

More minority services needed, administrators says

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But since blacks make up less than 3 percent of Nebraska's population, in-state recruiting is difficult, said Lisa Schmidt, coordinator of the Pre-admissions Activities Office. In 1980 Nebraska's population was 1,569,825. Of the number 47,944, slightly more than 3 percent, were black.

"But there absolutely should be a larger minority population and more support services provided for them (on campus)," she said.

Some efforts of the Pre-admissions Office are aimed at attracting winners of the National Negro Achievement Award program, which identifies top black scholars. Schmidt said UNL offers winners a four-year merit scholarship covering tuition and fees and makes personal contacts with winners to encourage them to consider UNL.

Staff members of the Multi-cultural Affairs office recruit each year at Omaha high schools with large black student populations. Pre-admissions Office personnel also visit such schools two or three times a year, Schmidt said.

Robertson said UNL offers just a few scholarships for minority students, including some in the Journalism and Engineering colleges, and 21 \$1,000 Regents' Scholarships in Teachers College. But more are definitely needed, he said.

Officials from the Pre-Admissions Activities Office, the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and the Multi-cultural Affairs Office are working on developing a new scholarship program for black UNL students, Schmidt said. She said she hopes the program will provide \$500 to \$1,000 a year for about 10 new black students.

But according to preliminary survey results, more than money, scholarships and amenities are needed to improve the situation at UNL. Deep and lasting changes in attitudes and mutual

acceptance are needed.

"It's nice to assimilate to a certain extent, but if you assimilate too much you become no better than the person oppressing you," Holley said. "Everybody should maintain their culture. If you don't know where you came from, then you don't know where you're going."

"We'd rather not be assimilated," Krebsbach said. "We'd rather be accepted as we are." DN Senior Reporter Jen Deselms contributed to this report.

Health center's new summer policy outlined

To alleviate confusion over eligibility for student-priced summer health care and problems caused by an unclear fee-payment policy, University Health Center officials are publicizing new payment rules and trying to make students aware that they can use the health center during the summer at subsidized student rates. Students taking three or fewer hours during the three-week summer session now must pay \$12 by the third day of the session to use the health center at the lower student rates. Students taking two or fewer hours during the five-week sessions must pay \$20 by the first five days of the session to receive subsidized

care. Students registered for the 1987-88 fall or spring semester also can receive summer health care if they pay by either the three- or five-week session deadline.

Last summer there were no deadlines for summer-care fee payment.

The fees allow students to receive care during the summer at the subsidized rates. Those who choose not to pay may use the health center, but only at higher, non-subsidized rates.

Students registered for three or more hours during the five-week summer session have the \$20 fee already included in their tuition and fees bills.



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Sax attack

Cornstockers rock as Texas sax magician Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs play to a crowd of more than 500 at East Campus Friday.

Infidelity may define one's character

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reminded to kiss her in public," wrote a Washington Post reporter. "Today he touches her often and calls her 'babe.'"

Still, the question that interests me more than Gary Hart's past or present is this: What exactly do we know about any person when we know "everything" about his sexual life. What exactly does it mean if and when a man is a "womanizer," in terms of his ability to lead? Nothing? Everything? Do we need to know?

We can look at this information as gossip of the sort that follows British royalty or movie stars without ruining their careers. We can also regard it as a disqualification, evidence that a man is morally unfit for higher office. But historically, the record is very unclear.

In the past decade, researchers have unearthed all sorts of examples of infidelity. Was FDR's legacy diminished by his apparent love for Lucy Rutherford? What of JFK, whose amorous adventures have been chronicled, if not exaggerated, by a flock of women announcing "Jack slept here." Did it, does it, diminish his moral claim, the clarity of his vision?

And what of another leader, Martin Luther King Jr.? In David Garrow's moving biography, "Bearing the Cross," the "sex issue" appears, delicately, as King's clay feet. Infidelity increased

his own sense of unworthiness, writes Garrow. With the FBI trailing, he risked discovery and damage to the civil-rights movement. Does that mean that the cause, the dream, would have been articulated, pursued more effectively by someone whose private life was pure?

Sexuality has a different place, a different meaning in the lives of different public men, a Jim Bakker or a JFK. One "womanizer" may hate women, another love them; one may feel immune to discovery, another may be courting disaster; one may be following his father's pattern; another rebelling. It is possible to follow a strict moral code in public and not in private.

Infidelity also suggests different things about the leader to different viewers or voters. In the Ted Kennedy campaign in 1980, there was evidence that people who believed he was unfaithful were most uneasy with what they regarded as the political exploitation of his wife. We imprint our own ideas onto acts.

If sexuality doesn't mean one thing, if we cannot draw one lesson from private lives about public performance, perhaps we have no need for this information at all. Perhaps it is just irrelevant, salacious gossip. Perhaps we should go back to the days when a gentleman's agreement kept this off the record.

But my own sense is that, finally, this is fair game. You do learn something important about the character of a man from revelations of his sexual behavior. The information may be no more important than how he treats his children or secretary, no more important than his stand on world trade and farm policy. It may tell little about how he'll deal with the poor or with arms control. Or how well he will run a government. But it becomes part of a whole portrait of a man.

You learn about fidelity to more than a wife. You learn about his capacity for deception. You learn about his vulnerability to exposure, fascination with risk-taking. You learn about impulsiveness, self-control, even the ability to compartmentalize ethics.

This does not excuse New York Post headlines or vicious rumor mongers who claim dossiers on one candidate or another. But every president finally serves, not just as a chief executive, but as chief figurehead, chief role model, chief moral leader — in short, chief American. We ask a great deal. Anyone who runs for the office today has to know that there is no room in the job description for chief womanizer.

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