

Foreign students will get a lesson in democracy

By Michaela Pieler
Staff Reporter

A new program by UNL's International Affairs office will allow foreign students to promote democratic ideas in their home countries, an IA director said.

Yenbo Wu, director for international student programs and recruitment, said he created the program "American Democracy for International Students" to fill a gap in the education of the 1,250 international students on campus.

"When our students leave UNL, they have learned a lot about American society and culture," he said. "But they only have a very superficial understanding of our democratic system."

"They are not able to influence the democratic process in their countries."

While UNL succeeds in exporting degrees, it fails in exporting ideas, he said.

The new project, Wu said, will allow students "to take home our most precious and noble export — democracy."

The free program, sponsored by IA and the International Student Organization, will begin in March and run until November. Wu said he expected about 30 participants to meet once or twice a month.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska campaign debate on March 4 will lead off the democracy program, Wu said.

Later in March, students will attend a hearing of Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature and participate in a discussion, chaired by UNL journalism professor Mike Stricklin, with newspaper editors and TV reporters about the role of the media in the political process.

In spring and early summer, several workshops (on financing campaigns and elections, for example), party conventions and campaign speeches are scheduled.

A tour to a voting site and visits of each party's headquarters after the presidential election in November will conclude the program, Wu said.

"The election will be the focus of the whole program," he said. "We want our students to understand how an American president is born."

"Our program will make them understand the democratic system at all levels."

Wu said IA would mail flyers about the program to all international students by the end of this week. He said he encouraged all of them to sign up at IA's front desk by March 2 or by calling 472-5358.

Women to present their work

By Eva Nekovar
Staff Reporter

The third annual Women's Studies Conference, titled "No Limits: We are the stories we tell," opens today and Saturday.

Kristin Mapel-Bloomberg, conference committee co-chairwoman, said the conference, sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Women's Studies Association, would consist of 23 sessions, each about 90 minutes long, with three women in each session.

Each speaker will have a different topic, Mapel-Bloomberg said.

Mapel-Bloomberg said the two sessions she was especially excited about were "Women in World Literature," today at 2:40 p.m., and "Family Pres-

sure and Motherhood," Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Keynote speaker and UNL alumna Londa Schiebinger will speak today at 11:30 a.m.

Schiebinger is a professor of history at Penn State University and author of "Nature's Body: Gender in the Making of Modern Science."

"We want to adhere to women studies which would be truly open, unquestionably inter-disciplinary and able to accommodate traditional and non-traditional topics and presentations from a wide variety of academics disciplines," Mapel-Bloomberg said.

"The committee feels this provides a place for scholars and artists to present their work without the need of focus on credentials of academic affiliations."

Some other sessions are "Women in the Press," Saturday at 9 a.m., and "LesBiGay," Saturday at 4:05 p.m.

Lora Savery, a women's studies and English major, said she thought it was important to hear other women's voices.

"I will be able to see other women and scholars in the academic community," she said.

Savery will be presenting "Feminist publishing companies," Saturday at 9 a.m.

"It is important for women to be heard. There are so many fields where women do not get enough recognition," Savery said.

The conference — which attracted about 200 men and women last year — will be held in the Nebraska East Union. Admission is free to everyone.

Seating

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Bell said members of the department and ASUN met to discuss the standing problem and other issues.

"The standing was out of control," she said.

Shawntell Hurtgen, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said she was pleased that seating would stay the same.

"It's great they made the effort to get student opinion," Hurtgen said.

To handle future discussions with the Athletic Department, she said, a new ASUN committee has been formed.

The Athletic Department Commit-

tee of ASUN will work with the Athletic Department to provide student input on issues such as marketing and tickets.

The committee, which stemmed from controversy over student seating changes, will consist of seven student representatives from a variety of organizations and interests on campus.

Student representatives include one member from the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, the Residence Hall Association and three other students.

The members will be selected from applications received by March 8. ASUN's first vice president will head the committee.

Jon Scheve, the ASUN senator who drafted the bill to form the committee, said it would be critical next year.

"This next year is going to be pivotal for the Athletic Department and their relationships with students," Scheve said. "We want to try to dissolve this image that the Athletic Department is against students and instead, work with them on many issues."

Scheve said the committee would be fully formed and begin meeting with the Athletic Department by April.

"I expect that the committee will meet at least once each month and even more often if an important issue pops up," he said.

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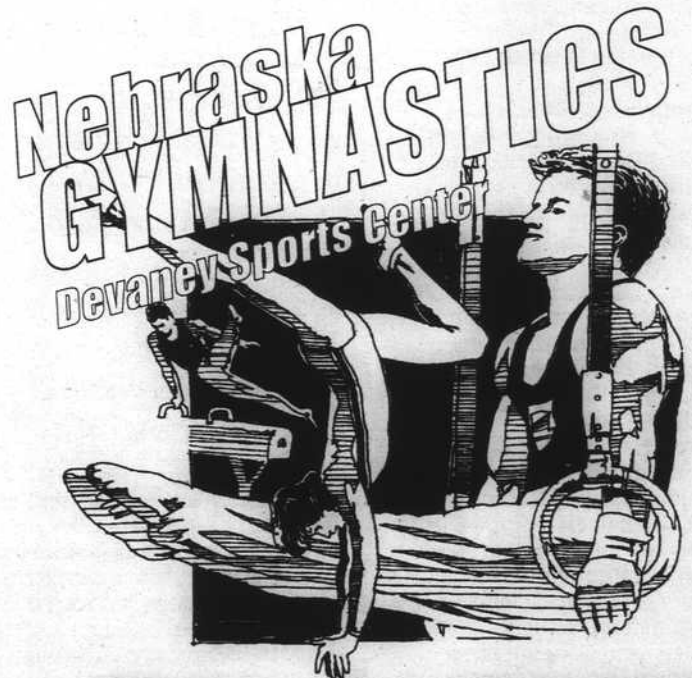
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