

# Aids

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But it also was a time to reflect on the frailty of life and remember friends who had died of AIDS, he said.

The vigil was a tribute to the power of symbolism, Gajardo said. People can relate better to symbols than to rational arguments, he said.

Marchers wore red ribbons as symbols of AIDS awareness and carried lights and candles as symbols of hope, he said.

"We are hoping that as the feeble little light of a candle can break the encompassing power of darkness, so the concerns and sympathies of a few people can overcome the sense of despair, isolation and hurt that is felt by those who are HIV positive or suffer from the AIDS epidemic," Gajardo said.

The candlelight vigil was an act of solidarity with those who suffer from not only HIV, he said, but also the indifference and sneers of those who are ill-informed about the virus.

"We must renew our commitment to find a cure for HIV," he said, "and to keep pressure on those who have the power to allocate funds for research and development of new drugs, now, and new vaccines, now."

Gov. Ben Nelson and Mayor Mike Johanns expressed their regrets for not being able to attend the rally. Both Nelson and Johanns were out of town.

City Council chairwoman Coleen Seng told participants that she had noticed a decrease in attendance over the years since 1988.

But she said she saw greater consciousness of the disease reflected in prayers at church.

"I notice that more people pray for folks with AIDS, whether that means that they are more open about their prayers, or does that mean that more of our folks have AIDS?"

Marchers participated in a moment of silence and called out the names of people they knew who had died of AIDS.

Gajardo said remembering AIDS victims was important.

"A community without a memory will never be able to envision a different history," he said, "but as long as we can remember, there is hope."

# Colonial Dining Room sports modern design

By Stacie Hakel  
Staff Reporter

The newly remodeled Colonial Dining Room in the Nebraska Union offers faculty, staff and students a new look — and more than a quick hamburger and fries.

Summer renovations include a new entrance, new carpet, chairs and wallpaper, repainted walls and a veranda with a trellis.

Accented with colors of blue and mauve, linen tablecloths, fresh flowers and china dinnerware, the dining room is now more contemporary, said Richard Zierke, assistant director to food service.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union, said the dining room was renovated to update its 20-year-old decor.

Surplus bond funds paid for the renovation, which cost about \$9,500, he said.

Zierke said the renovation was done

to boost sales and gain new customers.

"I guess I want to get rid of that faculty/staff attitude," he said.

Zierke said the dining room was not only for "bigwigs" but also for students.

Stephanie McCallister, a junior advertising major, said she thought eating at the dining room was a nice change from fast food.

But she said she thought it still catered more toward professors than students.

Another change to the dining room, Zierke said, is that meals now are served to the table, instead of being set up in buffet style.

The menu includes daily specials, soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, beverages, vegetarian plates and desserts.

The Colonial Dining Room is open Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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