

ASUN to consider resolution asking for student appointment

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

A resolution urging Gov. Ben Nelson to appoint a student to the strengthened Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education will be up for consideration at tonight's ASUN meeting.

The resolution states that the commission will have a significant impact on students and that having a student on it would make it more effective.

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska President Andy Massey said he agreed with the resolution.

"If (the commission's) main objective is to educate the students of Nebraska, I don't see how they can justify not having a student in it," he said.

The commission, which was

strengthened by Nebraska voters last November in the form of a constitutional amendment, will consist of 11 voting members. The legislative bill that empowers the commission does not specify that a student should be a member.

Applications for the commission are available in the ASUN office, Massey said.

"I would hate to pass an ASUN resolution asking to have a student member and not have a single student apply," he said.

ASUN also will discuss a resolution encouraging members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Search Committee to consider women and minorities for the position.

Massey said hiring women and minorities not only diversifies the faculty, but also broadens education.

"It's not just races or sex," he said. "It's ideas."

Attendance poor at silent protest denouncing violence against women

By Tabitha Hiner
Senior Reporter

Some were angry and some were understanding about the lack of women present, but all were silent at the Violence Against Women protest Tuesday at Broyhill Plaza.

"There should be thousands of people here," said Kat Hindman, a human development senior. "Look at all the women who walk past us and don't think it affects them."

Hindman was one of about 10 people holding signs near Broyhill Fountain.

Kala Bokelman, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumna, said the lack of involvement doesn't mean women lack concern about the issue of violence.

"It's an easy issue to put on the

back burner and ignore because you don't think it's going to happen to you," she said.

The silent protest was meant to inform the student body about the problems of violence against women and to urge the administration to take steps toward curbing the problems, said sociology graduate student Connie Neal of the Women's Resource Center.

"Violence against women at the campuses all across the country is a daily event," she said.

The administration should take steps to improve the situation on campus, she said, by hiring a full-time rape counselor, installing a 24-hour rape crisis line and having the police take a more proactive stand to violence against women.

Neal said the administration also should release reports from 1984 and 1986 by the Campus Security Advisory Committee that said every building on the UNL campus except one was unsafe to women and 80 percent of female students, faculty and staff members had been sexually harassed in some way.

Hindman said she thought UNL's conservative attitude and a lack of value questioning increased violence against women.

"If you don't question your values, then they're not your values," she said.

Although the silent protest lacked broad student body support, Hindman said it will affect the campus.

"Just sitting here makes a very powerful statement," she said.

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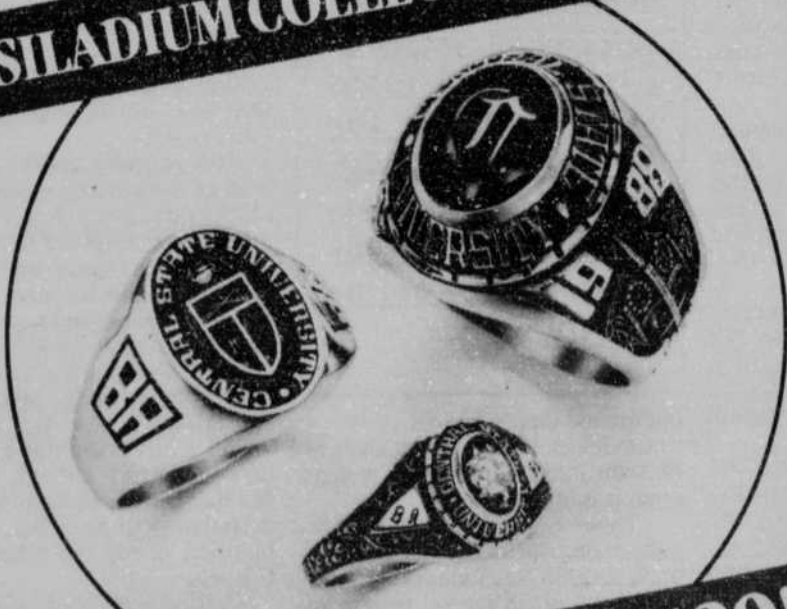
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