

Women speak out on gender issues at UNL

By Jeff Zeleny
Staff Reporter

More than 30 women shared testimonies about their treatment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in an open forum on gender issues Thursday.

The women spoke on personal discrimination, harassment and equal opportunities at UNL, as well as child care and campus safety.

Mary Beck, chairwoman of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women, said the forums were the only way women could express their concerns anonymously. The complaints given by the women were confidential.

"We will not reveal names," she said. "There is a lot of restraint by the people who are speaking, but there's a lot that we're hearing."

Beck said the testimonials didn't surprise her.

Although Beck said she was pleased with the attendance, she said more students should have participated.

The forum, sponsored by the commission, was the second one of the week and specifically addressed concerns of East Campus faculty, staff and students. The first forum on Wednesday focused on City Campus issues.

The information from the forums will be included in the commission's report to the NU Board of Regents on Dec. 12.

Joan Gilbreth, a family and consumer sciences graduate student at UNL, said a child-care program should be available to students and university personnel.

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located on campus," she said, "but I don't think (parents) should pay for it. Having it available is a good start."

Claudia Price-Decker, the commission's president-elect, agreed and said child care was a priority. A survey will be conducted to determine how much a child-care center would be used, she said.

Gilbreth said she also would like to see improvements in campus safety. For example, she said, more lights should be added to sidewalks and parking lots on East Campus.

Although Gilbreth is new to the university, she said she was disappointed by the low number of women faculty members at UNL.

"I was real surprised to learn there was only one woman dean on campus," she said. "Students have a variety of interests, and they need to see women in those positions."

Beck said the regents' report also would mention incidents of sexist language being used at UNL.

"Our language is a large part of socialization problems because of the long-term generic 'he,'" she said.

work throughout the campaign, came closer to predicting the final result than any other polling company, Holland said.

The organization randomly targeted registered voters and tried to get a representation of race and gender, Holland said.

"A problem we encountered was the tendency for females to answer the phone," he said. "Quite often, we would have to make extra calls to attain an accurate view of the population."

Although Holland said conducting polls was an "exciting and unique experience," the final week, when Clinton surged ahead of Bush by a rather large margin, was the most fascinating part of the polling process.

"It was quite interesting to observe how 6 percent of the population who were undecided suddenly opted to vote for Clinton," he said. "That's what's great about this business — you never know what the outcome will be."

Recruiter says uncertainty leads to exciting outcomes

By Neil Feldman
Staff Reporter

During this year's presidential campaign, polls could determine where voters stood only by asking a wide range of questions in an unbiased manner, a recruiter for Gallup Organization Inc. said.

"It is always important to be careful that the interviewer does not lead (the person being interviewed) toward one particular candidate," Steve Holland said.

Holland spoke on the election polling process Thursday night at Neihardt Residence Hall.

Gallup predicted the final outcome of the campaign within several points of the actual result, Holland said.

"We were very pleased with our results," he said. "Our final poll was off on (George) Bush by only one point and a few points on (Ross) Perot and (Bill) Clinton."

Gallup, which worked closely with USA Today and the Cable News Net-

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Wednesday

- 8:44 a.m. — Unauthorized use of computer, Sandoz Residence Hall.
- 2:30 p.m. — Stereo equipment stolen, Harper Residence Hall, \$190.
- 5:15 p.m. — Vehicle window broken, parking lot at 19th and R streets, \$75.
- 10:13 p.m. — Outside police assistance, recovery of cellular phone, Abel Residence Hall, citation issued.



Harms

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"I called a few weeks ago to ask them about their rates, and they said they'd donate the space," he said. "We were all ready to pay for the space, but we didn't have to."

Church said Imperial charged \$425 a month for billboard advertising in Lincoln and \$540 in Omaha.

"That's a lot of advertising revenue they're giving away for this cause," Sears said.

All eight billboards will be up by the end of January, Church said, and will remain up indefinitely.

"We'll have them up for as long as they're needed. Hopefully, they won't be up for very long."

—Church
director of Imperial Outdoor Advertising

"We'll have them up for as long as they're needed," she said. "Hopefully, they won't be up for very long."

Another organization — Sheridan Lutheran Church at 3700 Sheridan Blvd. — also is donating its time to help in the search for Harms.

The church is sponsoring a soup supper from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church. The dinner is free, but participants are encouraged to make donations to the Harms Family Assistance Fund, which helps pay for flyers and other advertising promoting awareness of the disappearance.

Sears said buttons with Harms' photo would be handed out at the dinner.

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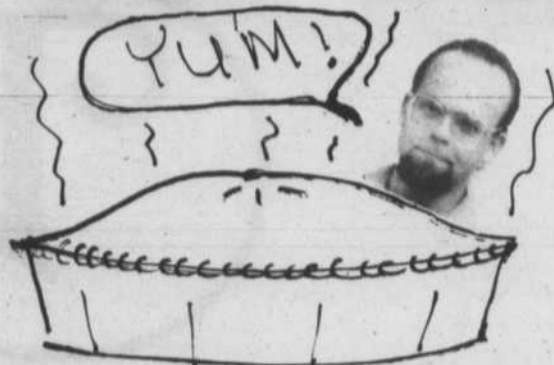
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