

# ASUN explores civil rights

## Mental journey highlights meeting

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ASUN members began last night's meeting with their eyes closed.

John Harris, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs and guest speaker at the meeting, asked members to close their eyes while he took them on a mental journey to Africa.

"Right now, in this room, we are a community of people. We are Africans. We're princes and kings and queens and princesses," he told the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

"One day there comes a rustling from the shore. Suddenly someone grabs your arm and puts a chain on it, and they do the same to your leg, and you wonder why."

Strangers do this to the sisters, brothers, mothers and fathers of this community, Harris said, and they are herded onto crowded ships.

"Someone's taking us from Africa, and we know not why," Harris said.

This was where the civil rights movement began, Harris said. Harris was invited to speak in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The movement began "when someone decided that because of the very nature of my skin I was different — inferior. We still wonder why," he said.

The civil rights movement was, for King, not a political movement, but a moral one, Harris said. But, King believed morals could not be legislated, he said. Behaviors, however, could be mandated by law, he said, citing King. And that is why lawmakers play such a crucial role in civil

rights, Harris said.

As a legislative body, the actions of ASUN are key to race relations at UNL, Harris said.

The United States is at a turning point, he said, with the arrival of the Clinton administration and the recent riots in Los Angeles.

"As people feel less and less a part of the American dream, they're capable of anything," he said.

The decisions of ASUN members' generation will set the course for the future of civil rights, he said.

"Your generation will move us forward or backward in race relations like never before," he said.

In other business, members of the campus life committee decided to petition to put prayer back into UNL graduation ceremonies. And the Government Liaison Committee was granted approval to lobby for legislative bills that support multicultural education in elementary and secondary schools.



## Splinter

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As vice chancellor for research, Splinter oversaw the university museum, University of Nebraska Press and regulatory committees overseeing research.

Splinter said the university museum was one of the top museums in the country and he enjoyed working with it.

He mentioned the largest elephant skeleton in the world on display there: "I remember when I was a kid, they found it south of North Platte," he said.

The University Press has achieved national recognition under Splinter's supervision.

"I've been very pleased to serve on the press board to decide which books will be published," Splinter said. "One little fringe benefit is that I get to read books printed by Nebraska Press. I enjoy that."

As for his personal plans after retirement, Splinter said he hoped to complete some research on East Campus — studying soil moisture measurement with radio frequencies.

He also has planned a trip to Alaska, and wants to go sailing off the coast of Maine, he said.

But Splinter is not sure he will like life after UNL.

"I'm retiring with some apprehensions," he said, "because really I've enjoyed my academic work all these years, teaching and doing research."

## Regent

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Besides Dr. Wilson, the regents attending the Nov. 15 meeting were Payne, Don Blank of McCook and Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City. Massengale arrived after the meeting had started.

Dr. Blank would not disclose any information from the gathering, including whether Massengale was told during the meeting that he did not have the board's support to receive a contract extension.

"By no means did we (the regents

that were present) represent the board of regents," Dr. Blank said. "There were simply some people on the board who wanted to talk to Dr. Massengale."

Skrupa said she thought the meeting was "ill advised and wrong."

"It puts all the regents in a bad light," she said.

Skrupa said the meeting should have been discussed as a personnel matter in a closed meeting, but the press should have been notified.

The meeting with Massengale was within state law, which states that a quorum of members is necessary for a gathering to be an official board meeting.

## Bjorklund, Barney waive hearing rights

From Staff Reports

Two men charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Candice Harms waived their rights to a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Robert Bjorklund, 30, appeared in Lancaster County Court

Wednesday. He waived his rights to a hearing and will be arraigned Jan. 27, his attorney, public defender Scott Helvie, said.

Bjorklund also is being charged with robbery and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Scott Barney, 24, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Tuesday, and will be arraigned Feb. 3 in

district court, his attorney, Kirk Naylor, said.

Barney is being charged with first-degree murder in connection with the Harms case.

Harms' body was discovered in a field southeast of Lincoln Dec. 6 after she had been missing for 12 weeks.

## Project to help disabled students find jobs

From Staff Reports

Students with disabilities will soon have more help finding jobs because of a \$135,000 grant the University of Nebraska-Lincoln recently received.

According to a UNL news release, the grant, given by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, will be used to create

a project entitled Relevant Employment for Students in University Mediated Experiences.

The project will be aimed at helping college students with disabilities make the transfer from college into employment, Mary Friche, assistant professor of special education and communication disorders, said in the release.

"Our objective is to work with university students with disabili-

ties to get them better prepared for employment," Friche said.

The project will be co-directed by Friche and Jan Leuenberger of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Project members also will include a project coordinator, a part-time career planning and placement counselor, a part-time rehabilitation counselor and a graduate assistant on the UNL and UNO campuses, the release said.

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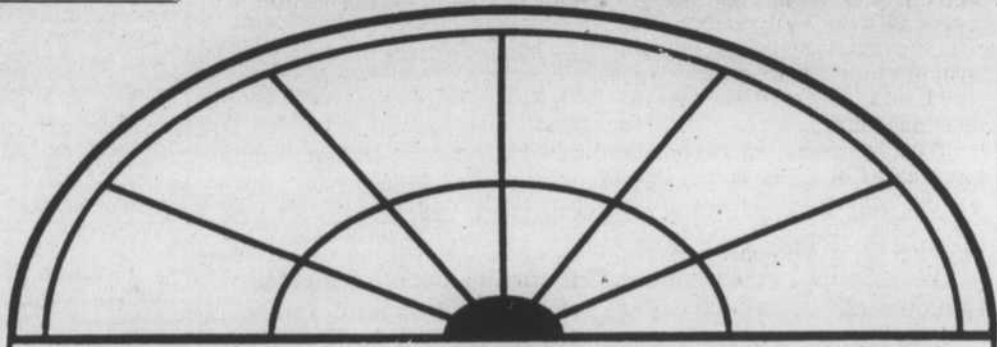
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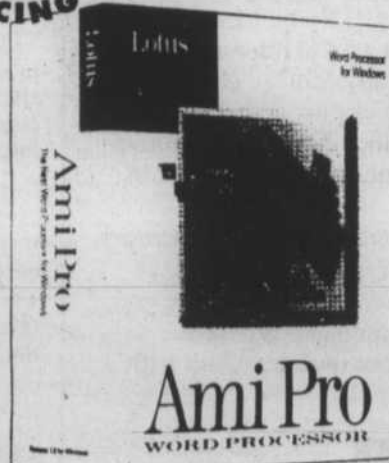
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