

Former athletic trainer sues NU

Lawsuit alleges sex discrimination

By Angie Brunkow
Senior Reporter

Former UNL assistant athletic trainer Lynn M. Conley is suing the University of Nebraska and athletic department members, alleging she was fired for filing a sex discrimination suit against the department.

In the suit, Conley, who had been a trainer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for about three years, said

members of the athletic department tried to discredit her, eventually resulting in her termination last June.

Jerry Weber, UNL associate head trainer; George Sullivan, UNL head trainer; and Dr. Lonnie Albers, an independent contractor designated as the director of athletic medicine, are all named in the suit.

Conley is seeking back pay, benefits, \$300,000 from NU and \$250,000 each from Weber, Sullivan and Albers.

She said her termination stemmed from the fall 1991 discrimination suit which claimed she was not given the same wages and benefits as men in similar situations, received a smaller

salary, and received no car.

In 1992, the university agreed to increase her salary, provide her with a vehicle, and pay back wages and compensation for the lack of a vehicle.

In retaliation, Conley said, Albers accused her of unprofessional conduct.

She also alleged athletic department employees suggested she needed counseling, overscrutinized her work and gave her assignments that were not part of her job description.

John Wiltse, NU associate general counsel, said the university would file a response to the suit in two or three weeks.



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In health care reform, Nelson proposed several initiatives, including:

- The use of a standardized claim form.
- The immunization of all Nebraska children to age 5.
- Incentives for rural health care professionals.
- Group health insurance reform for small businesses.
- The repeal of anti-group statutes to allow Nebraskans to buy insurance at group rates.

Nelson said Nebraska was fast becoming a part of the global economy. Several Asian nations are now buying Nebraska beef.

Nelson stressed growth and opportunities. He said an April 6 international trade conference would allow

all Nebraska businesses to discuss global trade opportunities.

Nebraska boasted a strong economy and the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, Nelson said. However, the state government cannot stop there, he said.

"We must continue to create jobs and strengthen Nebraska's economic position as a local producer and a world provider," he said.

Sen. C.N. "Bud" Robinson of Blair said Nelson's plan would face some debate in the Legislature. Robinson said many state senators shared Nelson's views on the tax issue.

"I can guarantee I won't move for one," Robinson said. "(Nelson) certainly won't stand for any tax increase."

Robinson said he thought Nelson would veto any measure to raise taxes that comes out of the Legislature.

Crime and social issues should not be delayed because of the election year, Robinson said. Nelson has expressed interest in re-election, but has not officially entered the race.

Senator Gerald Matzke of Sidney, said he respected Nelson for having the political leadership to propose such an aggressive agenda, even in an election year.

Matzke said reforms in juvenile justice and the welfare system were critical issues to be faced this session.

"On those two issues, I think he is showing extraordinary leadership," he said.

Because the budget for the 1994 session would be lean, Nelson said he took a fiscally responsible approach to his reform initiatives.

"Nebraskans are proud and persistent people," he said. "Our hope for the future rests in our ability to weather the storms and move ahead."

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Phone line lets students check on loan arrivals

By Brian Sharp
Staff Reporter

A phone line, not a long line, is now all that stands between University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and finding out if their loan checks have arrived.

Jan. 6 was the first day on-line for the Loan Check Disbursement Service giving students information they need about the arrival of their loan checks.

Students can call 472-4444 on a touch-tone phone to check on the status of their checks.

After callers enter their student ID numbers, the computer attempts to match the numbers to checks that are available. The computer voice then informs students if the check is in, which check it is, and when and where they can pick it up. John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, said long lines of students just waiting to find out if their loan checks were in prompted the office to add the service.

"I think it's going to be a tremendous asset to students," Beacon said. "They can sit in their dorm room instead of trekking over here (to the administration building) all the time."

Because the system has four lines, there should be no problem getting through, he said.

The new number can be called any time, and the information is updated daily, except on weekends.

It took the scholarship office about a month of programming to get the system running smoothly, Beacon said, but the wait was well worth it.

"We're really excited about this. It's just one thing, but I think it's one thing that will service students a great deal," he said.

After spring semester checks are distributed, the system will be re-evaluated and necessary adjustments, if any, will be made.

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