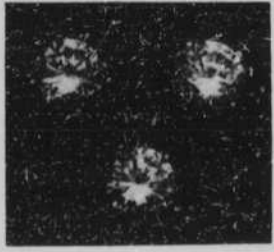


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Group hoping to make Christmas merrier

By Eve Nations
Staff Reporter

This Christmas will be much happier for some children because of the efforts of a campus student group.

The Personal Education Experiential Relations, or PEER, group will have a toy drive today, Friday and Monday so that many kids who would otherwise have gone without Christmas presents can get a toy this year.

Jonell Warren, a PEER leader, said that last year's success has PEER leaders optimistic about this year's toy drive.

"Last year, we had 50 gifts," she said. "That was enough to give to three different charities. This year we hope to get 50 to 75 toys."

Warren said that although it is sometimes hard to get people to bring in toys, she hopes they will make an

effort to donate a toy this year. "Sometimes people don't take the time to grab a toy and bring it out," she said. "If we are able to get more toys, we are able to give to more charities."

'It's not a big-money thing. Small toys are enough to make the kids happy.'

-- Warren

Last year, the first year PEER had a toy drive, the group received toys ranging from coloring books to dolls

and toy trucks, she said.

"We usually receive toys for the ages of 4 to 9," she said. "And we accept new and used toys. It's not a big-money thing. Small toys are enough to make the kids happy."

The drop-off point for the toy drive will be in the Nebraska Union. Those who wish to donate toys but can't during the specified days of the drive can drop toys off in 226 Administration.

Warren said she hopes increased promotion for the toy drive will make a lot of kids happy for the holidays.

"We have sent flyers to the sororities, fraternities and the residence halls," Warren said.

Although PEER's usual goal is to help freshmen adjust to college life, Warren said that during the Christmas season, they are "trying to help the community, not just ourselves."

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ate assistantship being paid for from Yost's office.

The services offered to graduate students are "a good start at addressing some real problems," Yost said, but he wants to see the service expand.

In addition to one-on-one counseling, Yost said he wants to see more symposiums on preventing the problems that could lead to the need for counseling. He said he also would like to see workshops with individual departments addressing the needs of graduate students.

Yost said he hopes the counseling services encourage more graduates to stay in school. Increased graduate enrollment would create a larger pool of potential faculty, he said, which could help reduce a predicted faculty shortage in the 1990s.

Yost said the counseling services and the formation of a graduate students advisory committee both are aimed at making life easier for graduate students.

"We want to make them feel a part of the academic community we call UNL," he said.

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But senators shouldn't worry that student organizations will discriminate during that time, Thomlison said.

"Regardless of what this paper says, organizations can't discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation because of the (NU Board of) Regents policy," he said.

In June, the regents passed a bylaw amendment stating that NU won't discriminate on the basis of "individual characteristics."

ASUN passed the bill unanimously.

The senators also unanimously passed a resolution asking the regents to reconsider their decision to demolish the Woodruff Building on the corner of 10th and Q streets.

Architecture Sen. Todd Oltmans, sponsor of the bill, said the regents voted to demolish the building before considering a recommendation from faculty members in the architecture college.

During a previous meeting, regents ordered the architecture college to study the Woodruff Building, Oltmans said. But they voted to demolish the building without leaving any time to consider the college's report, he said.

He said the architecture faculty report stated that the Woodruff Building had "extraordinary historical value."

The resolution asks the regents "to engage in a formal study of the said building's significance as the architecture college's report suggests."

Oltmans said a group of students plans to attend Saturday's regents meeting to ask regents to reconsider their decision.

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Bell said this is a "Catch-22" because homosexuals could not be blackmailed if they were "out of the closet," but can be in the present situation, where they have to hide their homosexuality to participate in ROTC.

Faculty Senate President Jim McShane said he has not heard about the Wisconsin situation and the UNL Faculty Senate has not considered such a resolution recently.

in brief NEWS

Defense secretary to give speech

The U.S. Secretary of Defense will speak at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln commencement exercises 9:30 a.m. Dec. 23 in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Dick Cheney, a native Nebraskan, also will receive an honorary Doctor of Law degree during the ceremony.

Cheney began his career in public service in 1965 when he graduated from the University of Wyoming.