

# ASUN approves new committee

By Melanie Brandert  
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ASUN senators Wednesday approved bylaw changes to form a Freshman Impact Committee and a roundtable of student organization presidents.



Shawn Tell Hurlgen, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, told senators the committee members, which would consist of freshmen, would educate and reach out to new students about ASUN's services.

The committee would be comprised of a chairman and co-chairmen, similar to the current make-up of the Government Liaison Commit-

tee, Hurlgen said. The chairman would serve as an ASUN executive. Hurlgen said she came up with the idea for the committee after attending a student government conference in Texas last month.

She said she hoped freshmen would be able to apply for a position on the committee as soon as New Student Enrollment began this summer.

About 25-30 members would serve on the committee, Hurlgen said, but those numbers could change depending on the number of people who apply during the next two years.

She said committee members would be educated about services that most students were familiar with and those they did not know about. "Most people don't know there's free legal help and tutor lists that they can get help from," Hurlgen said.

She said the committee also would be a way for freshmen to get in-

volved. New students would be able to hear about ASUN's services from their peers, Hurlgen said.

"It would be a group of freshmen telling their peers about what the organization does instead of people like me that have been involved in the system since I got here," she said.

Another bylaw change passed by the senate would set up a discussion group between presidents of student organizations on campus.

Hurlgen said the roundtable was a way of hearing the presidents' concerns. She also said she would offer office hours three days a week for presidents to meet with her.

"It's very important that we as representatives from ASUN have an open door policy this year," she said. "If there is something that they want to be represented on, or want you to represent them on, they'll come and share their ideas."

# Lecturer: Media stereotypes Jews

By Chad Lorenz  
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While the American mass media portrays Jews as intelligent, it depicts them as having physical and personal inadequacies, a speaker at a Judaic Studies Lecture said Wednesday evening.

Sander Gilman, a professor at the University of Chicago, cited examples of movies and television shows that he said stereotyped Jews. They are shown as smart, but thin, weak, neurotic and sexually dysfunctional, he said.

"Smart means ineffectual. Smart means weak. Smart means not quite good enough," Gilman said.

He said television shows like "Murphy Brown" and "Northern Exposure" depicted Jewish characters Miles Silverberg and Joel Fleischman in that sense.

In Hollywood, actor Woody Allen typically plays a clever, but sexually ineffectual Jew, Gilman said.

Gilman said those stereotypes especially were apparent in the films "Schindler's List" and "Quiz Show."

He said that in "Schindler's List," the appearances of the two main characters, Oskar Schindler and Itzhak Stern, contrasted.

Schindler was shown as sexy, strong and elegant, while Stern was portrayed as weak and ill, Gilman said.

Reading excerpts from the book by Thomas Keneally, Gilman said "Stern spoke softly, learnedly," and had "a thin, scholarly look."

"Keneally's words, not mine," Gilman said.

The movie's theme portrays Jews as inferior, he said, since Schindler, the virtuous Christian, rescued the weak Jewish masses.

The film "Quiz Show" dealt with the absence of virtue combined with intelligence, Gilman said.

Two characters were Jewish: Herb Stempel, a cheating contestant, and Rich Goodwin, a detective who exposes the scandal.

One was shown as virtuous, the other deceptive, he said, but both were intelligent.

"Quiz Show" was the movie version of (the book) "The Bell Curve" and an extension of "Schindler's List," Gilman said.

Gilman ended his lecture by answering a question he presented earlier: "Are the Jews really smarter?"

"Only if the culture in which they dwell wants them to be," Gilman said.

The hidden truth behind the media's portrayal of Jews lay in context, he said.

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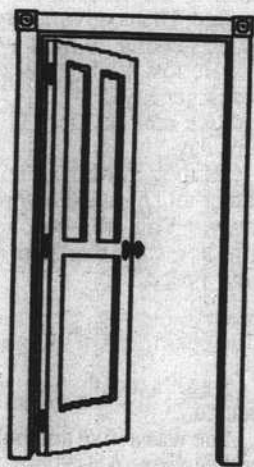
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