

## Powers

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into a plan and then implement them."

As for now, Powers said it was too early to say what types of plans he would implement.

"The needs of Nebraska students will drive the programs and decisions I make."

Trying to be as useful as possible is one of his personal goals at his new position, Powers said.

"I really love higher education. I really care about the students. I want to see how we can help faculty and students at the classroom level."

Before taking his position in Nebraska, Powers was executive director of the Commission for Postsecondary Education in Minnesota.

Powers said the programs he used in Minnesota might not be effective in Nebraska.

"I won't bring down things I did in Minnesota. They simply may not be right for Nebraska. The number one concern is to find out what is right."

To find the needs of UNL students, Powers will be working closely with NU President Dennis Smith and UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier.

"I will work with both Smith and Spanier to identify their perceptions of what UNL students need. I'll need to learn what students at UNL need."

Powers said he planned on working with UNL students to discuss what they see as their needs.

"We are concerned with the question of 'What is the student perspective,'" he said. "The students' futures are why we exist. We'll be partners with students and faculty to try to do the right thing."

## UNL women to influence U.N.

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Staff Reporter

Women from all over the world will meet next September in Beijing to discuss the progress of women in the world. Ideas of UNL students and leaders will be there.

Delegates from nations worldwide will meet in the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace. They will discuss the progress of women and women's issues in the last decade.

Judith Kriss, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Center, said the center was holding three sessions to develop action proposals for the United Nations.

The conference, sponsored by the U.N. General Assembly, is being organized by the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. That body represents 45 U.N. member states and meets annually to discuss ways to improve the world status of women.

Conference delegates will create a "Platform for Action" to discuss

major obstacles to the advancement of women.

The objectives of the preliminary sessions at UNL are to expose delegates to the United Nations' role in the advancement of women, to provide local ideas for global advancement and to identify important local and campus issues affecting women, Kriss said.

Presidents and leaders of campus organizations are among the delegates that will attend the Lincoln sessions, Kriss said. About 30 delegates attended the first session last Sunday.

The delegates at the first UNL session talked about issues ranging from health care, safety and child care to racism and ethics, media images and domestic violence, Kriss said.

"These issues not only concern UNL, but Lincoln in general," she said.

A second session Nov. 6 will focus on women's health but also will discuss in more detail issues from the first session.

The third session will focus on

leadership and education. Delegates will develop a final document to define their concerns.

This document will be given to the Nebraska delegate to the Beijing conference, Emilia Gonzalez-Clements.

Committees like Nebraska's will submit documents to form a treaty that will be presented to the United Nations. Each U.N.-member country will receive a copy of the treaty to ratify.

"Out of 184 total countries, the U.S. is one of the 39, which has not ratified the 1975 treaty," Kriss said.

That treaty was created in a similar conference 19 years ago.

Only former President Carter and President Clinton have submitted the treaty to Congress for ratification.

"The defining moment was when I realized that there are women doing exactly what we are doing," Kriss said. "Groups like the 30 of us are happening all over the world."

Kriss said it gave her "the feeling of contributing to something big, really big."

"And we're part of it."

## Museum

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tion after we were given a provisional accreditation a few years ago," she said.

Grew said she had met with the museum faculty and curators "to keep up the momentum that the museum has established."

Grew said she was working with the museum staff to appoint an interim director and may make an announcement later this week. She declined to identify the candidates under consideration.

The museum will conduct a national search for a permanent successor, Grew said, and local candidates will be considered.

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