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decision probably won't sit very well with you," she said. "It's not quite adequate to me even, after the responses I've heard today."

Pedersen also said she knew that many people would have a racist response to the photograph and that the photograph perpetuated stereotypes that were baseless and completely unfair.

"I know that I'm idealistic," she said. "But I would not censor the photograph because of Scott Baldwin's race."

Pedersen said she also knew the photograph would cause pain for Baldwin and all black men on campus, but said it caused her pain as well.

"If that photograph causes even one person to rethink the violent nature of today's society, I'm satisfied with my decision," Pedersen said.

Other students at the meeting said the Daily Nebraskan's use of the photograph was only a symptom of larger problems, such as the treatment of minorities at UNL and the UNL football program's treatment of student athletes.

Some students said the football program at UNL put too much pressure on black student athletes, and then ignored their problems in the off-season.

After the meeting, Green said she hoped the dialogue had helped. But she said she doubted that anything had been accomplished.

"I don't think the meeting solved any problems," she said. "But it gave people a chance to get some things off their chest."

Simanek

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showing improvement.

Benjamin Gelber, the neurosurgeon who examined Simanek, said he presumed that she had a basilar skull fracture.

The fracture doesn't appear in CAT scans or x-rays, but blood is present at the base of the skull — characteristic of such an injury, Gelber said.

He said Simanek was drowsy and agitated, and that her brain wasn't functioning normally. She can move her arms and legs and can talk, but she is confused, Gelber said.

He said it was too soon to tell the extent of permanent brain damage.

"These types of things can be life-threatening," he said. "But the biggest risk of swelling or bleeding is over."

Louis Gogela, Jr., the trauma surgeon who examined Simanek the night of the alleged attack, said she did not suffer injuries to other parts of her body as a result of the attack.

Simanek's fiancé, Steve Mountain of Lincoln, said she recognized him for the first time Wednesday and that their plans for a June wedding still are on, if she's willing.

Rev. Pat O'Byrne, Simanek's former coach and teacher, said, "When she met people, it was as if she had known them all her life."

A graduate of the 1986 class of Wahoo-Neumann High School, Simanek was a member of the school's cross country and track teams.

During her senior year, her team was runner-up in the Class C division of the Nebraska State Track Meet. She was a medal winner in that and previous state meets, said the Rev. Michael Christensen, school superintendent.

But teachers and coaches agreed that Simanek's greatest claim to fame was her art work.

Today, three of Simanek's murals, one of them painted with the help of her classmates, still hang in the school, Christensen said.

"She was one of the most talented artists in our school's history," he said.

In her senior year, Simanek received scholarships from Hastings College for her achievements in athletics, scholastics and art.

As a freshman at Hastings College, she was the recipient of the Promising Art Award. She also was a member of the Alpha Chi Scholastic Honorary fraternity and a candidate for the school's May-Fete queen.

ASUN

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the Senate Steve Thomlison said he was concerned about "lobbying for a bill that does not have a direct impact on UNL."

"But I do think that it indirectly affects UNL, and I support this (ASUN) bill," Thomlison said.

ASUN president Andy Massey also expressed his reservations.

"I support this bill," Massey said.

"But if I were to testify at the hearing (for LB922), I'd be embarrassed because (implementing multicultural education programs) is something that we need to be doing here."

"I have a hard time telling someone else that they need to be (addressing multicultural education) when we haven't done it here yet," he said.

Since the ASUN bill passed, Dietz said, copies of the bill would be sent to all members of the Education Committee of the Legislature.

In other business, Thomlison announced that a joint senate meeting between members of student governments of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been planned for Feb. 19.

Legislature

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that reviews scholarship appeals. He said that no member of the athletic department currently sat on the committee, and students currently did not have the right to have legal counsel present at their hearings.

Papik said he did not want to comment on the proposed legislation until he had the opportunity to study and discuss the bill with other members of the athletic department.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Tuesday

12:31 p.m. — Two-vehicle accident, parking lot across from Morrill Hall, \$350.

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