

## Report says number of women in labor force is up

The number of Nebraska women in the labor force has increased, but most working women are predominately employed in lower paying, traditional women's jobs, according to a report by a division of the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women.

The report, entitled "Profile of Nebraska Women in Employment" was released last week by the Women's Employment Opportunities Division of the Commission.

While the number of females in the Nebraska population has increased, there has been an "even greater increase in the number of females in the labor force" according to the report.

However, women represent "only 17.7 percent of professional and technical workers," while 75 percent of clerical workers and 44.4 percent of sales workers are women, the report said.

### Few women supervisors

Although 63 percent of Nebraska school employees are women, they represent only one percent of the supervisors and assistant supervisors, and 15 percent of the principals and assistant principals.

Sixty-seven percent of the teachers in Nebraska are women, but only 30 percent are considered "supervising teachers," the report said. However, 57 percent of the directors and supervisors of school programs are women.

The report also contains information about women enrolled at post-secondary institutions. At state universities, women comprise 45 percent of those enrolled in bachelor's degree programs, 46 percent of those in master's degree programs and 25 percent of the candidates for professional degrees.

### State colleges

At state colleges, the figures are higher. Women constitute 54 percent of those in bachelor's degree programs and 66 percent of students in master's degree programs. Figures were not available for professional degree candidates.

Women enrolled at private institutions make up half of students in bachelor's degree programs, 38 percent of those in master's degree programs, and 15 percent of professional degree candidates, according to the report.

The percentage of women employed in teaching positions in post-secondary institutions decreases as the job title increases in seniority and prestige. For example, at state universities women make up 42 percent of the instructors, 32 percent of the assistant professors, 14 percent of the associate professors, and 7 percent of the full professors. Also, 7 percent of department chairpersons are women.

### Female department heads rare

Women teaching at state colleges are 37 percent of the instructors, 12 percent of the assistant professors, seven percent

of the associate professors and eight percent of the full professors. None are department chairpersons.

Those women who teach at private institutions comprise 64 percent of the instructors, 27.5 percent of assistant professors, 12 percent of all associate professors, and six percent of full professors, the report said. In addition, they make up 16 percent of the department chairpersons.

In administrative positions, women make up 27 percent at state universities, 17 percent at state college are women, and 32 percent at private institutions.

At UNL, "participation by women (students) in agriculture, business, engineering,

and law is increasing," the report said. The percentage of women enrolled in the Agriculture College increased from 8.1 percent in 1973 to 17.3 percent in 1977.

Similarly, women students in the College of Business Administration and the law college increased from 13.1 percent to 26.3 percent, and from 14.7 percent to 28.1 percent, respectively.

The percentage of women enrolled in the engineering college increased from almost 2 percent to 5.9 percent in the five-year span covered by the report.

According to the report, "the university experienced a 16 percent growth in the student body (in this period of time), due entirely to more women seeking a college education."

## ASUN committee lists options of new student impact system

By Pat Gentzler

A tentative proposal drawn up by ASUN's internal affairs committee listing alternatives for creating a new system of student impact on university policies was discussed at ASUN's meeting, Wednesday night, but no action was taken.

The proposal establishes four ASUN

commissions to recommend student government policy in the areas that have been previously covered by the committee structure from which ASUN last week recalled all student members, and lists alternatives for two special cases, Union Board and Council on Student Life.

Among the alternatives listed for both groups is making them agencies of ASUN.

Other Union Board alternatives are marking the board a management policy-making board, and possible composition changes including staff member voting privileges and replacing the at-large faculty member with a member of the community.

Senator Bob Gleason said at the meeting that Union Board could be structured so that its relationship with the union director could be similar to that of the NU president and the Board of Regents. The director would be responsible for managing the union while the board would mainly set policies.

Among the alternatives for the Council on Student Life are reinstating the previous status of the council or abolishing it.

At an ASUN hearing Tuesday night, the concept of dissolving the council was discussed.

Bill Skoneki, Residence Hall Association president, said at the hearing that UNL now has two agencies for "student life," CSL and ASUN. Since ASUN is elected to represent the students, it should be ASUN that serves as the council on student life, he said.

CSL student member Larry Williams said that he thought abolishing CSL was a good idea.

Another CSL alternative listed on the proposal is "removing the policy-recommending power on student social and out-of-classroom activities," and limiting its recommendations to academic matters.

Some advisory boards and the Publications Board have been excluded from ASUN's recall action.

"Government really has no business running the press," ASUN President Ken Marienau told the senate Wednesday night. Therefore, no alternatives for possible action concerning the Publications Board were included in the proposal.



Photo by Bob Pearson

The extremes carried out by the ardent baseball fan. Redecoration of the Selleck-Quadrangle TV room drove dormitory students outside to catch the second game of the New York-Kansas City playoff series.

## Union Board votes funds for improvements

By Lucy Bighia

The Union Board Wednesday voted to recommend a total of \$214,476 in expenditures for renovations and improvements to the City and East Unions to Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor of student affairs.

The Union Board was reinstated as an ad hoc committee by ASUN President Ken Marienau for this meeting to make the annual fund requests. Its report should have been turned in to the vice chancellor Oct. 2, but an extension was granted until Oct. 6, board president Mark Knobel said.

The board requested:

\$40,235 for food service equipment, most of which was purchased in 1957 or 1969;

\$25,050 for operations which would be used for office equipment, plants, tools and stage equipment;

\$41,500 for administrative equipment such as typewriters, calculators, and computers;

\$1,570 for Campus Activities and Programs on city campus for new furnishings and equipment, and \$4,050 for CAP on East Campus;

Approximately \$3,500 for a crafts program and workshop in the East Union; \$123,150 for equipment in both unions; \$42,776 for refurbishing the unions; \$29,050 for building repairs and modifications; and

\$19,500, a 10 percent contingency fund mandated by the NU Board of Regents.

The board also received a request from the president of the Panhellenic society to reduce rental rates for the room used in Greek yearbook photography, and to lower the rent from \$100 to \$50 a day.

The board then decided to ask Armstrong if the Touche Ross audit of union management would be made public.

Touche Ross is scheduled to receive the report by Oct. 15.

Union Director, Al Bennett, said he has no reluctance to have the entire report made public and reported fully in the press. "Piecemeal" coverage of the report would not be welcomed because it provides for "maximum misunderstanding potential," he said.

Bennett said he withdrew all business from the Union Board last week in order to protect himself from later criticism. He didn't want it said that he tried to "bulldoze" the board's key financial business of the year past an unseated committee, he said.

Knobel said he did not know whether the board still would be an ad hoc committee of ASUN after the meeting, but said the question was irrelevant because ASUN would have resolved the problem before the next scheduled meeting.

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