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1989 Doctoral Recipients in the United States

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- 735 graduated with physics and astronomy degrees
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*Report statistics were not given by gender

Source: National Research Council survey of earned doctorates

Faculty vacancies Official: Minority doctorates needed

By **Karc Morrison**
Staff Reporter

Passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 could place discriminatory college hiring practices under fire, but it won't automatically bring more minority faculty members to campus, UNL's Affirmative Action officer said.

Brad Munn said that for campuses to hire more minority faculty members, colleges first must start graduating more minority students in doctorate programs.

Higher graduation rates will do more to bring minority faculty members to campus than this year's civil rights legislation, which aims to make

it easier for employees to win discrimination suits, he said.

In a National Research Council survey of earned doctorates in the United States in 1989, Munn said, 428 U.S. citizens graduated with doctoral degrees in mathematics, but only 59 were minority students.

Of these, only eight were African-American and none were American Indian.

A similar situation occurred in the area of physics and astronomy, he said, in which only 48 of the 735 graduates were minority students. Statistics in the report were not given by gender.

Helen Long Soldier, a counselor in the UNL Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, said she agrees that more should be done to graduate minority students, including offering scholarships that provide "equal chances" for these students.

But Long Soldier said she does not believe "the excuse that we can't find qualified (minorities)" to fill faculty vacancies.

She said UNL must be more aggressive in hiring minority faculty members and must start providing opportunities for growth and development for minorities so they will be attracted to UNL and will want to stay.

Blood-to-blood contact link proved

By **Tabitha Hiner**
Senior Reporter

The case of a man who received the AIDS virus from beating homosexuals shows that the virus can be transmitted through blood-to-blood transmissions outside the health care environment, a doctor linked to the case said.

Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith, director of the Viral Syndrome Clinic at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, treated a patient who contracted the HIV infection from beating up homosexuals in the New York/New Jersey area while he worked as a truck driver in the 1980s.

Goldsmith worked with Dr. Paul Carson, an instructor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UNMC, in determining how the patient had contracted AIDS.

The patient went to the two doctors in "the recent past," Goldsmith said, after discovering he had the HIV virus.

After questioning the patient about his history, the doctors decided the 49-year-old man probably had received AIDS when he participated in gay bashing.

The patient is thought to have contracted the HIV virus through cuts in his hands that came in contact with blood from infected homosexuals,

Goldsmith said.

While Goldsmith said he doubted that cases of contracting AIDS from blood-to-blood transmissions outside the health care arena would become common, isolated cases shouldn't be surprising.

"I think it's one of those things you anticipate will happen if you follow the epidemic long enough," he said.

His patient was the first known case of AIDS received through gay bashing, Goldsmith said, but it is not a new mechanism for transmission.

Goldsmith said the case shows that gay bashing should be discouraged not only on a humanitarian, but also on a health-risk level.

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greek judicial system or through the university judiciary.

Bredenkamp attributed the fraternities' attempt to bridle alcohol use to presidents responding to their belief that society expects more from them now.

"We're living in a society that will no longer accept a lot of the things fraternities used to do and get away with," Bredenkamp said.

"We've got to be doing it cleaner and better than the other guy."

But social consciousness is not the only factor contributing to the changes, he said.

Reducing alcohol in the houses leads to less legal liability, he said. Although nothing has happened recently at UNL, he said, the national offices send the houses fliers about million-dollar lawsuits brought against chapters at other universities.

"The risk isn't worth it," Bredenkamp said. "We could lose everything because of one stupid moment."

Brenda Larsen, a committee chair of the Greek Social Board, said the board has been working with Panhellenic and IFC to find creative non-alcoholic party ideas. The social board is made up of social representa-

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tives from each house.

Larsen said both sororities and fraternities are required to have three non-alcoholic functions a semester, ranging from dinner exchanges to theme parties.

A contest recently was started requiring each house to donate \$20. The fraternity or sorority with the most creative and enthusiastic non-alcoholic party wins a part of the money, with the rest going to second and third place winners, Larsen said.

"That's a lot of money when you think of how many houses there are and each one donating \$20," she said.

Some of this semester's creative party ideas include an around-the-world party with food, rather than the customary drink in each room, "mocktail" dinner exchanges and a barn party and dance with no alcohol allowed.

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