

# Budget, diversity top agenda

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Budget cuts will be the first obstacle the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's new senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, Joan Leitzel, will work to overcome.



Leitzel, who took her position as the highest-ranking administrator under the chancellor this fall, said at the first Academic Senate meeting of the year Tuesday that the budget-cutting

process was challenging.

"Decisions made now will affect us over the next decade," she said.

Leitzel said that throughout the process, she and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, James Griesen, would be watching peer institutions so UNL's planning was responsive to other places.

She said she was not aware of the exact size of the cuts required, but that more information would be available in October.

"I can't pretend to have processed all the information that has come to me, but I do know that the potential for this institution is very, very great," Leitzel said.

"However, we don't want to spend the whole year doing nothing but budget."

In other business, Eric Jolly, the new assistant to the chancellor and director for affirmative action and diversity, also made his first appearance at the Academic Senate.

Jolly said his goal was to bring diversity to every audience he could.

"I want to create a hospitable environment which will ensure better retention," he said.

Also, the faculty was informed that the proposal to award minus grades on students' academic records was being discussed by the senate's grading committee, which would make its recommendations soon.

# Senators to start action in multicultural education

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ASUN senators will begin doing their part on Wednesday to help spread multicultural education programs statewide.

Jim Kubik, staff coordinator for the Nebraska Legislature Multicultural Advisory Committee, will bring student senators up to date at Wednesday's ASUN meeting on what the committee is doing, said Association of Students at the University of Nebraska President Andrew Sigerson.



lic schools in the 1993-94 school year. Sigerson said it was an honor for ASUN to be included in the committee.

"Giving us advisory capacity allows us to put direction into what they'll do across the state," he said. "We will have a say in what happens."

Sigerson said the university should be involved with the committee because of the multicultural environment found on campus.

Students exposed to multicultural diversity in elementary and secondary schools, he said, will adjust more easily if they choose to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In other action, ASUN will decide whether to support the proposal for higher admissions standards at UNL.

Sigerson said he thought the university's current admission standards were too low and he expected senators to support the proposal.

Now, he said, "we accept anybody and everybody."

Sigerson said ASUN was one of four advisory groups and the only student group involved with the committee. The state advisory committee will make recommendations about multicultural education programs that will be implemented in Nebraska public schools.

## Mediation

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sure that communication progressed in the right direction.

The amount of time spent working out the problem would depend on how serious it is, she said.

The program differs from legal services and counseling, because solutions in those offices are not made by a third party, such as a judge or a counselor, Reese said.

In legal disputes conflicts are resolved by pitting one person against another, and someone always comes out losing, she said.

"The whole philosophy (of the Mediation Program) is that it's the responsibility of the parties to solve their own problems," she said.

The service, which is free of charge, attempts to get the parties to work

together instead of against each other. "The situation will be collaborative rather than competitive," she said.

The program also may be beneficial to lesbian and gay couples, who often find the legal system inaccessible, Reese said.

The program will not address problems such as physical abuse or contractual disputes, she said. Instead, these problems will be referred to a legal adviser or counselor.

The idea to set up a mediation center came from the University of Oregon, which has two such programs, Reese said.

Reese said she hoped to see similar interest develop at UNL.

"I've seen what mediation can do," she said. "Its popularity will grow after people are educated about it."

The center is now open and a panel meeting Oct. 21 will introduce the service to the university, Reese said.

## Federal student loan checks to be distributed

Fall semester distribution of Federal Perkins Loan checks will be Sept. 21, 22 and 23, in the Ballroom of the Nebraska City Union. Hours of distribution are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to

4 p.m. each day.

Students must present their student photo-ID card to receive a check. Students also are reminded to bring

the promissory note or addendum which was previously mailed to them. Checks not picked up by 4 p.m. on the 23rd will be cancelled.

# International Carnival

Organized by UPC International

Performances will be held on Friday, September 18 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

1. 4:20 - 5:00 p.m. Chinese Painting.
2. 5:20 - 5:50 p.m. Chinese Instrumental.
3. 6:20 - 6:50 p.m. Bamboo Performances.
4. 7:20 - 7:50 p.m. Lion Dance.

All students are welcome.

## POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Monday

9:15 a.m. — Bicycle stolen, 25th and S streets, \$725.

12:07 p.m. — Two-vehicle, non-injury accident, parking lot west of Reunion, \$500.

12:56 p.m. — Bicycle stolen, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, 715 N. 16th St., \$435.

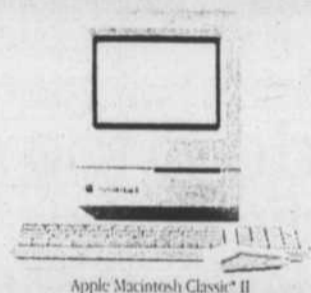
2:50 p.m. — Bicycle stolen, Cather Residence Hall, \$125.

4:25 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, parking lot at 19th and T streets, \$2,500.

5:39 p.m. — Vehicle walked on, parking lot at 19th and T streets, \$800.

6:50 p.m. — Vehicle walked on, parking lot at 19th and T streets, \$400.

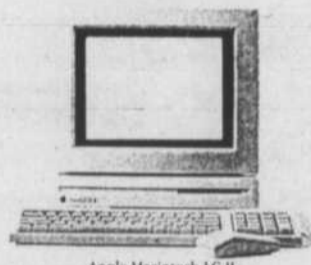
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