NL panel focuses on diversity

By Angie Brunkow

Students in small towns throughout Nebraska are more aware of cultural diversity because of a UNL panel that visited their high schools, an ASUN representative said.

Liz Healey, second vice president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said an eightmember culturally diverse panel visited Gothenburg and Norfolk last week to educate prospective University of Nebraska-Lincoln students about diversity on campus. The Office of High School and College Relations and ASUN sponsored the panels.

"Our main point would be to have the students be more open-minded and seek out information and not isolate themselves in their own culture jalapeño peppers, she said, and that zones," Healey said.

Students from small towns have a difficult time seeing racism or realiz-



ing their attitudes toward different cultures, Healey said. The communities, which are predominantly white. have passed down

ideas about culture and race to students for many generations, she said. "Even if they were racist, they wouldn't know it," Healey said.

Healey said the stereotypes students had about different cultures came from television and the news media. Some students mistakenly think that a lot of difference when they come to Mexican-Americans are lazy and eat the university.

African-Americans are associated only with athletics and gang activity.

Panel members, who represented the African-American, Mexican-American and white communities, discussed stereotypes and answered students' questions

Healey said the panel was a good beginning, but said she hoped student involvement would increase so that more panels could visit other communities throughout the state.

The panel should follow up its initial visits to Gothenburg and Norfolk, Healey said.

'I don't think what we covered in an hour was enough," she said. But "if they take this to heart, they can make

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Friday

2:33 p.m. — Stereo stolen from vehicle, parking lot at Beadle Center, \$200 loss, \$235 damage

- False fire alarm, 2:56 p.m. -Whittier Building.

3:17 p.m. — Purse stolen, Oldfather Hall, \$50 loss, \$35 recovered. 4:49 p.m. — Vehicle window broken, parking lot at 19th and T streets,

6:26 p.m. — Stereo stolen from vehicle, parking lot at 14th and New Hampshire streets, \$250 loss,

\$600 damage. 9:29 p.m. — Vehicle window broken, parking lot at 19th and T streets,

10:20 p.m. — Outside police assistance, gunshots fired, 22nd and Y streets, man arrested.

Beginning midnight Saturday

4:41 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Love Library, \$28.

Beginning midnight Sunday

1:16 a.m. — Fire extinguisher case broken, Burr Residence Hall, \$10. 2:41 a.m. - Sign taken from pizza delivery vehicle, parking lot at Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex,

7:06 a.m. — Prowler, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, 415 N. 16th St. 7:29 a.m. — Window screen off, Kappa Delta Sorority, 405 University Terrace.

10:22 a.m. - Vehicle dented, Abel-Sandoz Complex parking lot, \$150. 4:48 p.m. -- Window screen damaged, Alpha Phi Sorority, 1531 S

4:53 p.m. — Prowler, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, 1601 R St.

5:15 p.m. - Man sick, Selleck Quadrangle, transported to Lincoln General Hospital, 2300 S. 16th St. 7:17 p.m. - Hit-and-run accident, parking lot at 13th and R streets, \$250.

By Corey Russman Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association on Monday considered purchasing buttons with Candice Harms' picture on them to help inform Nebraskans

about her disappearance. Employers of Harms' parents came up with the idea to make the buttons, Dave Keller, Abel residence director, said. They hope the buttons will help spread the word about her disappearance, Keller said.

Harms, a UNL student, has been missing since Sept. 22

Potter

ally gifted group.

prison," Potter said.

a couple more years.

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Keller said that while people on

Many of the students have a deep

interest in ethics because it relates

to their own situations, Potter said.

were an above-average, intellectu-

The people I know are on their

He said he believed the inmates

way back to being rehabilitated -

they do not expect to be back in

'One told me that he would

probably would have only survived

Potter said he didn't keep in

touch with former students who had

been released, in part because many

of one former inmate, a student in

charges. Since being released from

graduated with a degree in journal-

one of his classes at UNL before

being convicted on drug dealing

the penitentiary, the man had

returned to the university and

ism, Potter said.

But Potter said he had kept track

carry a gun — this was at age 15.

He made the comment that if he

hadn't been put in prison, he

no longer lived in Lincoln.

about Harms' disappearance, people important to look out for one another. outside of Lincoln must be better informed. People who wear the but- ful of one another during the final tons will be able to give other Nebraskans the details of

pearance, he said. RHA considered purchasing buttons to distribute to senators in each residence hall

Harms' disap-

complex, but senators decided to postpone the decision until after Thanksgiving break.

