

# Committee name changed

## ASUN meets for final time of semester

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An emergency-status bylaw changing the name of the Freshman Impact Committee to the Freshman Action Committee was among the issues dealt with at ASUN's final meeting of the semester Wednesday night.

The name change reflects the current ACTION party of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

But before Bylaw A was passed, it generated a small debate among ASUN senators, some of whom said the name change negatively re-

flected the dominance of the party that won the ASUN election.

"If you are going to change the name of this every year, it makes it look like this is nothing more than an election issue," said Andrew DeLancey, a senator representing the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

But a majority of ASUN senators said the name change was simply a name change and nothing more.

"I don't think the name of the committee is the issue," said campus life committee chairwoman Amy Rager. "It doesn't change the committee's purpose."

The bylaw was passed by a clear majority in a voice vote.

In other ASUN news, Government Bill No. 3 was passed, commending Joan Leitzel, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, for her service to the University of

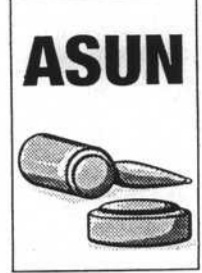
Nebraska-Lincoln.

"While many individuals are glad for her that she's moving on, we are also saddened that she is leaving UNL," ASUN President Eric Marintzer said.

Frank Kuhn, assistant director of operations of the Nebraska Union, was thanked in Government Bill No. 4 for his 37 years of dedication to the university.

ASUN also approved 21 appointments. Nine appointments were made by Marintzer, and the remaining dozen were made by the Appointments Board.

A senate bill was passed unanimously to grant recognition to the student organizations AgLEC (Ag. Leadership, Education and Communication Graduate Student Association), NERDS (Nebraska Educators Really Doing Science) and the 3D Studio Users Group.



# Lecture to compare black, white families

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A professor from Harvard will speak at UNL today about his 20 years of research comparing black and white families.

Dr. Charles Vert Willie's lecture, titled "A New Look at Black and White Families: A Comparative Perspective," will compare different aspects of black and white family life, said Brian Wilcox, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center on Children, Families & the Law.

Willie is the vice president of the American Sociology Association and a professor of education and urban studies in the graduate school of education at Harvard.

"He's one of the few people to do direct comparative research (on the subject)," Wilcox said.

Willie said his research had taken several directions, including his "theory of complementarity," which

explains how "dominant and subdominant groups in the same socio-economic status" adapt to life.

"No group is sufficient to go it alone," Willie said.

Willie also has developed a theory of school desegregation called "Controlled Choice," which he said he would share at the lecture if people expressed interest.

Willie said the lecture was directed toward the entire university community.

The objective of the lecture is to bring some of the foremost research on family life to UNL, Wilcox said, and "to challenge people to think more about the issues facing families in the 1990s."

This is Willie's first visit to UNL.

The lecture is at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Willie will speak for about 45 minutes and then answer questions.

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# Computer kiosk to help Nebraskans find work

From Staff Reports

A computer kiosk unveiled Wednesday will put Nebraska welfare recipients into the 21st century in their efforts to find employment.

Gov. Ben Nelson unveiled the "Employment First Kiosk" Wednesday morning during a ceremony in the lobby of the Lincoln-Lancaster Department of Social Services.

"Nebraska's welfare reform efforts will truly be successful if we can help recipients achieve independence through employment," Nelson said in a press release. "The Employment First Kiosk will provide people with an avenue for attaining personal responsibility by assisting them in efforts to get off of welfare and into the workplace."

The kiosk, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, is the result of a combined effort of the Lincoln-Lancaster Department of Social Services and Nebraska Job Service.

Lancaster County is the first of five counties being phased into the "Employment First" welfare reform program, which is expected to go state-wide by 1997.

A legislative bill adopted in 1995, LB455, requires welfare recipients in Nebraska to fill out a self-sufficiency

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Governor

contract that says they will seek employment. The kiosk offers welfare recipients one more chance to find employment.

A touch-sensitive computer screen is used to select topics such as job search, interviewing tips, resume preparation, employment rights, young adult opportunities and general information about jobs.

Dan Dolan, commissioner of the Department of Labor, emphasized in the release that the kiosk was easy to use.

"Every client that comes into the Social Services office, young or old, job ready or not, can look at jobs available in Lincoln and across the nation."

# Archbishop: Abortion backers could lose church privileges

OMAHA (AP) — A second high-ranking church official in Nebraska will warn Catholics this weekend that public support of abortion and euthanasia or ordination of women could bring consequences.

Catholics in the Omaha Archdiocese will not be allowed to teach, serve communion or serve on parish councils if they publicly differ with church teachings on the three issues. The message from Archbishop Elden Curtiss will be delivered this weekend in a letter to be read at all Masses.

Curtiss stopped short of the position taken last month by Lincoln Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz, who said Catholics who belonged to any of 12 forbidden groups faced excommunication. Curtiss does not mention excommunication in his letter, a copy of which was obtained by the Omaha World-Herald and reported in Thursday's editions. Curtiss was out of town Wednesday.

Curtiss also does not single out specific groups, except the Masons. Catholics may not belong to Masonic lodges, Curtiss said, but he did not spell out a penalty for membership.

"Catholics who support abortion and euthanasia place themselves in direct opposition to church doctrine regarding the obligation to support human life from conception to natural death," the letter states.

"Therefore, any Catholics in this archdiocese who publicly support abortion or euthanasia may not be in any

teaching, ministerial or liturgical ministry, or be a member of any parish or archdiocesan council."

Liturgical ministries include serving communion, reading Scriptures and leading music.

The same rules also would be forbidden to Catholics who publicly disagree with Pope John Paul II's teaching that the church cannot ordain women to priesthood.

Curtiss oversees Catholic parishes in Omaha and northeast Nebraska. The Rev. Michael Gutsell, chancellor of the archdiocese, said the prohibition would cover parish councils, parish finance councils and other groups that speak for the parish.

Though the letter does not specify a consequence for Masonic membership, Gutsell noted that Curtiss cited a 1983 church document stating that Catholics who belonged to the Masons could not receive communion.

Curtiss affirms the discipline of celibacy in his letter but does not spell out any penalty for dissent on that point. He also rejects giving lay people a role in selection of their bishops.

Lay people are consulted in a number of matters in the archdiocese, Curtiss says.

"However, the selection of bishops is quite another matter because it involves the universal communion of bishops with the Pope. This takes the process out of the political arena and popular vote."