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ary arguing for the status quo," he said.

Jensen said change was needed. "I think we need some more differ-

entiation in our grading system ... especially in the graduate courses," he said. "(Unfortunately) we end up with GPAs that are very uninformative.

"You are losing information," Jensen said. "The finer the scale you are using, the less information is lost."

Culture

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in the past, jazz was recognized as jungle noise. You have to judge art by the standard in which it was created," he said.

"There needs to be a renewed commitment to include contributions of those persons of color in all aspects of the curriculum."

Murray said the history of black people was not hidden.

"We (Africans) are a beautiful people, creative and diverse. Our achievements are here for people to see. ... We must recognize, identify, celebrate them."

Following Murray's address was a panel discussion about the on-campus relations between African and African-American students.

The panel was moderated by CoSandra McNeal, a graduate student in sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"The purpose of the panel is to bring together African and African-American students to discuss their interactions here on the university campus," she said.

McNeal said African and African-American students at UNL did not regularly interact with one another.

"Through the discussion we hope

to try to find a solution to bring the two communities together," she said. "We want to promote unity."

Panelist and anthropology graduate student Jules Motembo Kitoy, an African, said that since he had been at UNL, it had been easier for him to interact with white students than to interact with African Americans.

"It's rare to have an African-American student smile at you," he said. "What's the problem?"

African-American panelist Sherman Robertson, an anthropology graduate student, said he had interacted with people from various African nations. He said the problem was mutual poor communication.

"It's a fact of each of us reaching out toward each other," he said. "We have a legitimate bond. We need to reaffirm that bond."

Cassim Masi, president of the African Students Association, said previous attempts to unite the cultures had failed. Masi referred to last year's African Summit that was supposed to become an annual event.

He said panel discussions like Friday's event opened the gates of communication for both cultures.

"Conferences like this tend to open up your views," Masi said. "We tend to discuss issues freely. It makes you aware of what was going on before."

Peterson

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projected that between 38 and 52 percent of the U.S. payroll will be directed towards Medicare and Social Security benefits.

Although the projections may look morbid, he said, there is still time to act.

"We are not going to solve the problem by following the theories of the past 12 years," Peterson said.

Instead of "scapegoating the poor" like President Reagan did during his terms, he said, President Clinton has decided to "scapegoat the rich."

Now, Peterson said, about \$375 billion from such things as Social Security is received by those with above-average incomes.

Peterson said he praised the president's effort for putting health care on the national agenda. But there needs to be more than just talk, he said.

"There is a large gap between Washington rhetoric and Washington reality," Peterson said.

Under the new health-care propos-

al, he said, the federal government would pay 82 percent of the cost for retirement to those who retire at 55.

Peterson said although there had been a serious effort by the federal government to come up with accurate health-care cost estimates, it was still difficult for them to be accurate.

"Anybody who has studied America in the last 40 years will notice that cost estimates have always been grossly overestimated," Peterson said.

Americans need to be told that if the cost of health care is not kept under control, he said, they will be forced to save.

Peterson said it was important for the younger generation of Americans to be aware of the health-care issue and its costs.

"I would suggest that young people get the facts and get informed," he said.

Under the new administration, he said, there is a sense that things will get done.

"There is an air of new politics," he said, "and I have no problem with plugging away at the issues."

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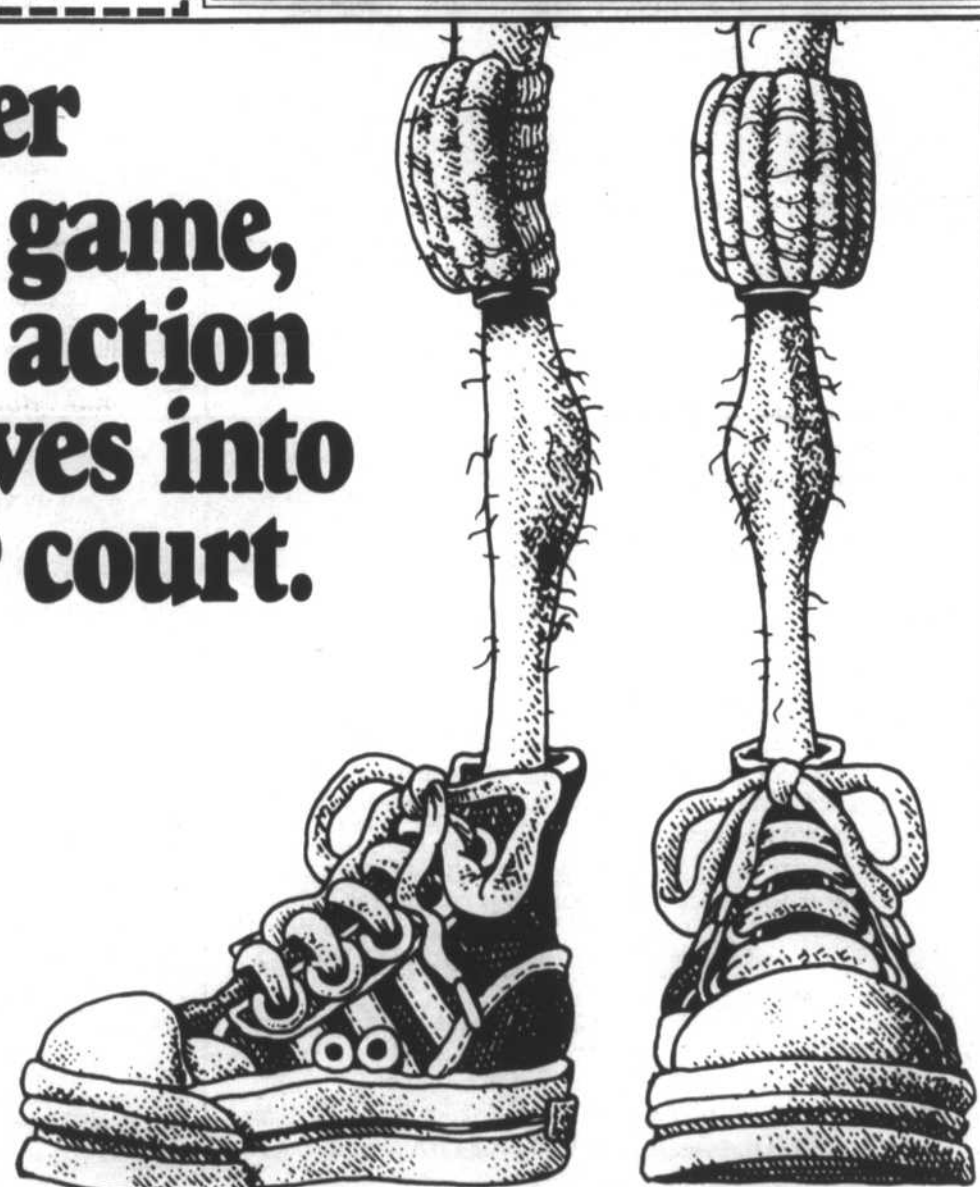
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Networking	Thursday, March 10	3:30 p.m.	Nebr. Union
Cover Letter Writing	Monday, March 14	11:00 a.m.	Nebr. Union
Job Search Strategies	Wednesday, March 30	11:30 a.m.	Nebr. Union
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