

Gathering to laud women

By Joy Ludwig
Staff Reporter

UNL is marking National Women's History Month with several speakers and a leadership conference today through March 12.

Judith Kriss, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Center, said this time would give everybody an opportunity to concentrate on women's issues and celebrate women's achievements in leadership.

In what are called "Circles of Influence," Kriss said, several women speakers will discuss traditional and non-traditional issues of women and where they play leadership roles.

The issues will cover everything from health and human services to communication, education, art and humanities, law and politics, religion, science and technology.

Even though the speakers will discuss those issues, they want the students to bring their opinions and perspectives into the circles, Kriss said.

"The main idea is that we all have something to say," Kriss said. "People will come away from the circles feeling empowered."

Besides the speakers, she said, a reception will honor International Women's Day on Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multicultural Affairs Office.

Then on Saturday, a Women's Leadership Conference will be held in the Wick Alumni Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The theme, "Dimensions of Women's Leadership," will be discussed by the keynote speaker, Dolores Simpson-Kirkland, a counselor at Park Middle School.

She will speak about women's leadership from a personal and professional perspective, said Amie Haggar, the coordinator of the conference.

The conference also will include small-group discussions, three themed workshops, a panel discussion and the presentation of a scholarship award for women's leadership at UNL.

Haggar said many topics, such as gender, communication, conflict resolution and a holistic perspective on women's leadership, would be discussed by other speakers.

"The purpose of the conference is to assist students in developing their leadership skills, as well as provide the opportunity for students to exchange their ideas, perspectives and goals with other students, leaders and professionals," Haggar said.

The Women's Center, Student Involvement and the Office of University Housing are sponsoring the conference, which requires pre-registration and a small fee.

More information on any of these events is available from the Women's Center at 472-2597.

Peace Corps alumni say experiences vary

By Heidi White
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Thirty-five years ago, President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps, saying: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Ever since, more than 140,000 Americans have given two years of their lives to aid people in more than 120 developing countries.

An anniversary celebration was held Monday night in the Nebraska Union with cultural booths set up by former volunteers, speakers and a performance from a Turkish dance troupe.

Of the 7,100 volunteers now serving, 31 are University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduates, said Jeffery Martin, public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps recruiting office in Denver.

Herb Probasco, a 1961 UNL graduate and editor of the Daily Nebraskan during the 1960-61 year, was among the first of the Peace Corps volunteers from UNL.

"I had gotten to know quite a few foreign students and got interested in spending time in a foreign country," Probasco said.

He chose the Peace Corps to fulfill that interest and served from 1962-64 in the Philippines as an elementary English teacher's aide.

He said he was quite idealistic and assumed there would be a lot for him and the other volunteers to do. His experience was different than most, however, because the Philippines already had a developed school system.

"It wasn't our mission to pioneer a lot of change," Probasco said.

Neil Jacobson, a 1988 graduate of Morehead State University, had quite a different experience when he served from 1989-91 in Kenya as a small business adviser.

Jacobson spent two days a week teaching business classes and three days traveling in the area working on projects to develop businesses geared toward Kenya's growing tourism trade.

He said volunteers' experiences could vary.

"If you are able to be open-minded, you can gain more from it," Jacobson said.

More information on the Peace Corps is available from UNL campus representative Ruth Ann Thompson at 472-3201 or 475-3096.

Sessions help part-time students

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

Non-traditional students can gather information about UNL's undergraduate programs this week during Part-time Student Week.

Deanna B. Eversoll, director of Evening Programs and Lifelong Services, said convenience was the key to the week's activities.

"It's an opportunity for students to meet with faculty and advisers all in one room," she said.

Last year, 2,238 day and evening part-time students with declared majors attended UNL, Eversoll said.

Four free sessions are scheduled throughout the week in the Clifford Hardin Nebraska Center for Continuing Education on East Campus.

An advising night for College of

Business Administration students kicked off the week Monday, and the week will continue with the Adults Back-to-College Workshop today from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Omaha Room.

Representatives from several UNL colleges and offices will be available, as well as representatives from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

On Wednesday, students interested in earning credit through UNL's Summer Reading Program will be able to meet with faculty and advisers and register for classes between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Nebraska Room.

The program offers courses in anthropology, classics, educational psychology, English, family and consumer sciences, history, political sci-

ence, psychology and sociology.

The final session, the College Majors and Related Careers Workshop, will provide information for students to explore and choose a particular college major and career.

Adult students also will be able to look at practical issues involved in returning to college and changing a career.

This session will be Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Columbus Room East.

Eversoll said students had different motivations for attending UNL part-time, but they shared one goal—graduation.

"Many of these students have different financial or time limitations," she said, "but they all want to walk away with a degree."

Peter cited for alleged assault

KEARNEY (AP)—Former Nebraska football player Christian Peter was cited for third-degree misdemeanor assault after he allegedly grabbed a woman by the neck this weekend.

No formal charges have been filed, Buffalo County Deputy Attorney Amy Jacobsen said Monday.

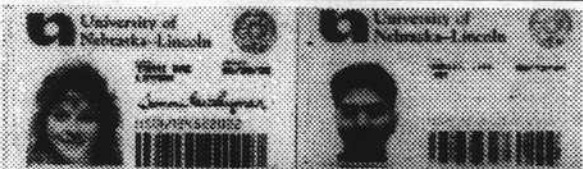
The defensive lineman was in Kearney on Saturday to attend a fund-raiser sponsored by the Platte Valley Big Red Boosters. The organization was raising money for scholarships.

The incident occurred later that night at a bar called Einsteins, Capt. Dan Lynch said. He did not know what, if anything, sparked the alleged incident.

Jacobsen said she would review the report and decide later this week whether charges will be filed.

A defensive tackle from Locust, N.J., Peter was found guilty in 1993 of third-degree sexual assault against a former Miss Nebraska. He pleaded no contest at the time and was sentenced to 18 months probation.

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