

Lewis: parking 'eaten alive' Senators discuss UNL parking problem

By Robin Trimarchi
Staff Reporter

Safety issues, space lost to construction and the creation of a "class society" on campus dominated the Faculty Senate's discussion Tuesday of the parking problem facing the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The increase in reserved parking spaces closer to campus and the enforced 24-hour towing restrictions created by construction pose safety problems and need immediate attention, senators said.

William Lewis, chairman and associate professor of mathematics and statistics, noted that the reserved parking and the open parking lots on the edges of cam-

pus are unsafe and are "not defensible" after dark.

Parking has been "eaten alive" by construction, Lewis said. He said he is concerned that too many spaces will be lost during the Phase III construction of the Recreation Center.

Ray Coffey, UNL business and finance manager, accepted questions and suggestions from the senators. He acknowledged the immediacy of the parking problem.

Citing the "proliferation of special-use reserve spaces," psychology professor Donald Jensen questioned whether the use of parking space by service vehicles and other university business vehicles is efficient. Jensen said such

spaces may be counterproductive.

Jensen suggested that reserved or special-use parking is "turning (the university) into an area with clear class status," beginning with administrators and ending with students.

Coffey said the cost of faculty and student permits should cover costs, while fines and penalties, estimated to total \$250,000 to \$300,000 for this year, will be used for blacktop, lighting and safety improvements.

Highlighting the recommendations, the senators unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Lewis urging the Parking Advisory Committee to convert the Area 10 horseshoe parking south of the Coliseum to paved parking.

Activist to speak at women's studies conference

An internationally renowned author, activist and scholar will be the keynote speaker at the Midwest Women's Studies Regional Conference Friday at 8 p.m.

Angela Davis will speak on "Women, Race and Class in the 1990s" in the Great Plains Room of the East Union.

The conference, titled "A Feminist Agenda for the 1990s," will be held Friday and Saturday and is sponsored by the UNL Women's Studies Program and the Division of Continuing Studies. Other topics to be presented include violence against women, female minority groups, feminist literature and women's studies at the university level.

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campuses, Gholson said.

Davis said he came up with the idea for Unity after noticing that other media don't cover minority concerns.

He said stories in the magazine will focus on racial violence on predominantly white campuses, lack of minority representation on student governments and in key faculty and administrative positions at Big Eight schools, admissions requirements for Big Eight schools, businesses with

high retention rates of minority employees, direct university investments in South Africa, and other issues of special concern to minorities.

Many of these subjects also were discussed at the delegate meeting, Davis said.

Racial outbreaks are increasing on Big Eight campuses, he said, which puts increased stress on black students.

On some campuses, he said, black students can't even walk to class without confronting racist designs on fraternity T-shirts.

As well as discussing ways to combat campus racism, Davis said, the delegates also talked about ways to increase funding for black programs on campuses and made preparations for a larger minority student conference that will be held at the University of Iowa in February.

Davis said the magazine will be funded by corporate grants, advertising and subscriptions. He hopes to publish the first issue of Unity in February.

police

Beginning midnight Monday, Oct. 9

8:37 a.m. -- Radio reported stolen and convertible top cut on vehicle parked in Area 1-2, 1820 R St., \$800.

11:05 a.m. -- Compact disc reported stolen from Theta Xi Fraternity, \$232.

3:30 p.m. -- Bicycle reported stolen near Cather Hall, \$200.

4:29 p.m. -- Reserved-parking sign reported stolen in Area 1, 18th and R streets, \$100.

6:17 p.m. -- Bicycle, lock and chain reported stolen from Cather Hall, \$255.

6:41 p.m. -- Speakers reported stolen from vehicle parked in Area 3, Harper-Schramm-Smith halls, \$205.

8:27 p.m. -- Person reported to have suffered from a diabetic reaction in Pound Hall. Taken to Bryan Memorial Hospital.

Speaker fights discrimination in schools

By Roger Price
Staff Reporter

School should be a place where gay and lesbian youth are educated, not terrorized, said Virginia Uribe, keynote speaker for National Coming Out Day.

Uribe spoke to a crowd of about 50 people in the Nebraska Union Tuesday night about Project 10. She started the program in 1984 at Fairfax High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District to assist gay and lesbian students.

Uribe said the program was the result of her doctoral studies in psychology, in which she specialized in adolescent homosexuality. She said she found there were no programs in the United States to help gay and lesbian students within the schools.

Project 10 is a dropout prevention program that offers emotional support, information and resources to youth who identify themselves as lesbian, gay or bisexual, Uribe said.

Project 10 also helps students in these groups deal with suicidal thoughts, alcohol/substance abuse and the risk of AIDS, Uribe said.

Uribe said the name for the group

came from the figures of a study by the McKenzie Institute, which said about 10 percent of the population is homosexual.

Uribe said she wanted to avoid using the words gay or lesbian in the group's name in hopes of limiting the initial negative response.

As a part of Project 10, Uribe set up workshops for counselors and teachers, expanded the school library and formed support groups for gay and lesbian youth, she said.

"Project 10 is a concept that acknowledges that gay and lesbian youngsters exist and that they have rights," Uribe said.

Uribe said these rights include the right to attend schools free of verbal and physical harassment; the right to attend schools where respect and dignity is recognized for all students; the right to have access to accurate information about homosexuals; the right to have positive role models within the curriculum; the right to be included in all adolescent support groups (alcohol, suicide, etc.); the right to have legislators who fight for freedoms without prejudices; and the right to a heritage free of unchallenged discrimination and hate.

The program is inexpensive, Uribe said, but it does take courage to stand up to the opposition and one's own internal homophobia.

She said educators must say, "I support this program because I am an educator, and I support public education for everyone."

Those opposed to programs like Project 10 will use every form of attack available to stop it, Uribe said.

She said some of her opponents have started a telemarketing campaign to raise money to fight Project 10, telling people that the program recruits gays and lesbians within the school system to replace those who die of AIDS.

Uribe said this form of attack has strengthened her commitment through her sheer disgust of their tactics.

Other events taking place today as a part of National Coming Out Day include a rally with Uribe from 11:15 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. at Broyhill fountain, the continual showing of the movie "Can We Talk" in the Nebraska Union, and a special movie presentation at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

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