

UNL's best to motivate students

By Jan Calinger
Staff Reporter

The best of UNL brains and brawns will be working together to keep Lincoln students in school.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Athletic Department and Golden Key National Honor Society are observing American Education Week by sending students to eight Lincoln junior and senior high schools to speak.

Keith Zimmer, athletic/career counselor for the UNL Athletic Department, said the university students would speak about motivation in school, setting goals and committing oneself to full potential. After the speeches, the sessions will be open for questions.

Isaac Carson, a member of the

UNL track team, said Education Week was a good opportunity to talk to younger students about the importance of education and athletics.

He said he believed the program was the best way for high school students to be reached about education.

"I think it's a great program," Carson said. "When I was in junior high, the only people who came to us were adults. I think kids will look up to us, because we're going through the same things."

Carson said the program also had a positive effect on him.

"(Zimmer) telling me that I was a role model, motivated me to keep my grades up," he said.

Susan Doerr, a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society,

echoed Carson's opinions about the program.

"I thought it would be fun and good for kids as well as a learning experience for me," she said. "I think the kids will look up to us. They'll really listen to what we have to say. They're not just going to ignore us."

"We have to pass on our knowledge, so (students) don't make the same mistakes we did."

Zimmer said American Education Week was ideal as a community service project and was well-received during its first year. He also said he was expecting a good reception this year.

"Students have made brochures and decorated the schools to prepare," he said. "It's a really big deal to them. There's a lot of enthusiasm."

RHA opposes guard for parking lot

By Trish Spencer
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A proposal to spend \$16,000 for a security guard in the Cather-Pound-Neihardt residence hall parking lot met with opposition from members of the Residence Hall Association at Monday night's meeting.

Mark Goldfeder, a student representative on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Parking Advisory Board, said his informal proposal would place a certified security guard in a booth from at least 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Funds to pay the officer's salary, about \$16,000, would come from reallocation in the parking advisory board's budget, Goldfeder said.

Andrea Casart, Neihardt president, said the booth would be a waste of money and that the money would be better spent on paving lots.

Goldfeder said the booth would be useful because some students did not think the new security phones were enough. UNL police work with a "skeleton crew" of four officers and one dispatcher at night.

Jodi Veylupek, Neihardt senator, said it was no secret that the parking lots were unsafe. If residents come home late at night, they call a friend to ride with them to find a parking space,

she said, or they call the Campus Escort Service. She said she thought the new security phones would increase safety.

Casart said she thought the new phones would be more useful than one security guard. One person couldn't cover the parking lot in the time it would take police to respond to someone who uses the phone, she said.

Goldfeder said the security guard also would protect the cars in the lot. There have been complaints about cars being broken into, he said.

Goldfeder said students or faculty who had suggestions or comments should attend the UNL Parking Advisory Board meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.



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can males in the class.

"I truly believe the situation would have been avoided if this information gap had not been there," Cauble wrote.

● The absence of an explanation to the students of the objective of the questioning.

"To begin questioning without advising someone of the circumstances being looked into and ensuring the individual is aware of the possible results of any information obtained in the interview is not standard procedure," he wrote.

● A line of questioning that had no bearing on the situation being investigated.

McGill asked each student if he knew Harms was in the class, and each one answered that he did not.

"From that point," Cauble wrote, "no subsequent questions relating to Candice Harms were asked. The questions were of a more personal type. This should not have happened."

The students said they were asked, among other things, their heights, weights, current and previous addresses and social security numbers.

"Personal questions . . . were not appropriate in this instance," Cauble wrote.

● A demand by McGill to photograph the students, rather than a request the students could have refused.

"Each of the students had a right to decline the taking of a photograph," Cauble wrote. "I do not feel this option was properly presented to them."

He also wrote that a photograph was not necessary for the investigation.

Cauble said McGill made errors, but the chief said he didn't think they were intentional.

"I realize the pain caused (to the African-American students) can never be removed," he said. "But, in response to the incident, I have taken several steps to prevent any similar incidents from taking place."

Those steps include soliciting information from minority students and personnel at the Office of Multicultural Affairs about problems minorities

encounter with police. From there, recommendations for solutions can be made, he said.

Also, he said, UNL police officers will receive training in cultural diversity.

Chambers said he wanted to know

who gave the orders to conduct the "harassing escapade."

"If they took orders from the Lincoln Police Department, something is drastically wrong," he said.

Chambers said he had been disturbed with Griesen's behavior since the incident occurred.

"Everything Griesen has done has muddied the water from the beginning," he said. "His remarks have been flippant, and he has attempted to trivialize the situation."

After the investigation began, Griesen said he thought the police investigation was appropriate.

Chambers said that because Griesen already had said he thought the police action was justified and appropriate, he rendered himself unsuitable to conduct the investigation with Goebel.

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—Cauble
UNL police chief

In the report to Spanier, Griesen and Goebel said the description given of the man that Harms was allegedly seated beside was "an African-American male of large build."

Three of the five students questioned by police were interviewed by the Daily Nebraskan. Phil Bates, a former fullback on the Cornhusker football team, is 6 feet 2 inches tall, 260 pounds. Mitchell Strong, a freshman sprinter on Nebraska's track and field team, is 5 feet 11 inches tall. Anthony Briggs is 5 feet 5 inches tall and heavy-set.

Briggs said one of the other students questioned was light-skinned, and did not look African-American.

"The description excluded some of the students, yet all were set upon by the UNL officer."

Chambers said he thought Spanier was "very poorly served" by Griesen and Goebel, and that the two misrepresented facts.

Neither Griesen nor Goebel could be reached for comment.

Dorms

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The major difficulty officials are facing, Morgensen said, is a lack of cash flow to construct the student housing.

Joe Rowson, director of public affairs at UNL, said residence halls would be built on UNO campus only if they were self-supportive through room rentals.

But the traditional high-rise dormitory is not a feasible option at UNO because of high construction costs, he said.

Room rental, Rowson said, would have to be about twice the amount charged by either the University of Nebraska-Lincoln or the University

of Nebraska at Kearney to be self-supportive.

The only other option, he said, would be to construct a series of one or two-story buildings to house students.

"But they don't have the room for that," Rowson said. "Either way it looks like a pretty tough proposition."

He said that Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln interviewed UNO students and found it was a major issue on the campus.

The regents, Rowson said, want UNO officials to pursue all options to build housing.

"The subcommittee believes, based on student input, that it is an important issue," he said. "The board is not willing to totally forget it."

Coordination

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list of capital construction priorities for state-run colleges and universities, which was reviewed at the regents monthly meeting Saturday. The commission's priorities were at odds with the regents.

The commission's top priority for the list is universitywide compliance with fire, safety and asbestos regulations. The regents had made the compliance projects 11th on their priority list.

The regents' top priority — asbestos removal and renovation in Burnett Hall at UNL — was relegated to 10th place on the commission's list.

Martin said the commission had set up an objective process for evaluation of projects where criteria was weighted on a point plan that was consistent with the statewide comprehensive plan.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said he thought the use of a point system to

make the project priority lists was a frustrating part of the meetings with the commission.

Blank said a lot of time and effort went into putting priorities together for the NU system. To see it completely "flip-flopped" at the meeting was discouraging, he said.

"We need subjective thought on capital construction; it can't just be from a point system — you have to look at needs and priorities," Blank said.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the frustrations concerning the commission were not particular to the NU system. The amount of time it takes to respond to the commission's requests is even more of a burden for smaller institutions, he said.

"This should not be seen as a NU vs. the commission issue," Howe said. "Other institutions don't have the staff in place or the institutional research and planning functions of some other institutions."

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