

# Committee

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standing committee, consists of non-elected student members, but those members are given power by the NU Board of Regents.

Kohlmeier said some senators wanted to help racial minorities so badly that they supported the original bylaws change blindly, without thinking about structural problems.

Denise Campbell, a junior English major, said that when the first bylaws change did not pass, she was disappointed because she saw it as a continuation of the denial of representation to racial minorities.

Although she said she may not have understood the structural considerations, the committee appeared simple to implement.

Blanca Ramirez, a senior social work major, said that if ASUN was better publicized, students could understand its structure and the problems with the bylaw.

Campbell agreed, saying many students don't know what ASUN is. But, they should know "they have this avenue of say on campus."

Tension had been building between senate and the racial minority leaders over the issue in past weeks. But Otten said she had seen a "real positive trend" in communication between ASUN senators and racial minority leaders.

"Now we're working together more," she said. "That in itself is a positive step."

Megan Kim, an advertising major and former ASUN senator, said she resigned from the senate because she received threatening phone calls and

letters. These came after she sponsored the bylaws change and then decided not to support it.

Further communication is needed, Campbell said, but some senators have been coming to racial minority organization meetings.

"I think they've been forced to recognize us and there has been conversation," she said.

Ramirez said she thought senators should have done their homework and talked to racial minorities before the bill was introduced.

The committee would be the most immediate way to get a voice for racial minorities, she said. And, in the future, senators should try to reach racial minorities and those living in residence halls.

Campbell said she thought that if the committee doesn't pass, the structure of ASUN should change. Senate seats should be allocated by living units rather than colleges, she said.

That would allow a wider population of students to be represented, she said.

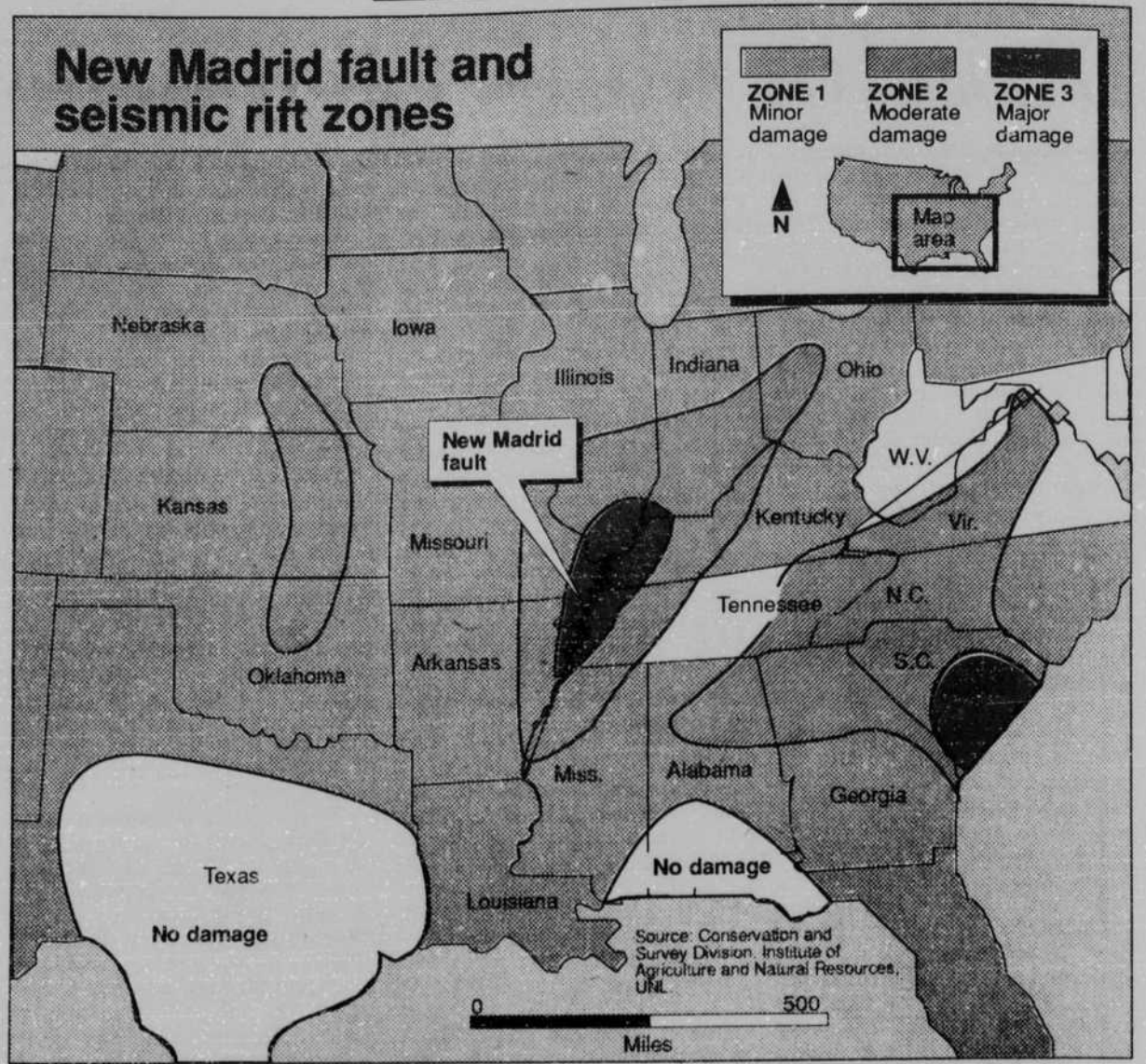
Campbell said she has heard that senators are working hard and feel unappreciated, but fighting for the committee hasn't been fun for racial minorities either.

