

## Arts and Science board listens to student gripes

The UNL Arts and Sciences Advisory Board has agreed to serve as a student grievance committee. Chairman Tom Weist said the board would be willing to investigate any complaint of an academic nature.

"We have an input into the institutional structure of the University," Weist said. Many students don't know who to turn to when they have a complaint, he said.

It was for this reason, Weist said, that the board wants to "publicize ourselves as a channel to work through."

Weist said any student having a grievance can present his complaint at a regular board meeting. Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Nebraska Union.

The curriculum committee of the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board is reconsidering all of the college's group requirements, according to Weist.

The committee, Weist said, is considering offering a recommendation to drop freshman English as a requirement. Final decision would have to come from the Arts and Sciences Senate.

Foreign language requirements may also come under serious re-evaluation.

It was through the curriculum committee that the new procedure for dropping a class was first considered. A student may now drop any non-lab course through the eighth week of classes.

# Grajeda: NU discriminates

by Steve Arvanette

Ralph Grajeda, coordinator of the Mexican-American cultural centers in Nebraska, has charged that racial discrimination is taking place on the University campus.

He said there are 45 Chicano students at UNL and no faculty members.

But conscious effort is being made to have more Chicano students attend UNL according to Joe Renteria, UNL counselor for Mexican-American students.

Letters are sent to high school principals in areas where there are large concentrations of Mexican-American students. The letter, Renteria said, requests a meeting with all Chicano students to inform them of special services offered at the University.

"We want to get them through school, not just to increase numbers," Renteria

said.

The Chicano counselor said his office helps students with financial aid, registration, housing and tutoring services.

Grajeda stressed his concern over a lack of Chicano faculty members and Chicano studies, saying, "We don't want to bring students in and give them white studies."

"The state through the University has not been serving Mexican-Americans, and we're saying it's about time they did," Grajeda said.

Grajeda hoped that a series of Chicano-oriented courses could be started in history, Spanish, Spanish literature and freshman English.

"We want the kinds of courses offered at the University to be relevant to the Mexican-American," the newly appointed coordinator said.

"There are some things happening right on this campus which people are ignorant of," Grajeda said.

Noting another form of discrimination, Grajeda said some members of the UNL Spanish department are critical of a Chicano student's speech style. Some instructors feel the Castilian style Spanish should be taught and spoken.

Simon Orta, chairman of the president's advisory board on Mexican-American students, said he hopes his group will correct some of the problems facing Chicano students.

The purpose of the board, Orta says, is to "promote developments in the curriculum and problematic areas." It is composed of students, faculty and community people.

Orta said attempts are being made to get University Chicanos accepted as counselors in the University sponsored High School Equivalency Program (HEP).

"Our students could relate better with many of the students in the HEP program," Orta said. A considerable number of students are Mexican-Americans.

Orta noted, however, that students are having difficulty with the counselor qualifying exam.

"We want to examine the test for possible cultural biases," the advisory board chairman said.

Orta hoped the entire University program for Chicanos could be made "relevant to the problems of the community."

"It's our hope the student can leave college, go back to the community and solve problems," Orta said.

One of the basic problems for Chicano students is financial. There has been a lack of funds for Chicano scholarships and loans. But "financial aids are looking more positive every day," Grajeda noted.

## History course studies slavery

A special course offered by the UNL History Department next semester will examine all aspects of slavery, focusing on black and white relations in the U.S. up to the time of the Civil War.

History 197, Slavery and Antislavery in America, will cover more than the relationships of U.S. blacks and whites according to James Rawley, the course instructor.

A background of the "problems of the origin of slavery" will be provided, Rawley said. It will include investigation of slavery in West Africa, Latin America, the West Indies and the slave trade and abolition of slavery in England.

The main focus of the course, however, will be on slavery in the U.S. from 1619-1865.

Rawley said black docility, the profitability of slavery and the political and economic aspects of American slavery will be covered with emphasis given to the question of why slavery persisted in the U.S. after it had been abolished in most other areas of the world.

Historically prominent black figures, including Frederick Douglas and poetess Phyllis Wheatley will provide a basis for the examination of leading black and white abolitionists.

In addition to an examination of the sources of anti-slavery the course will investigate racism in national politics through the time of Lincoln's presidency.

Rawley said attention will be given to the problem of black people in the North and West as well as in the South.

## Student fees. . .

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Revolution, originally offered \$2,100, was given about \$600 more through a senate amendment.

Before any funds can be spent by committee members the expenditure, must be authorized by an ASUN faculty advisor, the committee chairman, ASUN treasurer and an executive, Fowler said.

Other items in the ASUN budget include:

-- Communications (Freshman program, student opinion polls), \$550.

--Conferences, \$2,200.

--Electoral Commission, \$1,500.

--Environmental Task Force, \$250.

--Legal Rights, \$700.

--Legislative Liaison, \$550.

--Married Student Housing Seed Money, \$900.

--National Student Association dues, \$170.

--Office, \$3,000.

--Senate retreat, \$150.

--Women's Resource Center, \$500.

--General Fund, \$2,000.



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UNO Law Enforcement Department

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Dr. Gordon Fields--UNL Law College  
Gene Henninger--Lancaster County Penal System  
Dr. James Suter--Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Studies for School of Environmental Development  
Dr. Fred Holberg--UNL Law Enforcement Department

"THE CAGE"  
NEBRASKA UNION CENTENNIAL ROOM 3:30

A play dealing with prison institutions performed by ex-inmates of San Quentin Prison. Sponsored by Nebraska Union Talks and Topics Committee.

## UNL departments offer new course

Five UNL departments will pool their resources to offer students a new inter-disciplinary course in Slavic and East European Civilization for the first time next semester.

The three-credit course is being offered "perhaps for the first time in any U.S. university," according to Assoc. Political Science Prof. Ivan Volgyes, one of the faculty members involved.

Besides political science, the departments of geography, history, and economics will discuss aspects of Eastern Europe in their fields. The Department of Germanic and Slavic languages will handle cultural and literary aspects of the class.

As many as eight professors will be involved in teaching the new course, Volgyes said. It is listed as course number 68 in the departments involved. Classes will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30.

Students requesting more information should contact Volgyes or Assoc. Prof. William Gibbon in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages.



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