Chuck Rensink, interim adviser for RHA, said now was the most the UNL campus were well-informed stressful time of the year, and it was

While the penitentiary should

offer more educational opportuni-

ties to inmates, Potter said, funding

is scarce. Last year, state funds for

prison education programs in

chance of rehabilita-

Nebraska were cut 30 percent -

to about \$906,155.

from \$1.29 million the year before

In the prison's school, inmates

can work for a general education

jobs when they leave, Potter said.

the penitentiary," Potter said,

prison, "the people are there

Amy Grant

because they want to be.

because, unlike anywhere else in

diploma, which will help them find

The school is "a bit of a haven in

associate professor of phi-

losophy

He encouraged students to be respectweeks of the semester.

Quiet hours again will be enforced all day during dead week and finals week, Rensink said.

In other business, RHA also approved the appointment of Smith President Raquel Wright as chairwoman of the Residential Enhancement Committee

Selleck Sen. Brad Prall said the Campus Escort Service still was working on plans to open a branch on East Campus. The service needs money and volunteers, he said.

Center sponsors conference on children and war

One of the important The effects of war on children will be the focus of an all-day conference points about the death Monday featuring international and penalty is that it local experts. throws away the

The University of Nebraska-Lin-coln Center on Children, Families and the Law is sponsoring the conference, which will be at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

'Children and War: U.S. Responsibilities at Home and Abroad" will feature films, lectures and discussions on international law, the psychological effects of war on children, and the plight of refugee families in Lincoln.

Speakers include Magne Raundalen, a leading researcher on children's responses to life-threatening situations from the University of Bergen in Norway. He will give a lecture at 10 a.m. A film produced by Raundalen on the experiences of children in war-torn former Yugoslavia will follow at 11 a.m.

The conference fee is \$25. Call Connie Meents at the Center on Children, Families and the Law for more information.

McElroy

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McElroy allegedly walked into a classroom at Ferguson Hall on UNL's City Campus on Oct. 12, brandishing a loaded semiautomatic rifle. He allegedly attempted to fire at students in the room, who were waiting for class

The weapon jammed and did not

fire, and no one was injured in the incident. McElroy then left the room and fled in his car, which was parked outside the front door of the building.

Lancaster County deputies arrested him about 30 minutes later at his home in Bennet. They confiscated the rifle and 81 rounds of ammunition.

Authorities have since confiscated more weapons and ammunition from McElroy's home.

McElroy remains in Lancaster County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

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pressing their concern about the proposed cuts.

'We're lobbying him now to keep the university in mind," she said.

Lodes said GLC would focus on letting the governor know that additional cuts would decrease the quality of education at UNL

GLC also will ask other campus groups to write the governor and express opposition to cuts, she said.

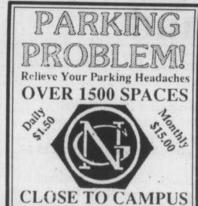
"We hope for more student participation," she said.

Lodes said GLC would not make definite plans about lobbying the Legislature until it saw the governor's proposal.

GLC has met with state legislators and plans to meet with officials in the governor's office, she said.

The Legislature did not target the university for additional cuts in its third special session to reduce the state's budget, Lodes said.

"Hopefully, they're not looking to the university for more cuts," she



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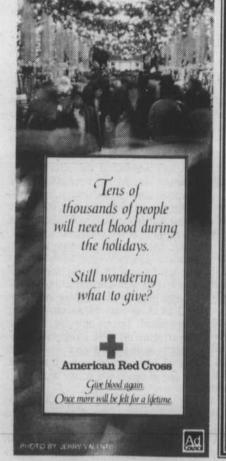
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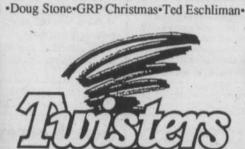
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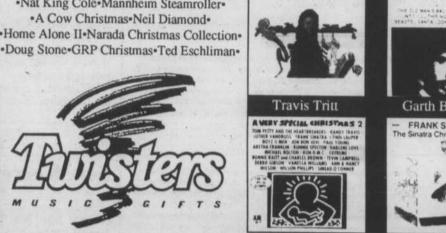
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