

More women entering law

Range of practices, more opportunities spur increase, dean says

By James P. Webb
Staff Reporter

A record number of female students have enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law this semester, the dean said.

Dean Harvey Perlman said the number of female students jumped to 43 percent, or 74 of 170 students, for the class of 1993.

The 6-percent increase in female students over 1988-89 does not reflect any special efforts or policy changes in the college, Perlman said. It reflects admission of the most competitive applicants, he said.

Because women are increasingly entering a wider variety of practices, their enrollment in law colleges also has risen, Perlman said. Until recently, however, historical prejudice and traditional job roles have shunned women from pursuing law degrees, he said.

The prejudice came from various

law practices and from law firms' sensitivity to women representing their clients, he said.

"It's the same prejudice women confront in a wide variety of fields," Perlman said.

"Before the mid-'70s, there were few women going to law school, so there wasn't any pressure on the (law) firms, on the faculty or anyone else to make positions available for women," he said.

Women also traditionally worked in practices dealing with divorce and family matters, but now are evolving into a range of practices such as corporate law, Perlman said.

"The legal profession is far from perfect," he said. "But in recent years significant parts of the profession have been open to women that were precluded from them before."

"That process is gaining momentum now that we have a significant number of women going through law school."

Today, between 35 and 40 percent of law graduates are women, he said.

The college's overall enrollment also is the largest in recent history, he said.

Enrollment climbed to 170 because of the high number of qualified applicants that chose to pursue law degrees, he said. About 300 applications are accepted each year, but usually only 150 go on to study at UNL.

Perlman said no problems are expected in the first-year classes because of the 20 additional students, but as the class moves into its second year, the program will begin to "feel the pinch."

Because second- and third-year classes require faculty with skilled training and an "intense faculty-student interaction," he said, additional faculty will have to be hired from outside the university. No decisions have been made on how many will be needed, he said.



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those days will be canceled. The checks will be distributed from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

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dent IDs and all loan-related materials that were mailed to them. Borrowers under 19 must bring their promissory notes, which should be co-signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Poetry recitation to launch reading series Thursday

UNL English professor Stephen Behrendt will read poetry at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Heritage Room of Bennett Martin Public Library. Behrendt will be the first reader

in the John H. Ames Reading Series since last semester.

Behrendt is the 1990 recipient of the Annis Chaikin Sorensen

Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities. He specializes in British romanticism and comparative literature.

Hyde Lecture Series will begin Thursday at Sheldon

Three East Coast architects will start the Hyde Lecture Series for the fall semester by speaking about their professions Thursday.

The architects will speak at 4 p.m. at the Sheldon Memorial Art

Gallery, and a reception will be held for them in the Link of Architecture Hall afterward.

N. Scott Smith of Sasaki Associates, Inc. in Watertown, Mass.; Ann Beha of Ann Beha Associates

in Boston; and Robert L. Harper of Centerbrook Architects and Planners in Essex, Conn., will lecture.

The Hyde lectures in the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are free.

Cultural program still needs more American participants

By Suzanne Lipsey
Staff Reporter

A lack of U.S. student involvement plagues the University of Nebraska-Lincoln English Conversation Program, said its coordinator.

The program, which pairs U.S. and foreign exchange students, emphasizes learning about a different culture.

Pat Johnson, program coordinator for the Office of International Educational Services, said 40 pairs of students have been put together, but 17 foreign exchange students still are waiting for matches with U.S. students.

Last year, about 60 pairs of students were matched through the program during the first semester, Johnson said. About 20 foreign students never received a match.

Johnson said that the drop in student involvement from last year could be attributed to the earliness of the semester. She said she would continue to match students throughout the semester.

Growing international interest has increased the program's popularity with U.S. students in recent years, but the office still has had a hard time reaching U.S. students, Johnson said.

International students are told about the program by the IES office, she said, but the office has to rely on advertising and fliers on campus to attract U.S. students. The office also sends letters to fraternity and sorority presi-

dents, minority group presidents, language classes and residence hall student assistants.

"Students are a little bit afraid of talking to somebody that they're afraid they won't understand or won't understand them," Johnson said. "Once they overcome that fear, they love it."

Despite the name, participants aren't limited to conversation, Johnson said, although the program does provide a list of cross-cultural topics for discussion.

Students are matched according to mutual interests if possible, Johnson said. That way, they can do something that they both enjoy, such as playing tennis or sightseeing in Lincoln, she said.

U.S. students studying a foreign language may request a foreign student from a specific country to help them learn the language, she said.

The program was created more than 10 years ago to give international students a chance to practice conversational English, Johnson said. But she said she feels the program benefits U.S. students more because they have an opportunity to learn about a different culture and language.

"The main goal is to introduce people who probably otherwise wouldn't meet each other so that they can share one another's cultures," she said.

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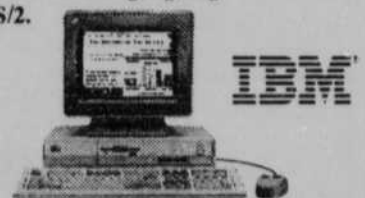
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