

# Status of Women council proposes theme year

The UNL Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women proposed that 1982-83 be designated "The Year of the Learning Environment."

The commission, established in 1973 to advise the chancellor on the status of women at UNL, proposed the theme at a luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Nebraska Union.

The commission's goal is to examine "gender-related issues that can create learning barriers," said chairperson Anne Parkhurst. The nine-member volunteer board includes representatives who are faculty members, administrative personnel and students.

Even though some women students may not feel any discrimination now, they may when they enter the job field, said Parkhurst, an associate professor of Biometrics for the Information Systems Center.

As an example of what she calls "invisible discrimination," Parkhurst mentioned a training course offered by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. After completing a linemen's training course, a follow-up showed women's job performances to be below men's.

But additional research showed why there was a difference. After work, many experienced linemen, along with the newer male employees, would interact socially. Frequently, the new linemen would ask for advice, saying the training course had not covered their problems.

The research showed that the difference in performance reflected the problems with the course, not

with the women employees, Parkhurst said. Because the women did not have the benefit of the extra advice, their work seemed inferior to the men's.

Discrimination may not be intended, but it still can happen, she said. Problems remain, ranging from lack of recognition for outstanding work to sexual harassment on the job. However, in most cases, men are supportive in trying to eliminate job discrimination.

At the meeting, Chancellor Martin Massengale said he strongly supports the commission.

"We cannot be satisfied with this university until all forms of discrimination have been eliminated," Massengale said.

In a speech, Parkhurst said the evaluations that people make of others are based on perceptions. These unconscious evaluations can result in gender stereotypes.

In the area of education, Parkhurst said one problem women face can be overcompensation. The 1962 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Linus Pauling, has offered an example of his own.

In a class Pauling taught, he was attracted to a certain woman student. Although he thought her work deserved an A, Pauling gave her a B.

Many women students face overcompensation, Parkhurst said.

"The goal of the commission is to get people to discuss these issues, whether they agree or disagree with them," she said. "The important thing is to get people to talk

to each other."

Commission member Anne Mumgaard said students need to be better informed about the commissions work. More issues concerning students can be covered if more students offer some input, said Mumgaard, a junior broadcasting major.

The commission has established task forces to study such issues as job classification, Affirmative Action and sex discrimination, child care, higher administrative networking and sexual harassment.

# Janovy chairs U.N. health committee

A UNL professor served as chairman of the Steering Committee of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 13 through 24.

John Janovy, professor of life sciences, said the committee's main purpose is to evaluate proposals and requests for money from needy countries worldwide. The committee then decides where the funds should go and could best be used.

The WHO is a United Nations organization concerned

with world health and is financially supported by the World Bank through donations from U.N. members.

Janovy said since he has served on this committee and another WHO committee for five years, his term is now up and his most recent trip will probably be his last.

## Police Report

The following calls and complaints were received by UNL police from 7 a.m. Wednesday to 7 a.m. Thursday.

9:46 a.m. - Cash reported stolen from a purse at Henzlik Hall.

10:05 a.m. - Car stereo reported stolen from a car parked in Area 1 between T and U streets.

10:14 a.m. - A fire alarm accidentally was tripped at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, no fire.

10:59 a.m. - The rear window of a car parked in Area 1 between T and U streets was reported smashed and stereo speakers reported stolen.

1:19 p.m. - Wallet reported stolen at Love Library.

2:05 p.m. - Two-car accident reported near the Livestock Judging Pavilion on East Campus, no injuries.

3:24 p.m. - Wedding ring reported stolen from Plant Science Hall on East Campus.

4:44 p.m. - Speakers reported stolen from a car parked in Area 2 by 16th and Y streets.

6:41 p.m. - Clothing reported stolen from Abel Hall.

6:45 p.m. - Additional clothing reported stolen from Abel Hall.

8:27 p.m. - Stereo speakers reported stolen from car parked in Area 3 by Harper Hall.

9:21 p.m. - Exploding fireworks reported at Harper-Schramm-Smith, referred to Housing Office.

10:50 p.m. - Audible security alarm was triggered at 19th and Q streets. UNL police stood by until Lincoln police arrived.

11:53 p.m. - Disturbance reported at Area 19 by Pound Hall. Suspects were gone when officers

arrived.

12:07 a.m. - Disturbance reported at Harper Hall settled by officers.

1:10 a.m. - Disturbance reported at 15th and S streets handled by officers.

1:13 a.m. - Tires reported deflated on a car parked in Area 3 by Harper Hall.

2:36 a.m. - Disturbance reported between 16th and 17th on S Street. Suspects were gone when officers arrived.



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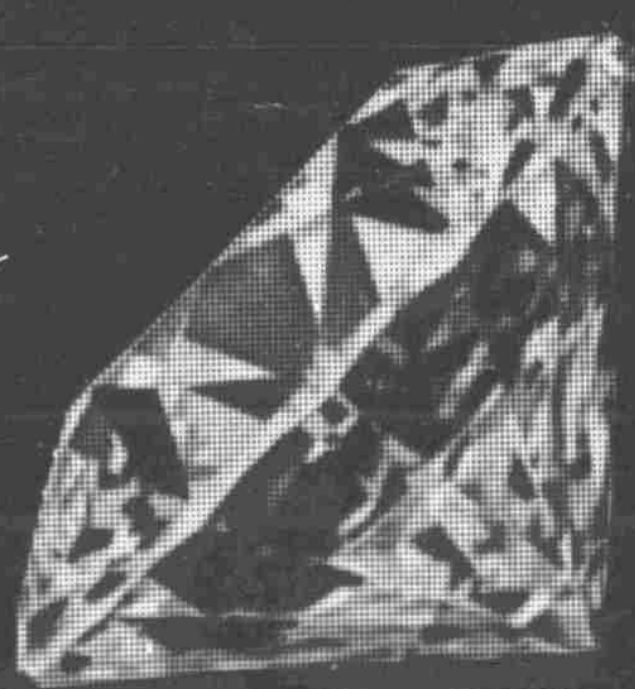
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