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Center hires coordinator

By Laura Smith
Staff Reporter

Gina Matkin will begin duties as Coordinator for Women's Programs and Women Resource Center Coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Aug. 21.

Matkin currently is program coordinator for the Margaret Sloss Women's Center at Iowa State University.

"I've always been aware of the injustice around me concerning gender issues," Matkin said.

Matkin, who has worked at the ISU center for three years, said she is looking forward to working at UNL.

She said she decided to come to the UNL women's center because she finds its collective decision-making process appealing. In this process, staff and volunteers have input in decisions.

Matkin said she is interested in having the Women's Resource Center provide a wider variety of programs for the university. She also would like to do more outreach programs, she said.

"Anything that is done will be a collective decision, though," she said.

Matkin would like to introduce the center to a wider variety of people, she said.

At ISU, Matkin said, the center put on programs in residence halls, sororities and fra-

ternities, as well as for groups on campus. Programs included self-confidence and assertiveness training, she said.

Some of their programs were presented to all men's groups, she said.

"Men need to know they can use the center," she said.

Sara Boatman, Director of Campus Activities and Programs, said Matkin's duties will include managing the Women's Resource Center and working with the Women's Resource Center Collective and the Women's Resource Center Advisory Board.

The collective consists of volunteer and student staff at the center. The advisory board is a committee which is trying to expand the services of the center.

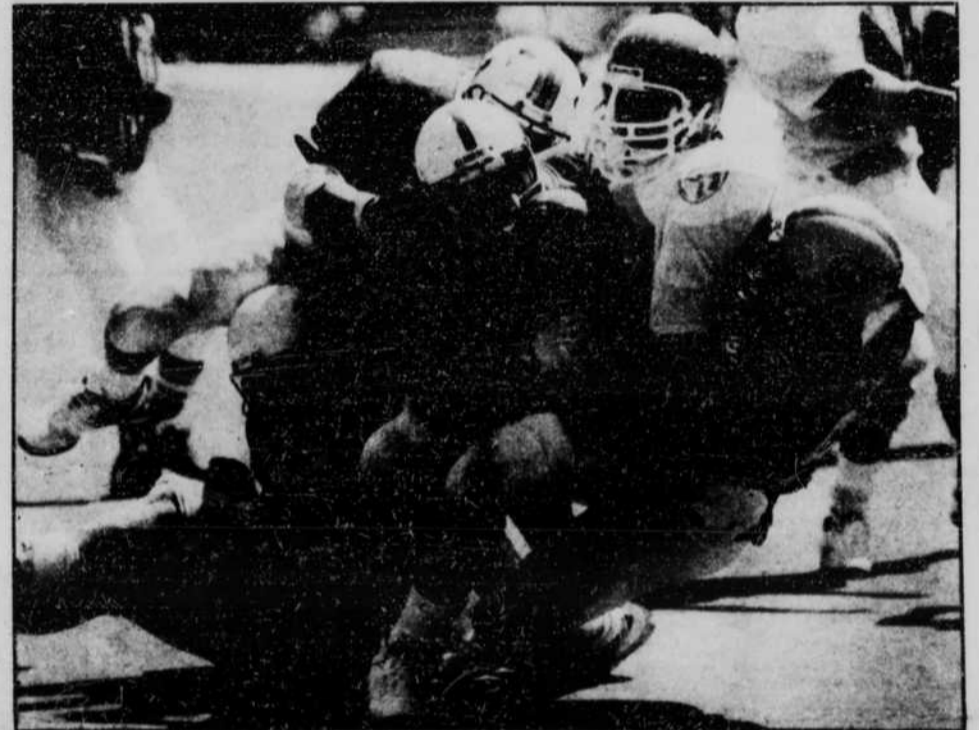
Boatman said Matkin also will be in charge of the University Program Council Women's Words and Music Committee, which is responsible for women's programming.

Her duties will include working with Women's Studies faculty.

Boatman said applicants spent a day interviewing on campus. Thirty-one people applied for the job. A screening committee set up to interview applicants recommended Matkin for the job.

