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## Parity depends on definition

By Kim Shepherd

Defining the purpose of NU's Lincoln and Omaha campuses could eliminate some existing confusion, said Waverly Sen. Jerome Warner.

"I do think it is necessary as a political matter that we more clearly define the roles of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and UNL," Warner said.

Duplication of post-graduate and some undergraduate programs will cause mediocrity at both institutions, he said. He added that he did not believe parity meant both campuses should be equal.

Parity is equal financing for like programs offered at Lincoln and Omaha.

### Not educationally based

Warner said UNO's arguments for parity are not educationally but financially based.

"Equal money is their goal," Warner said. "That is not the issue though." Educational quality should be the basis for any discussion, he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, you cannot compare the campuses beyond the academic classes offered at both," Warner said. "This needs to be clearly understood."

Utica Sen. Douglas Bereuter said he favors parity for UNO—if parity means equal quality of instruction. This does not mean, he said, that because UNL has a doctorate in psychology program, UNO should also, he said.

"I wish I knew what they (UNO supporters) really meant when they talked about parity," Bereuter said.

In many cases educational quality at UNO is superior, Bereuter noted. He attributed this to smaller class size at UNO and to the number of UNL classes taught by graduate assistants.

### UNL quality declining

Bereuter said he thinks the quality of UNL's education has been declining because additional university funds

have gone to the University of Nebraska Medical Center to keep it from losing accreditation. Now that the medical center has been saved, UNL should receive high priority, he said.

Any additional funds to help UNO reach parity will come indirectly from UNL, Bereuter said.

"It's naive to suggest that resources going to those campuses aren't coming from UNL, he said.

"Not dollar for dollar however, but in part, some of it would go to UNL."

Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett agreed with Bereuter and said shifting of funds would hurt UNL.

"We only have so much money," said Barnett. "If we have to spend it up there (Omaha) to bring programs up and enlarge buildings, it must come from UNL."

Barnett said the legislators must decide UNO's purpose before any financial decisions can be made.

"First we should decide if we want to come up with enough money to support two major campuses," Barnett said. "If we could come up with more money we could have professors teaching at UNL instead of graduate students," he added.

Bereuter said if Nebraska citizens realized the decline of quality education at UNL a "minor revolution" would occur.

He said the state needs to be awakened to current financing trends that are hurting UNL. The Lincoln campus is not a Lincoln institution, but a statewide institution, Bereuter said, and Nebraska citizens must realize this.

Warner said he thinks that within three years, UNL's political clout will rank fourth behind the technical colleges, UNO and private colleges. Because UNL is the state's only land-grant college, he said this should not be permitted to happen.

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Photo by Ted Kirk

Holder of a Third Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate-Do, Masakazu Takahashi prepares to teach a class Wednesday about technical aspects of karate training at the Women's Physical Education Bldg. Takahashi is one of this week's seven visiting sport and dance instructors for National Physical Education Week. For more information see p.10.

## LPD extends license plate deadlines to mid-March

By Nancy Clark

The deadline was March 1 and you still are cruising around town with your 1975 license plates, carefully avoiding flashing red lights.

Relax. The Lincoln Police Dept. (LPD) has given drivers a 15-day reprieve.

Inspector Dean Leitner of LPD's Uniform Division said officers will not ticket cars with expired plates until about March 15.

The actual date is indefinite, he said, but tickets will not be issued until the county treasurer has processed the backlog of mail-order license requests.

After March 15, \$5 defect tickets will be issued to drivers whose cars do not bear 1976 plates, he said.

According to Lancaster County Treasurer Frank Golden, lines for purchasing plates were long Tuesday, the day after the deadline, but had tapered down to about 50 Wednesday morning.

The problem is nothing new, he said, adding that last year people still were buying plates during the middle of March.

The staggered licensing system has added to the backlog of mail-order license requests, he said. Although Feb. 9 was the deadline, the office still is processing mail requests from late January and early February, Golden said.

With the staggered system people can pay the license fees in January or February. The tax statement, which must be paid before plates are issued, includes 12-month

payment figures for cars licensed in January and 13-month figures for cars licensed in February. Cars are relicensed every 12 months.

According to Golden, many people were confused by the two tax figures and mailed in fees for the wrong time period. Others mailing requests forgot to include the tax statement or their checks, he said, adding that about one-third to one-half of the mailed statements were incomplete in some form.

About 110,750 plates were delivered by March 1, Golden said, adding that he did not know how many persons have not purchased their plates yet.

People still needing to purchase plates can go to the County Motor Vehicle Dept. in the basement of the County-City Bldg., 555 So. 10th St.

## 'Images' leave men vulnerable

By Anita Stork

Society should eliminate the image of "real men" or "real women" and introduce "real human beings" Marc Feigen Fasteau said Wednesday.

Sponsored by the Union Program Council Talks and Topics Committee, Marc and his noted feminist wife Brenda spoke in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

The traditional male stereotype of toughness, virility and athletic ability makes men vulnerable in the long run, he said.

"Men find it difficult to know each other because we are afraid to express doubt, fear or emotion," Marc said. "Personal relationships are neglected."

He added that this attitude creates an atmosphere that reduces efficiency.

### Competitive nature

"Studies have shown that all-male groups such as board of directors and church boards are fiercely competitive," he said. "They suggested only ideas that were completely worked out, that could be rammed through."

Summarizing her work in the feminist movement, Brenda said "we should not be blocked by sex, religion or race from what we ought to be, or what we can be. Our goals should not be restricted to an image in our head or what society thinks we should be."

Their marriage is based on respect, she said, with each "considering the other as an equal." Care of their 15-month-old daughter Alexis was never an issue, she added.

"Marc and I assume equal responsibility for her care."

### Law partners

Both are graduates of Harvard Law School and are



Photo by Steve Boerner

Marc and Brenda Feigen-Fasteau spoke on new roles for men and women in society Wednesday at the Nebraska Union.

lawyers in the same firm.

Still working for states' ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), Brenda said, rescission of approval by an individual state "cannot afford to happen."

"I realize I'm speaking in one of the two states where this has happened," she said. "If too many states do this,

Congress may decide it wasn't ever really ratified."

Brenda said she became a feminist when interviewing for jobs after graduation from law school.

"I got responses like 'We've already hired our one woman for the year' or 'Clients don't like to work with women,'" she said.