

Graduate students reorganize Officials urge GSA teamwork

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
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Working together as a "collective voice," UNL's graduate students could achieve significant success in accomplishing their common goals, university officials told a student group Monday.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen, speaking at the first meeting of the Graduate Student Association since 1971, told students they should organize and be vocal about their concerns.

GSA is a recently reorganized group dedicated to serving the needs of UNL's graduate students.

"I could cite numerous instances of collective student pressure producing results in this university," Griesen said at the Nebraska Union meeting. He listed student parking and financial aid as examples of past student involvement that produced results.

"Sometimes it's just a matter of having a collective expression that administrators can hear."

He said UNL officials are concerned about the needs of graduate students.

"This campus is becoming and will become more focused at the graduate level," he said. "We want graduate students to feel comfortable in this environment."

Associate Dean of Graduate Studies Roger Bruning said he is excited about the prospects for GSA.

"One of the really strong things about GSA is that it will be able to focus its energies on graduate students' problems and make things happen," he said.

He pledged that the university will "go as far as we can" to support GSA.

Lynn Castrianno, president of GSA, said the group's immediate goal is to combat student apathy and to involve students in GSA's activities.

"We need to have support and commitment to get things done," she said. "We can talk, but we as an organization can only be as strong as our individual members."

She stressed the need for involvement from students.

"We need to get noticed. Visibility will gain volunteers," she said.

Castrianno said the organization is attempting to gain funding from various university sources.

She said ASUN President Andy Massey is "working with us" on financing the group. But since ASUN's funds have been given out for next year, she said, GSA is attempting to gain funding from the University Program Council.

Griesen said he thinks ASUN will be receptive to requests for funding from GSA.

"They are sensitive to charges that ASUN only represents undergraduate grecks."

"I think ASUN is concerned enough about helping all students that they will reach out to GSA."

Parking committee considers requiring notice to save lots

By Tabitha Hiner
Senior Reporter

More notice should be given to the Parking Department before lots are reserved for special events, Parking Advisory Committee members said at their Monday meeting.

The committee could not take official action because a quorum wasn't present, but committee member Gordon Karels, an associate professor of finance, favored a five- to seven-day notice before lots are blocked.

Members voiced concerns about a letter to the editor in the April 23 Daily Nebraskan. The writer complained that her reserved commuter lot had been roped off to make room for a special event.

Most organizations know they'll need lots about a month in advance, Karels said, so a six working-day notice wouldn't be inconvenient.

The six working days would allow commuters, such as the one who wrote the letter, notice before their spots are taken, he said.

Ron Fuller, staff assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department, said organizations cause problems when they ex-

pect parking for their workshops and seminars, yet don't give the Parking Department adequate notice.

He suggested departments be penalized for the lack of notice, but acknowledged a drawback.

"We want to be able to enforce it (parking penalty), but we also want them (groups) to come to campus to spend their money," he said.

Ray Coffey, UNL business manager, told committee members about a parking discussion he had with Jack Goebel, UNL interim chancellor.

At their April 24 meeting, Coffey said, he and Goebel discussed committee recommendations such as identifying a parking area for visitors, creating a Parking Services Office in the Nebraska Union and consolidating five- and seven-day permits.

All 24-hour stalls would be consolidated into seven-day lots, and all 11-hour stalls would be consolidated into five-day lots.

Goebel told Coffey that a public information forum should be held in the next two weeks to tell people what changes the committee is considering, Coffey said.

Minority

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UNITY campaigned on the promise of trying to make the racial affairs and gay/lesbian/bisexual committees ASUN had created constitutional, Massey said. Those committees later were ruled unconstitutional, however, so

they were not created.

The subcommittees would be a start for negotiations to achieve racial minority representation in ASUN, Massey said.

"I want a base ground to work with," he said. "We need something to start with. If it doesn't work, we'll change it."

If the subcommittee proposal passes, Massey said, he'll sign it.

12 UNL graduates earn awards

From Staff Reports

Twelve University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduates will receive Alumni Achievement Awards during the 1991 Half Century Club Reunion sponsored by the UNL Alumni Association Thursday through Saturday.