The last Women's Resource Center Coordinator, Katherine Araujo, resigned in January. Araujo told the Daily Nebraskan in January

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Southbound for Victory

Northern offense hits a defensive wall during Saturday's Shrine Bowl. The South defeated the North, 17-7.

UNL student gets probation, fine

University of Nebraska-Lincoln student David Kuszaj was sentenced Monday in Lancaster County Court to one year of probation and an \$800 fine after pleading no contest to a charge of third degree assault.

Kuszaj is one of six students who was charged in connection with the robbery of a 31-year-old California man in May. The other men charged were John Mikkelsen, Ward Elliott, Leodis Wiley, Todd Zimmerman and Mitchell Hope.

The students allegedly attacked the man after he invited them to his Cornhusker Hotel room, according to the police.

A ring, briefcase, watch and \$115 in cash were taken from the man's room, according to the police.

Elliott and Mikkelsen are scheduled for sentencing Aug. 28 and Sept. 1 respectively on revised misdemeanor charges, said Deputy County Attorney Jan Lipovsky.

She said Zimmerman is set to change his plea Friday. He had previously pleaded not guilty, Lipovsky said.

Wiley and Hope are still awaiting trial, she said.

Hill touts new UNL system; Varner wants action

By C. J. Schepers
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Former University of Nebraska President D.B. "Woody" Varner said he thinks the NU Board of Regents should study the role of Central Administration now and decide whether it can be improved.

"If there is going to be any change, it should be done now, while there is a vacancy in the presidency," said Varner, now the University Foundation Consultant.

Varner said he doesn't know if a better system exists. But regents "would be wise" to examine alternatives during the interim period, he said.

Once a new president is found, he said, it will be more difficult to initiate changes in the structure of Central Administration.

Since the regents ousted former NU President Ronald Roskens on July 31, many legislators and officials have questioned the role of the regents and central administrators.

Bryan Hill, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he thinks the NU

Central Administration should be abolished.

Hill said central administrators don't provide direction and leadership for three campuses like they should.

"When there's a tough issue, Central Administration doesn't take a stand," he said.

Hill also said central administrators and individual campus administrators often waste manpower by duplicating tasks.

Central administrators are too "removed" from campus issues to make good decisions, Hill said. Campus administrators, who are

more intimately familiar with and closer to such issues, are better able to make decisions, he said.

Many universities similar in size and scope to UNL don't have Central Administrations, he said.

Hill said he favors a system in which the chancellor of the flagship campus, UNL, acts as university president.

The structure would be different from the current system, he said, because the UNL chancellor would be held responsible for shortcomings of the other campuses. Thus, the UNL chancellor would take an interest in

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Be wary of postcards bearing gifts, officials say

By Pattie Greene
Staff Reporter

If consumers receive a postcard in the mail telling them they have won a prize, assistant attorney general Denise Frost says to "throw it away, whatever they're selling."

Frost said businesses are sending postcards in the mail promising prizes to customers if they call a certain number.

But these "prizes" are often part of a gimmick fraudulent companies employ so their victims will pay high

shipping rates to receive the prize, Frost said.

Often the prize is not what the victim expects.

Detective Jim Peschong of the Lincoln Police Department's White Collar Crime Unit said people have won 1989 Jeep Cherokees through such schemes, only to find that the jeep is a small model.

Those taken by the scheme can pay \$300 to \$500 for shipping their "jeep," Peschong said.

"I'm not aware that has happened in Lincoln," he said, "although it has happened in other parts of the coun-

try." Even if the prize is legitimate, Peschong said, consumers often wait 45 to 60 days for the prize and still pay high shipping rates.

When they call the company's complaint number, often it has been disconnected, he said.

"These go on everyday in the mail in Nebraska and clear across the United States," he said.

Peschong said the businesses operate in a variety of ways, often asking for cashier's checks or money orders.

"They are trying to get the check

in their hands and cashed before the person has time to think about it," he said.

"Mail order fraud is a big business," he said.

Earlier this spring the technical investigations unit of the Lincoln Police Department found a mail-fraud company operating out of California set up in Nebraska, Peschong said.

The company ripped off \$880,000 from Nebraskans in six months.

Investigating these companies is hard, Peschong said, because they

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