

Graduate student honored for weaving used on National Medal of Arts Award

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Staff Reporter

Mary Jo Horning wove her way to the nation's capital.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student from Omaha was recognized for her weaving recently at a National Medal of Arts reception.

Horning wove 33 yards of ribbon for the National Medal of Arts Award, whose recipients include B.B. King, Merce Cunningham, James Stewart, Lillian Gish, Jasper Johns and Jessica Tandy.

While Horning was in Washington, she took part in a luncheon in which President Bush presented the award. She also attended a reception

hosted by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., in which she was honored for her work.

The National Medal of Arts Award is for outstanding contributions to fine arts.

Horning was selected by the President's Council for the National Endowment for the Arts to be one of three craftsmen to work on the medals. Two artists, one from Portland, Ore., and one from Westport, Conn., were selected to design and create the medals and presentation boxes.

The ribbon she created was red, white and blue striped with a small silver strip between each stripe.

Horning began weaving at the

University of Georgia in Athens about 25 years ago. There was room in a weaving class and she enrolled.

She has been weaving every since. Horning heard about the contest from a woman who had bought a rug of her work and told her about the National Medal of Arts Award. She submitted a design and was selected from artists from nine states to complete the design, Horning said.

She was paid for making the ribbons, awarded an invitation for the presentation ceremonies in Washington and, like the award winners, was presented with a small medal.

Guests at the Sept. 10 reception told Horning that the ribbons were "100 percent nicer" than last year.

Regents chairman gives support to Gosch

From Staff Reports

The NU Board of Regents chairman Tuesday joined in support of the president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

In an interview, Chairman Don Blank said he was not concerned that some students might think Phil Gosch would lose respect with the regents because of improprieties during last spring's election.

"That's a bunch of malarkey," Blank said. "He (Gosch) will be treated now with the same respect" as before.

Gosch last week admitted he had agreed to fire ASUN's director of development if he was elected president last semester. He later reneged on that agreement.

Blank said he told Gosch his actions were not smart, but he admired him for "fessing up."

"As far as respect and consideration on the Board of Regents, I don't think this is going to effect the status of student regents," Blank said. Other regents, he said, probably will agree with his views of the situation.

"He (Gosch) represents a lot of people," Blank said. "You can't say to 25,000 students that you're not going to be represented fairly" because of actions taken during the election.

ASUN bill praises use of cheaper books

From Staff Reports

Student leaders tonight will consider a measure urging University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors to choose textbooks that cost less.

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senators will look at Senate Bill No. 11, which

commends professors who use "the least expensive of the academically sound textbooks in their field."

The bill was submitted by the ASUN Academic Committee because of the textbook cost increases each year and the financial burden of textbook buying on students.

ASUN President Phil Gosch said the Academic Committee would continue to look at options for reducing textbook costs.

"One thing that was obvious to them (committee members) is that professors can make some selections" that would help students, Gosch said.

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being discriminated against, but blacks are given the benefits over others," he said. "We formed to educate people that whites are discriminated against."

The Black Student Union was formed at the University of Florida in 1972, said BSU president Angela Wright founder, president of University of Florida white student union

Wright is planning to run for student body vice-president in upcoming student elections. The union's vice-president, Steve McCormick, will run for student body president. Wright said they plan to run on a platform against anti-discrimination.

"It would be remarkable if they received more than 10 percent of the vote," Browne said. "They're just a big joke on campus."

Wright, an electrical engineering major who will graduate in about two semesters, said he probably wouldn't be affected by the reputation he has earned in college.

"Maybe I just won't put it on my resumé," he said.

Tony White, a black student at the school, said most of his white friends were offended by the formation of a white union.

"It wasn't well received by many students," he said.

At first, White said, he asked himself if 30,000 non-minority students at the University of Florida would support the idea of a union.

"Now I'm more at ease. I'm not the enemy," he said.

Temple University in Philadelphia registered a white student union last year after the formation of the Florida union.

Many student organizations at Temple haven't re-registered this year because a teachers' strike is in progress, said James Fitzsimmons, associate dean of students. The white student union was one of them, he said.

The organization met with an outcry from students of all ethnic backgrounds, Fitzsimmons said. Students warned that any racial bigotry would not be tolerated, he said.

The group responded by moving meetings and activities off campus.

Fitzsimmons said the group was not very visible because it had a small, secretive following.

"They are not a force to be reckoned with," he said.

A white union at the University of

Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette is in the process of becoming a chartered student organization, Dean Mary McFall said.

McFall said there probably were people who opposed the union, but that so far no reaction had been organized.

At Suffolk University in Boston, there was talk about forming a white student union in the fall of 1989, said Nancy Stoll, dean of students. No one has submitted a charter for the organization this year, she said.

"Generally speaking, the purpose of the group was not supported by the students," Stoll said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he didn't expect the formation of a white student union group at UNL.

"I would certainly hope none would come to UNL," Griesen said, "but it doesn't mean it won't occur."

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movement, said Brad Munn, Affirmative Action officer.

Last spring, fliers were circulated around the UNL campus announcing a meeting of a "White Organization of Concerned Students." More than 300 white and minority students responded by turning out for a counter-rally at the time the meeting was to have occurred.

"I think it was a nice program to show support for the minorities on campus," Griesen said.

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they wanted. It is possible that an agency's excess funds could be appropriated to another agency, he said.

Phelps said the language of the amendment is ambiguous and he is not sure if the university's cash funds could be affected.

Cash funds generated by the university include tuition, student fees and profits from investments, he said.

The question of cash funds could be tested in court if the amendment is passed, Phelps said.

"I would imagine the cash funds will be looked at very closely," Phelps said. "We're not certain right now about the language."

"I think if it's passed there will be a significant amount of litigation to get the amendment from theory to how to apply it."