferably worked in Lincoln."

A Female Help Line, sponsored by the Student YWCA, will begin operation soon, Hass said, and "we'd like to help with it."

There are 20 volunteers scheduled to work at this time, but "anyone interested can contact me anytime," Hass said.

"We hope to get as many women involved as possible," she added.

One University student, Nicki Clodt, scheduled to work. At the center said it is "a good way to get involved in other people--a way to meet University women." She said the bright interior will "force people to react--all that brown everywhere else in the Union just puts you to sleep."

The center arose from a meeting where representatives from Pound, Sandoz and Smith Halls, Women's Residence Halls, University Women's Action Group, Mortar Board, Angel Flight, ASUN, Panhellenic, Alpha Lambda Delta, Afro-American Collegiate Sisters and the American Indian Student Counselor endorsed the idea.

Funding came from the treasury of the defunct Associated Women's Students organization (\$225) and ASUN, which, in late September, allotted \$500 to the center.

Members of the Center's Steering Committee are Hass, Dowding, B. J. Blankenship, Elaine Waggoner, Linda Roche, Constance Kies, Carol Mack and Kathy Hanthorn.

Regents . . .

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student fee money was used, personally he would like to be kept aware of what it was going for.

Prokop speculated that the conference would open the Board to much criticism from the electorate and consequently weaken its position in upcoming budget battles with the Legislature.

Prokop later moved that the UNL administration report to the Regents at their next meeting on how the conference was planned and by whom. The motion carried on a 4-3 vote.

Time-Out coordinator Patti Kaminski said after the meeting that the conference had been developed in conjunction with the offices of Student Affairs and Student Activities.

She stated that the Regents had not been informed, and asserted that there was no real reason for them to be informed, as it was not their job to review every program at the University. "That's what you have the administration for," she said.

Allen Bennett, Director of the Nebraska Union, said he had acted with other administrators as an unofficial advisor for Time-Out since last summer. He also arranged use of Union facilities.

Breakdown of Saturday's voting was as follows: Moylan's motion: Raun, Schwartzkopf, Elliot Koefoot and Wagner against; Moylan for; Prokop abstained; Prokop's resolution: Raun, Schwartzkopf, and Elliot against; Wagner, Koefoot, Prokop and Moylan in favor.

Regent Kermit Hansen was absent from the meeting.

ASUN: CSL should find new Student Health government

ASUN has asked the Council on Student Life to find an alternative governing structure for the Student Health Center, a structure which would, in effect, formalize student input into program planning.

Although "the largest chunk of student fees goes to Student Health," there is no formally appointed group of students involved in planning, said Michele Coyle, ASUN 1st Vice President.

The ASUN resolution passed last Wednesday asks CSL to "extensively investigate alternative structures" for the Center "with an eye to establishing a University community health service with a governing board composed of the Health Center's constituencies."

CSL will discuss the issue Thursday. The resolution requests CSL to prepare a draft of the proposal by mid-December.

Samuel I. Fuenning, the Center's medical director, said

there's been "quite an apathy up until recently" among students towards the center, and "we'd be delighted to have student involvement."

In meetings with Coyle, Fuenning said he suggested that ASUN possibly develop a comprehensive health planning council involving all constituents who use the Center.

The Center's formal governing board is the Board of Regents, Fuenning said, and programs are planned by the medical staff. The staff gains student input from the Center's health aide program and from the 2,000 questionnaires sent to students every year, Fuenning said.

A Student Council on Health was formed several years ago by a health aide but "it wasn't a fashionable issue then," former ASUN Sen. Jonette Beaver said. Beaver is attempting to re-organize the Council.

Interested persons probably will be interviewed by ASUN and Health Center personnel, she said. The Council will seek broad representation from the student community.

Beaver favors a comprehensive planning council involving students.

University staff, medical staff and faculty. The concept behind such a planning council is a "partnership for health," she said. "The only way to provide adequate service is to involve the consumer in the planning."

Coyle said she is most concerned with getting more student input at the Center, "with having real responsiveness to student needs and concerns."

Short Stuff

Burt Wallrich, of the Institute Mountain-West for the Study of Non-Violence in Denver will have a talk and rap session on "Living Revolution" in the Union Lounge at 4 p.m. today.

Van Deren Coke, an expert on the relationship between photography and painting, will speak in Sheldon Art Gallery Tuesday to open an exhibition of photographs by Thomas Eakins, a noted painter.

Ceramics by Jack Wright are being featured in the Sheldon Art Shop through Oct. 24.

University committees have openings for grad students on the Library, Grading, Teaching Council, and Calendar and Exams committees. Interested people may obtain applications from the ASUN office Rm. 334, Nebraska Union.

The film "The Time of Man" from the American Museum of Natural History will be shown during a public meeting of Zero Population Growth at 7:30 p.m. Monday, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1309 R St.

The League of Human Dignity, a group of handicapped and other interested people will meet Tuesday Oct. 5 at 7:30 in the Lincoln Center at 15th and N Sts., first floor auditorium. If you need transportation call 475-4961 ext. 58.

There will be a meeting of the Volunteer Council Public Relations Committee at 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Tuesday. If you can't attend and are interested, call John Theisen 472-2581 or 472-2484 or 477-2697.

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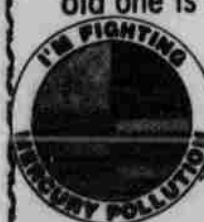
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