"This is something so important, we know we have to do it" even if it causes heartache, she said.

College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Chris Potter said he had no doubt that a compromise will be reached soon.

"I think a lot of senators in ASUN have been extremely distraught over this controversy," he said. "And far from being indifferent, they are extremely concerned about the whole issue."

## New Madrid fault and seismic rift zones



John Bruce/Daily Nebraskan

## Possible quake stirs awareness

By David Burchett  
Staff Reporter

The shake-up caused by an earthquake prediction may do Nebraskans some good, a UNL geologist said.

Raymond Burchett, a professor and research geologist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Conservation and Survey Division, said that a predicted earthquake next week along the New Madrid fault has increased Nebraskans' earthquake awareness.

The New Madrid fault extends from the southwest tip of Illinois into eastern Arkansas.

Nebraskans don't often think of the possibility of a damaging earthquake because few occur in the state, Burchett said.

But interest in earthquakes generated by the prediction has prompted insurance companies to send information about earthquake coverage to

their customers.

Burchett said that earthquake insurance is relatively inexpensive for Nebraskans, and property owners who want total coverage can protect themselves from the possibility of earthquakes.

But Burchett said he doesn't think the prediction that a major earthquake will occur on the New Madrid fault on Monday is a good one.

Burchett said that researchers at Memphis State University give a 50-50 chance of a New Madrid earthquake measuring 6.5 or more on the Richter scale in the next 15 years. But chances of predicting the date of the quake within two days are only one in 60,000, Burchett said.

Although 52 earthquakes large enough for people to detect have occurred in Nebraska since 1866, Burchett said, only three did moderate damage.

But fear of a damaging quake in Lincoln is more grounded than in other parts of the state, he said.

Burchett said that Lincoln lies in seismic rift zone 2, meaning Lincoln may experience moderate damage from a quake. The rest of the state is in seismic rift zone 1, which experiences only mild damage.

The area around the New Madrid fault is in zone 3, where major damage can occur.

"Lincoln does have some stricter building codes than Omaha," he said.

Burchett said that if a big earthquake strikes, people indoors should wait it out under a heavy desk. If outdoors, the best defense is to get to an open area.

But he said running outside at the sign of a quake is a definite no-no. Many people have been killed when glass or other parts of a building have fallen, Burchett said.

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## police REPORT

Beginning midnight Monday, Nov. 26

7:58 a.m. — Car windshield broken, 17th and R streets parking lot, \$125.

9:22 a.m. — Radar detector taken from car, belated report, Harper Residence Hall parking lot, \$110.

9:49 a.m. — Two-car accident,

Burr Residence Hall parking lot, \$750.

10:20 a.m. — Fifteen cassette tapes taken from car, 17th and R streets parking lot, \$120.

3:15 p.m. — Car stereo taken, Harper Residence Hall parking lot, \$150.

4:12 p.m. — Camera and equipment taken, Abel Residence Hall,

\$500.

4:29 p.m. — Bicycle taken, Neihardt Residence Hall bicycle rack, \$425.

8:11 p.m. — Bicycle taken, Cather Residence Hall bicycle rack, \$415.

8:12 p.m. — Candy taken from machine, Westbrook Music Building, \$2 loss, \$20 damage.

9:17 p.m. — Two bicycle tires taken, \$80.

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## Massengale

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of Nebraska as a whole works together as a whole," he said.

"His main problem that both he and I recognize is getting the campuses to work together," Shroder said. "UNO, UNL, UNMC and UNK working together can be most things to most people in the state of Nebraska."

The University of Nebraska at Kearney will become the fourth branch of the NU system July 1, 1991.

Massengale has not indicated if he will accept the presidency. Don Blank, chairman of the Board of Regents, said Tuesday that contract negotiations are continuing and an agreement should be reached in the next couple of days.

The board then will hold a phone conference to discuss the contract, Blank said.