The awards will be presented during an awards banquet Saturday at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Recipients of the award are: E. Dean Carlson, a 1958 graduate and executive director of the Federal Highway Administration in Washington; Norman Harris of San Diego, a 1941 graduate and retired businessman; Gary Hill, a 1961 graduate and president of CEGA Services in Lincoln; Clifton Hillegass, a 1941 graduate and founder, former president and current chairman of the board of Cliffs Notes Inc. in Lincoln; Elmer Jackson, a 1942 graduate and chairman of the board of Plains Petroleum in

Denver; William McCleery of Princeton, N.J., a 1931 graduate and editor, journalist, author and dramatist; Edward McConnell of Williamsburg, Va., a 1941 graduate and president emeritus of the National Center for State Courts; Ann Husted McGregor of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, a 1941 graduate and founder and president of Los Amigos, a support group for severely disabled Mexican adults; John O'Neill, a 1960 graduate and deputy director of the Johnson Space Center Mission Operations Directorate in Houston; Lu Pansing, a 1941 graduate and co-founder of the Lincoln Reading Center and the Nebraska branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society; James Roberts, a 1953 graduate and president and CEO of Roberts Cattle Co. in Lexington; and Milo Tesar of East Lansing, Mich., a 1941 graduate and professor emeritus of agronomy at Michigan State University.

Artists to demonstrate expertise

From Staff Reports

Native American artists will discuss and demonstrate how miniature pottery is made at "Sunday Afternoon with a Scientist," from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The program kicks off the opening of a new

exhibit called "Magic in Clay," in the Cooper Foundation Special Exhibit Gallery at the Nebraska State Museum.

"Magic in Clay" is composed of more than 100 pieces of Southwest Native American miniature pottery.

Abortion

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senators to rethink voting for LB425 because the budget is so tight.

Bernard-Stevens countered with the argument that if the state is going to make the laws, it should be responsible for the costs that law might incur.

"If we're going to be bold enough to mandate (that) young women go through this process . . . we should be bold enough to put our money where our mouth is," he said.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Scott Moore of Seward said Papillion Sen. Ron Withem's amendment, passed during the first round of debate on LB425, already was going to cost from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and that an appropriations bill was probably already in order.

Withem's amendment requires public and private schools to inform students about parental notification once a year.

"The Bernard-Stevens amendment would raise that price tag considerably," Moore said of appropriating funds for LB425. "I think the bill in its present form already needs an 'A' bill."

Sen. LaVon Crosby of Lincoln said she was concerned about appropriating additional funds in such a tight economy.

"I am a little concerned about the state just taking on some more expenses," she said.

The amendment failed 17-18.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha introduced the second amendment for the bill. The Omaha senator proposed that counselors and school nurses tell a woman the ramifications of seeking a judicial bypass to obtain an abortion.

Under the provisions of the amendment,

counselors and school nurses would tell women that if they seek to obtain an abortion because of physical or sexual abuse, the authorities will be informed to investigate that abuse.

Chambers said it is important for the women who are most affected by LB425 to receive as much information as possible regarding their options and the ramifications of those options.

"No one in a literate society should fear information," he said.

Labeledz argued against the amendment, saying the Withem amendment will provide women who are under the age of 19 enough information regarding their options in the case of an unwanted pregnancy.

Arguing for the amendment, Sen. Jessie Rasmussen of Omaha said lawmakers should do what they can to help a woman decide how to deal with an unwanted pregnancy — especially in a case in which violence is involved.

"One of the things I worry about in this bill is the impact on those children who come from an abusive family," she said.

Sen. Jacklyn Smith of Hastings proposed an amendment that would require doctors to inform the woman that cases of abuse will be reported to the authorities.

Both Smith's and Chambers' amendments failed.

Lawmakers ended the day with the introduction of Sen. David Landis' amendment that would change the parental notification age from under 19 to younger than 18. The Lincoln senator argued that most women who are 18 years old would seek a judicial bypass and his measure would limit court costs.

Landis also noted that many of the 18 year olds are college age and would be able to make those decisions on their own.

The Legislature plans to continue debating the bill today.

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