

# Meeting sheds light on issues facing women

By Kathryn Borman  
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## Dual-career policy causes concern

The climate for women on campus hasn't yet warmed up, but progress is being made, said the chairwoman of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Mary Beck met Wednesday with about 40 faculty, staff and students from City Campus to "get a feel" for issues regarding women on campus. She will have another meeting today on East Campus.

Beck will use input from the meetings in her report to the NU Board of Regents later this month.

The first report to the Board of Regents in 1991 described the climate for women on cam-

pus as "chilly" and identified key areas in which improvements needed to be made.

Suggested improvements included appointing an associate to the chancellor for women's issues, addressing salary inequities between men and women and devising family-friendly policies at UNL, Beck said.

"I certainly think that a number of good starts have been made," Beck said.

She said people who attended the meeting expressed concerns, however, that UNL's dual-career policy designed to help find campus

employment for spouses or partners of new faculty members was ineffective for partners who were seeking non-faculty positions.

"It appears the family-friendly policies are not quite friendly enough," Beck said.

At a recent Academic Senate meeting, members of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women requested support from faculty for inclusiveness of women and women's issues in classroom instruction, Beck said.

Some faculty opposed the proposal because they thought the request infringed on their right

to control their own teaching, she said. "It is not a matter of trying to tell people how to teach — just to be sensitive," she said.

Beck said some faculty members suggested that education programs be designed for faculty who did not know how to include women in their teaching. Some faculty also recommended that sanctions be imposed when faculty were uncooperative with and hostile toward women in academic departments and in classrooms.

The meeting Wednesday assured confidentiality to participants, which attendees at today's meeting also will receive, Beck said.

"People need to believe they're not going to be told on, because there's a lot of fear," she said.

# McElroy's arraignment delayed

## Student's lawyer says charges are ambiguous

From Staff Reports

The arraignment of University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student Arthur McElroy, who allegedly pointed and attempted to fire a loaded semiautomatic rifle at classmates in his actuarial science class, was de-

layed Wednesday.

McElroy, who was arrested at his home in Bennet shortly after the incident, is being held in the Lancaster County Jail on charges of attempted second-degree murder, making terroristic threats and two counts of use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Deputy Lancaster County Attorney John Colborn said McElroy's lawyer, Deputy Public Defender Scott Helvie, filed a motion to quash the charges.

Helvie is challenging the constitu-

tionality of the state's terroristic threat statute and asking that victims be identified for the second-degree murder charge, Colborn said.

Helvie claims the two charges are vague, Colborn said.

Helvie's motion will be heard at 9 a.m. Dec. 16 in Lancaster County Court.

McElroy has filed a civil suit in U.S. District Court in Lincoln alleging that university faculty and students interfered with his education.

No date has been set for the civil hearing.

# Section of 14th Street to close for sewer work

By Matt Woody  
Staff Reporter

Many University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will have to find a new route to campus when 14th Street near the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex closes next week, an official said.

Paul Carlson, interim business manager at UNL, said the section of 14th Street between the entrances to the complex's two parking lots would be closed beginning Monday until around Christmas.

The city will be installing a storm sewer adjacent to the railroad tracks near the complex, Carlson said, to pave the way for a new road that will be built there next spring. The road

will connect 10th and 14th streets, he said.

Closing the road will be inconvenient for motorists, Carlson said, but there is no way to keep the road open during construction.

Although construction may cause possible traffic problems, parking will be unaffected, Carlson said. He suggested that motorists use either 10th or 16th streets as alternate routes.

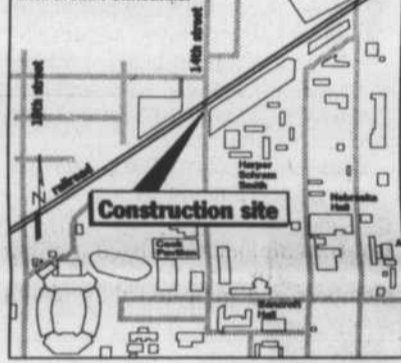
The work should fail to disrupt students walking to classes, Carlson said. The only inconvenience, he said,

may result when students have to cross 14th Street at a different spot than they usually do.

The installation of the storm sewer is the beginning of a series of projects

## 14th Street closed for construction Monday

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Scott Maurer/DN

# ASUN lifts election spending limits

## Senators oppose adding minuses to grading system

By Angie Brunkow  
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ASUN voted Wednesday to allow presidential candidates to spend unlimited amounts of money during next semester's student government elections.

The Electoral Commission proposal, which was rejected by a 12-5 vote two weeks ago, abolished the previous \$3,500 limit, raised the number of signatures students need to get on the ballot and lengthened the election campaigning pe-

riod.

