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First endowed chairwoman named

By Dionne Searcey Senior Reporter

A UNL English professor is proud to say her recently earned chairman-ship is better described as a chairwomanship. Moira Ferguson



is the only wom-an at the Univer-sity of Nebraska-Lincoln to be named to an endowed chair. The James E. Ryan Chair in En-

glish and Women's Literature Ferguson was awarded to Ferguson for her research in British and African Caribbean women's lit-

The position is endowed through the University of Nebraska Foundation by the estate of Ryan, a lawyer en's studies is taken seriously, she and state legislative lobbyist. About four or five chairmanships in the country are offered in women's studies.

"It's a tremendous affirmation of women's studies to receive this presigious award," Ferguson said.

Ferguson spent her childhood in Scotland. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Lon-don. She has published 14 books and written about 50 articles in the past 12 years, she said.

Ferguson came to UNL from the University of Washington, where she earned master's and doctorate degrees.

During her graduate studies, she said, Ferguson was a member of the first bookstore collective that sold women's literature in Seattle. The store was called "It's about time," she

In Washington, Ferguson said she discovered the struggle for women's rights paralleled the movement toward women's studies. The Ryan award is a symbol that work in wom-

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commitment to women and other underrepresented groups," she said. "A part of the women's study struggle has been to gain acceptance in the mainstream.

Two of Ferguson's books have been nominated by their publishers for national book awards. She is writing a book about and entitled "Jamaica Kincaid," which will be published next year.

"I plan on continuing to do what 've been doing, which is writing about women's culture in as representative

ducation conference starts Sunday

By Stacie Hakel Staff Reporter

Problem-solving and role-playing activities will highlight the seventh annual Women in Educational Leadership conference, which begins Sun-

The two-day conference will be at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets.

Among other events, participants will play The World Game, which conference organizers said was a takeoff on military war games. In this game, however, the enemies will be social problems such as hunger, illiteracy and disease.

Monday, University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Dr. Barbara LaCost, assistant professor of educational administration, will present "Starpower: Improving Our Understanding of Race, Gender and Status," with Dr. Randy Lindsay of California State University.

Starpower is another simulated activity in which the audience members act out roles of different social economic classes, LaCost said. The participants are subject to discrimination, prejudice, poverty, lack of power and other problems.

Starpower challenges participants to find solutions for the problems of their social economic class.

"It's a hard thing to explain," LaCost said. "What we're going to do is discuss it in terms of educational administration. In a sense, you will be in groups that are unlike yourself." Dr. Blandina Cardenas Remirez,

director of the Southwest Center for Values, Achievement and Community in Education at Southwest Texas State University, will give the opening address.

Remirez became known for her work as director of the Office of Minorities in Higher Education at the American Council on Education and as a commissioner of the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

The activities allow educational leaders to become better prepared in solving problems of race, gender and status in their every day job, LaCost said.

"I think it's a person able to have an appreciation for multiple perspectives that feeds into that vision and mission (of education)," she said.

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No bucks for booze-free bashes

By Mike Lewis

Staff Reporter

In past semesters, UNL fraternities and sororities competed for recognition and monetary prizes by trying to throw the best non-alcoholic parties

All of that will happen again this

year — except for the money part.
The Panhellenic/IFC Social Board decided on Sept. 1 not to give money to the winners of the greek non-alcoholic party competition.

Amy Gogan, secretary of the Panhellenic Association at the Uni-versity of Nebraska-Lincoln, said board members agreed, with no strong objections, to eliminate monetary re-

"We don't think we need the mon-ey incentive to do it," Gogan said.

The social board is made up of social chairpersons from all sororities Interfraternity Council secretaries are in charge of the board.

To raise money for the prizes, each sorority and fraternity had to contribute \$25, Gogan said, but the board had problems collecting money from some

Also, she said, the prize money

sometimes would not make up for the cost of the parties. Money often had to be split among several greek organizations that co-sponsored one party.

For example, the first-place party last semester was sponsored by five greek organizations: Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Kappa Delta Sorority, Delta Gamma Sorority, Chi Omega Sorority and Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. The prize was \$400, but each group got just \$80.

Despite the elimination of reward money, Gogan said, non-alcoholic parties would continue to be judged, and she planned to advocate having a contest each semester.

Shannon Jacobs, Delta Gamma president, said the prize money was nice but not necessary.

The money "wasn't really why we went," she said.

But Alison Alderman, Chi Omega president, said the prize money was a great boost."

There will be a lack of incentive (to hold the parties)," Alderman said. 'In our house, maybe not, but in others, definitely."

Parking

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count. She also cited safety concerns, saying students who used the lot at night would have to walk farther in the dark if parking was moved away.

But Spanier said ASUN members were not aware of the entire parking

"It's really much broader and much more complicated," he said.

Spanier said campus safety and parking solutions all would be ad-dressed in the October parking analysis. He said he suggested to Benes that UNL landscape officials make a presentation to senators at their next

"Those who have gotten the larger briefing understand that it does make

some sense," Spanier said.

Spanier said the overall feedback he had received about the green space idea was 95 percent positive. But others, looking only at the immediate situation, he said, would rather see the parking lot remain.

"A few people say we should pave over everything," he said. "But a lot of people feel the aesthetics of the campus are very important."

One of those people, Ecology Now! president Mark Petersen, signed his name to a petition in Broyhill Plaza Thursday supporting the green space.

"I think that a lot of students are

apprehensive in general about anything that changes the parking situation," the senior biological systems engineering major said. "But once they'd seen the green mall in place, they'd really appreciate it."