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But, she said she fears the new restrictions being imposed on college sports by the NCAA might hurt women's sports more than men's because there is less room for staff cutting and scholarship reductions.

The new NCAA athletic restrictions include a 10 percent cut in scholarships allowed, reduces the time athletes can devote to their sport, limits the number of assistant coaches and limits on recruiting visits.

"We're on the road to reform in college athletics as a whole," Hibner said. "But, are women being left behind?"

Recently, the Big Ten Athletic Conference has responded to the gender equity issue by proposing that in five years, 40 percent of its athletes be women.

James O'Hanlon, dean of the Teachers College, said that the Big Eight is considering the gender equity issue as well.

O'Hanlon attended the Big Eight's spring meeting and a follow-up meeting held last week as UNL's academic representative.

He said achieving gender equity presents several problems, including defining what gender equity is.

A definition that is gaining ground is that the percentage of women athletes should be proportional to the percentage of women in the student body.

That would mean that something would have to be done for women's athletics, to balance them with football, O'Hanlon said.

He said there are a few possible solutions:

- A reduction in funding and scholarships for men's sports.
- Junior varsity squads could be added to the women's sports.
- Women's athletics could acquire a new sport, such as soccer.
- Certain sports, like tennis and golf, could be combined to include both men and women.
- Scholarships could become based on need only with no assistance to wealthy student athletes.

O'Hanlon said the Big Eight is developing a plan to achieve gender equity and will consider it further at the next meeting in September.

"Clearly, steps will be taken in this direction," O'Hanlon said. "If we don't follow the Big Ten we won't get women to come to the Big Eight."

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challenge of technology, and using it to remain in the forefront of agricultural education.

Kerrey said the vision of land-grant universities is to be the key to agricultural production and profit.

Distance learning can be at least as effective as the traditional classroom.

Jordan

USDA administrator

Such risk-taking is vital to its continued success, he said.

"Those who sit back complacently and say we'll always have success are tomorrow's failures," Kerrey said.

In addition to classroom courses, AG*SAT offers courses to county extension offices, educating county agents across the nation in the latest methods of farming.

AG*SAT's reputation is known worldwide, as Wise related the story of a representative in India being queried about the network.

Finally, AG*SAT will allow researchers from across the nation to share their latest findings through teleconferences, sharing ideas and getting a jump on several years' time compared to traditional presentations at seminars.



Speaker AG*SAT Board Chairman Irv Omtvedt. Staci McKee/DN

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She told them that racism was rearing its ugly head on campuses. People in Nebraska, she said, may want to deny racism, but that doesn't make it go away.

"Racism is not on vacation," she said. "It didn't take a sabbatical."

Berry said society views Blacks as two separate groups — the bad group and "the Huxtables."

"As long as you're a Huxtable, you're okay," she said.

She added that sub-dominant minority groups are urged to become like the dominating group.

"I will never look like a white man."

Thank you, Jesus," Berry said, rewarded by gales of laughter. On a more serious note, she said discrimination has to be confronted — peacefully.

After the Rodney King verdict was reached and riots were breaking out nationwide, Berry said she was angry.

"I tried a riot, but I was in upstate New York and couldn't find five other Black people."

So she went to the shopping mall. Other people feeling hurt and angry about the "not guilty" verdict also were wandering around the mall. It was great, Berry said.

She laughed as she recalled how sympathetic clerks gave her 15 percent off of everything.

Berry said the best way to confront racism is to talk about it. You don't

have to start a fight over it, you can just say you disagree, she said. Question it, confront it, provide alternatives and join forces with other people who feel the same way, she said, then pass it on.

"Each one will teach one. That's the beauty of it," Berry said.

People in Nebraska — people in America — are affected by change, Berry said.

"Every day contributions of every day people are going to bring about the change," Berry said.

Berry said another way people can overcome racism is to experience and appreciate the diversity of life. She urged students to travel and to tap into the different cultures found on campus.

It's okay, Berry said, to identify

with others who are like-minded, but "it won't make you less white because you sit at the Afro-American Table — it will make you more human."

A question and answer session followed Berry's lecture. At times, however, the Q&A had a therapeutic spirit as emotions surfaced and laughter subsided. Berry even shed tears when several students shared their own stories of racism.

One student asked the comedian-doctor if Berry used humor to cover up her sadness.

"All my humor comes from things that have made me angry," Berry said.

Angry, sad and funny, Berry ended the lecture with a smile on her face and a mischievous glint in her eyes.

International menu available to students in Union foodcourt

By Lori Stones

Staff Reporter

Two new fast food restaurants were approved by the NU Board of Regents Saturday, which will be added to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Union this fall, an official said.

Daryl Swanson, City Union director, said that Amigos and Imperial Palace Express would open the week before the fall semester begins, provided construction remains on schedule.

The decision to have a Mexican restaurant and a Chinese restaurant dates back to a Union Board survey that was conducted in 1991 and 1992, Swanson said.

Money was a factor, but these two places were not the highest bidders.

Swanson, City Union director

Results showed that a Mexican restaurant was most desirable but, he said, there was a tie between having a Chinese, chicken or Italian restaurant. So, Swanson said, bids were sent to restaurants in the categories that tied. Chinese restaurants were the only respondents.

These two places were selected, he said, because they scored high on amount of bid, student preference, speed of service and track record in sales at existing sites.

"Money was a factor," Swanson said. "But these two places were not the highest bidders."

Some controversy surrounded the selection of the Mexican bidder, Swanson said. Initially, Taco Bell was selected, he said, but Amigos challenged the bid.

"From our discussion with students, we decided that Taco Bell was reflective of what they wanted," Swanson said.

But, he said, when Amigos contested the decision to have Taco Bell, it was a declared a tie between the two. In an effort to resolve the tie, the Bureau of Sociological Research conducted a survey of pre-enrolled students at their home address.

"The survey did indicate that Amigos was preferred," Swanson said.

The removal of the Fast Break Cafe, Swanson said, has resulted some comments of disappointment. But, he said, these places are "more modern and attuned to today's taste."

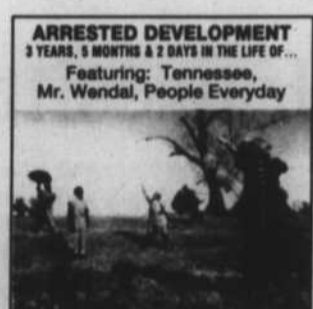
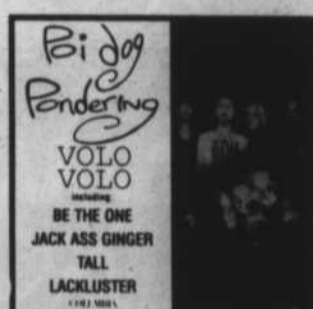
"Each of these three operators, including Little King, will experience gross sales three times greater than the Fast Break Cafeteria," Swanson said.

Construction for the restaurants has been underway since March when workers removed asbestos.

Currently, workers are working to build the restaurant shells, Swanson said, which consist of a wall, a ceiling and installing lights. In July, the contractors will begin building their store fronts and add other things that are needed for their businesses.

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