

Conference may serve UNL

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On a recent trip to Washington D.C., Kim Beavers learned that both she and student government can make a difference at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Beavers, second vice president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, attended a National Affirmative Action Office-sponsored women's student leadership conference June 2-4.

Beavers said by meeting other student leaders she has gained a different perspective about the student government and the possible changes

ASUN can make at the university. Representatives from another university told about their student government, who "took on their university's Board of Regents and won," Beavers said.

This story was significant, she said, because she could relate it to former ASUN president Andy Pollock's successful campaign to raise faculty salaries.

"We really can make a difference," she said.

Representatives from other universities also explained how their student governments operate, she said.

"Meeting with people from differ-

ent schools and comparing election styles and other things with them gave me a chance to get new ideas for UNL," she said.

One of these ideas, she said, is to promote a better relationship between ASUN and the University Program Council so they can work more closely together.

Another idea is to make the women's program at UNL stronger, she said. The Women's Resource Center is an asset to the university, she said, but it needs more public relations work to become widely-recognized.

Although the conference concen-
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Beavers
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Top Chinese scholar will present seminar on engineering Friday

A noted engineering scholar from the People's Republic of China will give a seminar at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Friday.

Du Quingchua, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics at Tsinghua University in Beijing, will discuss "Boundary Equations — Boundary Element Method Research in China During the Past 10 Years."

The seminar will be at 2 p.m. in Bancroft Hall.

In addition to holding concurrent teaching positions at several Chinese universities, Du is a board member of the Chinese Society of Aeronautics and Astronautics and of the Chinese Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. He is also senior consultant for the Chinese Ship Scientific Research Center in Wuxi, Jiangsu.

He earned his bachelor's degree in engineering in China before coming to the United States in the late 1940s to study at Stanford and Harvard universities. He holds a masters in mechanical engineering from Harvard, and a Ph.D. in engineering mechanics from Stanford.

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