The senate reconsidered the proposal Wednesday and passed it 13-11 with one abstention.

David Steinke, an arts and sciences senator who originally voted against the proposal, said he decided to support lifting spending limits because the Electoral Commission had problems tracking campaign spending in the past.

"There's always loopholes," he said.

Chad Higgins, business senator, said he also decided to vote for removing the limits. He said he changed his vote because of a letter from Richard Wood, general counsel for the University of Nebraska, which said spending limits were unconstitutional.

Higgins said it was pointless to pass a rule that would later be "shot down."

Steinke said passing the new rules would allow student election groups

to organize before the spring semester.

Andrew Loudon, speaker of the senate, said about 80 students already had shown interest in organizing for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska spring election.

In other business, ASUN voted unanimously for a resolution that urged the Academic Senate's Grading and Exam Committee to oppose adding minuses to the grading system.

Senators said minuses would diminish students' opportunities to get jobs and scholarships, because minuses probably would lower their grade point averages.

Loudon said the unanimous decision gave ASUN representatives on the Grading and Examination Committee "powerful ammunition" to oppose the proposal.

# Japan

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director for business affairs at UNL, said the trip — including transportation, room and board — was paid for by Coca-Cola.

He said UNL and Kansas State also would receive about \$200,000 for playing the game.

Fouraker said 88 Husker players and 56 athletic department personnel made the trip, as well as nine non-athletic department representatives. He said he thought Kansas State's travel party was about the same size.

The athletic department's roster

includes coaches, trainers and student managers, sports information personnel and members of the UNL video crew.

Jack Goebel, vice chancellor of business and finance at UNL, and NU President Martin Massengale left Monday with Gov. Nelson on a flight that wasn't paid for by Coca-Cola, Fouraker said.

Massengale will return from Tokyo with the NU party, Fouraker said, while Nelson is leading a two-week trade mission to Japan and Taiwan to promote Nebraska beef.

George Sullivan, the head athletic

trainer, also left Monday, Fouraker said, to ensure that the hotel accommodations were in order.

Regents making the trip include Robert Allen of Hastings, Don Blank of McCook, Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City, Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo, Margaret Robinson of Norfolk and Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha, as well as student regent Andrew Sigerson.

Regents John Payne of Kearney and Charles Wilson of Lincoln did not go.

Fouraker said the spouses of some of the athletic department personnel had gone to Tokyo at their own expense on separate flights.

# Police have no leads in rash of vandalism

From Staff Reports

University of Nebraska-Lincoln police are investigating vandalism and theft that caused about \$1,600 damage to 14 cars parked in a campus parking lot at 19th and T streets over the weekend.

Sgt. Mylo Bushing of the UNL Police Department said the break-ins were reported late Sunday night and early Monday morning.

So far, Bushing said, police have

no leads.

The thieves entered the cars by smashing the driver-side or rear windows, he said.

Bushing said the thieves took car stereos, and some miscellaneous items such as radar equipment and compact discs also were taken.

He said police believed the thieves were aware that students were just returning from Thanksgiving break with their cars full of belongings.

# Baldwin

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police officer Sept. 5 during what doctors called a psychotic episode — his second in 10 months.

Baldwin was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the Jan. 18 beating of Gina Simanek Mountain, who was leaving home to walk her dog when Baldwin attacked her.

Doctors will immediately start as-

sessing Baldwin to determine how to treat him, she said.

Smith would not comment on the details of Baldwin's treatment, but said the duration of his stay could be from "overnight to indefinite."

Merritt said Baldwin's next review had been set for April 23, 1993.

The purpose of the review, Merritt said, will be to decide whether Baldwin still is dangerous to himself and others. An earlier review could be granted on request, he said.

# Diversity

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Chicanos, Hispanics and Latinos must become more vocal on issues that concern them — not just when their organizations need money, he said.

"Every time something comes up, (James) Griesen gives us money to shut us up," Flores Palomo said.

After the symposium, Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, declined to respond to negative comments about the administration. But Griesen said it was good that students were speaking out.

Andrea Juarez, student chancellor for the Commission on the Status of Minorities, said one problem was that only a fraction of Chicanos, Latinos and Hispanics were willing to recognize the problems and be vocal. These groups must work together to achieve change, she said.

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President for the Coalition of People of Color

administration promised to prepare annual status reports on minority faculty, students and staff, but no reports had been prepared.

Jolly said that after spending eight weeks on campus, he believed that almost everything he heard at the symposium could be validated.

In an effort to increase diversity, Jolly said he collected statistics on the number of minorities employed at UNL. Hiring freezes will be placed on departments in which more minorities are needed, but few attempts have been made to hire them, he said.

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