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Gender equity fight isn't over, coach says

By Jeff Griesch
Senior Reporter

While college athletics are making progress toward gender equity, a UNL coach said the NCAA and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln still had a long way to go.

During a discussion on gender equity sponsored by the Women's Center on Wednesday, women's basketball coach Angela Beck said women made up about one-third of the athletes at UNL but received only one-

fifth of the funding.

Beck also said the number of college female teams coached by women had dropped 42 percent since 1972. Less than half of the college teams in women's athletics have female coaches, she said.

Along with the decreasing number of female coaches, Beck said the percentage of schools with women's athletic programs run by female administrators decreased from 92 percent to 16 percent during the past 21 years.

The combination of men's and women's athletics into one program

compounded the problem, Beck said. "Women administrators' jobs lessened when men and women's athletics were combined into one program 12 years ago," she said.

"When the programs were combined, women who were in top positions were placed under the men who were in charge on the men's side.

"We need more women administrators, and we need more women in power if we hope to achieve equity," she said.

Beck said Nebraska had 40 male athletic administrators and coaches

but only four women in those positions.

Promoting female athletics at UNL to generate more revenue must be a priority, she said.

"We need to concentrate on publicity, promotion and marketing in trying to sell women's sports," she said. "I don't think that the women's basketball program here will ever sell out the Devaney Center in my lifetime, but I think we can definitely grow."

Beck said in order to achieve equity, women had to keep fighting for

every possible gain. But she said women must move ahead cautiously.

"If you push too hard, you're too aggressive, but if you don't push enough, then you're looked at as being too weak," Beck said.

An NCAA task force report in 1991 on gender equity said the number of female and male athletes should be proportional to the student populations of their respective schools.

Beck said since an NCAA constitutional amendment was enacted in

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Official: New SAT won't affect UNL

By Shane Tucker
Staff Reporter

High school students may have reason to sweat about recent changes to the Scholastic Aptitude Test. But the changes will have little or no effect on UNL, university officials said.

The changes, effective March 19, 1994, will update the SAT to fit the realities of modern collegiate life. The test will include more reading, allow calculators and reduce the amount of memorization required.

Lisa Schmidt, director of High School and College Relations, said few students who applied at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln took the SAT. The American College Testing exam is more popular among UNL-bound students, she said.

"There are certainly significant changes," Schmidt said, "but we get so few SATs that it doesn't matter."

Among the major changes are:

- Calculators will be allowed.
- The antonym section of the test will be removed.
- In addition to multiple choice questions, 10 questions will require students to provide their own answers.
- Reading comprehension passages in the test will be lengthened.
- Students will be required to register in longhand and to repeat the process at the test site so handwriting can be compared.

John Beacon, UNL's director of admissions, said about 96 percent of

students who applied to UNL took the ACT.

In fact, Beacon said, admissions policy requires SAT scores to be converted to an ACT equivalent.

So for admissions purposes, he said, the changes will have no effect.

For students who take both tests, university officials do not even look at the SAT score unless it is higher than the ACT score after conversion.

As far as advising is concerned, Beacon said, the changes will again have no effect.

Advisers will receive the ACT score, or a converted SAT score. SAT verbal and mathematics subscores are not placed in the advising file.

Beacon said considering subscores would be impractical.

"It might be supplemental, but it's not enough to warrant making the changes needed at this time," Beacon said.

Schmidt said enrollment probably would not be affected. Lower SAT scores will not affect most UNL students because they take the ACT.

Schmidt said changes to the ACT enacted in October 1989 did affect the university. These changes involved the breakdown of composite scores from four major categories, into four categories plus several subcategories.

Because of the high number of UNL applicants who take the ACT, advisers had to be re-educated to interpret the new scoring.

"I don't anticipate we'll make any policy change with the SAT change as we did with the ACT," Schmidt said.

State task force plans welfare system reforms

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

A program to get people off welfare by making them self-sufficient in a two-year period will benefit Nebraska, a state welfare reform task force said Wednesday.

A proposal by the governor's Welfare Reform Task Force would get rid of several social service programs to make room for a simplified, two-pronged approach.

Gov. Ben Nelson, who appointed the 25-member group in June, said the task force's recommendations would get welfare recipients back into the work force.

"We don't want a system who penalizes people who want to work," Nelson said. "We want one based on a contractual agreement between the state and the individual that puts the emphasis on self-sufficiency."

Nelson said the report signaled a giant step for welfare recipients to "move toward independence instead of dependence."

Nelson said an implementation action team made up of legislators

and administration officials would be appointed to generate a program based on the report.

"They'll see what can be accomplished with the current Legislature," he said.

Nelson said last week that he expected the two-year limit on welfare benefits to generate controversy.

Bob Armstrong, task force chairman and executive director of the Omaha Housing Authority, agreed that disputes could arise.

"It's not going to please everyone," Armstrong said. "There will be lots of debate and lots of pain in some situations."

However, Armstrong said, the new plan will create a much stronger welfare system in the long run.

"This plan leads to responsibility — both for the state and for the recipient," he said. "Over the long run we want to teach people how to succeed, not how to just survive."

The task force suggested that several programs — Aid to Dependent

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Shaun Sarlin/DN

Jeff Krohn, a junior chemical engineering major, left, gives sophomore Shawntell Hurtgen a smooch Wednesday as part of the College Republicans Kissing Booth.

Kiss and sell College Republicans pucker up for charity

By Alan Phelps
Senior Reporter

College Republicans put their mouths where the money was Wednesday at a Homecoming Week kissing booth.

Trent Steele, standing with other Republicans behind a table set up on Broyhill Plaza, said he had kissed two people by noon during the first 45 minutes of the booth's operation.

"There was another person who I thought was going to kiss me," he said, "and then she said it just wasn't

worth it. I was hurt."

Fifty cents was the toll for a peck on the cheek from the Republicans of both sexes staffing the booth. Jennifer Vogelsberg, a senior broadcasting major, plunked down her change for Steele. She said it was money well spent.

"It definitely was," she said. "Especially if it's a good cause."

College Republicans planned to donate the booth's proceeds to the Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center. Kissers said they earned about \$10 in their first hour.

Andrew Sigerson, first-year law

student and College Republican, strode up behind the booth about noon. He said he was ready to kiss people.

"As long as it's with the opposite sex," he said.

Posters around campus advertising the booth urged students to stop by and smooch Republicans in support of Columbus, homecoming and heterosexuality. Among the booth's ground rules was a prohibition on same-sex kissing.

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