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ASUN passes resolution to create security patrol

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Attempting to ease student concerns about safety, ASUN unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday calling for several UNL groups to work together to establish a nighttime security patrol of university parking lots.

The resolution asks the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department and UNL's vice chancellor of business and finance to work with the Parking Advisory Committee and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Parking Task Force on the project.

College of Business Administration Sen. Bart Vitek, sponsor of the resolution, said the security patrol was necessary to help prevent crimes in parking lots at night.

Vitek said Lt. Ken Cauble of the university police department told him that the department receives two to three reports of vandalism in parking lots every night.

He said Cauble also told him there were typically between ten and fifteen assaults each year in parking lots.

Although Vitek said he didn't know if crime rates in UNL parking lots had increased in the past few years, he said student safety should be a major concern for ASUN.

The patrol could work as a "front line defense" against crime, he said.

Architecture Sen. Todd Oltmans agreed that the program would be helpful.

"If one assault didn't happen because of this project," he said, "it would be worth (the costs of implementing it)."

But Teachers College Sen. Marc Shkolnick said ASUN shouldn't force the parking department to stretch its budget any farther than it already is.

Reports that UNL has the lowest crime rate in the Big Eight show that "what is going on now is adequate," Shkolnick said.

Senators shouldn't expect the police department to "shut down crime 100 percent," he said.

"It's obviously going to take resources," he said. "I don't think we can burden the UNL parking department with further expenses when they're already operating under limited resources."

But Vitek said that the program wouldn't cut into the parking budget because it would be run through the UNL police department.

Engineering Sen. Michael Ho said ASUN shouldn't judge UNL's safety record by the number of crimes that are reported because many crimes may not have been reported.

To believe that "since the status quo seems adequate, we should stop there . . . is to stop progress in its tracks," Ho said.



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This sends subliminal messages to females that in order to be worthwhile, a person has to be thin, Gollner said. The emaciated female is associated with wealth and high social esteem, Gollner said.

"I hope that stops some day," Gollner said. "I think people deserve to feel OK about themselves for who they are, not what they look like."

"Our looks have very little to do with our worth."

Gollner said that at the Colorado Springs conference four years ago, an advertiser from Madison Avenue said "if we can make women anxious enough, we can sell them anything."

"I found that an extremely unethical . . . practice," Gollner said.

Gollner particularly remembers seeing an advertisement from the 1950s. The advertisement featured a woman wearing a one-piece bathing suit, Gollner said. According to today's image of beauty, the woman would be considered overweight, he said. But at the time the woman was considered beautiful.

He said this advertisement showed how people's views of beauty have changed through the years.

In the late 1800s, he said, it actually was considered a sign of wealth to be fat. People with two or three chins were assumed wealthy enough to feed themselves, he said.

Gollner said that anorexia nervosa -- a condition in which the person has a body weight 15 percent below normal and fears becoming fat -- is more common than bulimia nervosa.

A person suffering from bulimia nervosa has recurrent episodes of binge eating and regularly induces vomiting. Bulimia nervosa is more common in college-aged students. He said he did not know why this is so.

The three-day conference consisted of morning symposiums on research papers and afternoon small-group seminars.

Gollner attended the sessions that concentrated on women 18 to 25 because that is the age of most patients he counsels at the health center.

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the ballot.

After Langenberg and Hilgenfeld withdrew their request, James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he decided that the message should not have appeared on the network in the first place.

The message network is the electronic equivalent of the campus calendar, he said. In both cases judgments must be made as to what should be included because of limited space, Griesen said.

"We're not using this as a right of censorship," he said.

Griesen said his office still is developing a set of standards for judging what material is appropriate for the network. He said he leaves most of these decisions to his "C-VIS czar," Cara Hansen.

The situation arose, Griesen said, because this was the first time anyone had tried to place a political message on the network.

The only political material Griesen said he would allow on the network are announcements encouraging students to vote.

Griesen said material on the network must be limited or the effectiveness of the system will suffer. If there are too many messages, he said, students will not have the time to view

the whole cycle.

Stream said that because Langenberg and Hilgenfeld withdrew the suspension request, the only issue remaining in his suit was the way Griesen's office establishes policy.

"We are the victims of a policy decision made at 4 p.m. today," Stream said.

Stream said he would not be upset if Griesen had made this decision before or after the message ran in its entirety. But, he said, the decision was made after the ad already had been accepted and aired on the network.

"It would have been fine if they had said 'starting tomorrow we will not accept any more ads of this nature.' But they made this decision right in the middle," Stream said.

T. K. Olson, chief justice of the student court, said he denied Stream's request for a temporary restraining order on the suspension of the message because that matter resolved itself.

Olson said, however, that he will ask Stream to submit a new petition to the court requesting a hearing on the validity of the actions of officials in this case.

If Stream does submit a new petition, Olson said, the court would then issue a ruling in the case.

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