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Faculty talks to Moeser on diversity

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Faculty and staff urged Chancellor James Moeser to pressure departments to hire more women in senior-level positions during two open forums Tuesday.

They also called for improvements in the campus climate for minorities and women, and asked to continue campus safety efforts.

Ann Mari May, associate professor of economics, said women still faced discrimination by faculty, and that most women did not report offenses to department heads.

This year, one male professor complained to students about "all these bitches taking away our jobs," May said. The professor apologized, but already alienated female students, she said.

"These problems are not 10 years old," May said. "They're still happening. I think we're experiencing a backlash against women."

Helen Moore, chairwoman and professor of sociology, said many departments have few female faculty members to provide professional leadership for women.

The chancellor responded by citing 44 percent of positions at UNL filled by women in the last year.

But Moore said women were concentrated in the lower staff and faculty positions.

Moeser brought up evidence of progress, including the campuswide sexual harassment policy the university approved last year and a reduction in campus crime.

In the wake of an alleged rape at the Sigma Nu fraternity, audience members at the forum expressed concern that sexual harassment and discrimination crimes still pervade the campus.

"We know that people's lives here are penetrated by harassment whether verbal or physical," Moore said.

The chancellor said he and his committee worked on many fronts to reduce such offenses. For instance, many greek houses have signed alcohol and drug-free contracts, he said.

Moeser said several fraternities still adhere to an "Animal House" situation, however.

"I'm told that rape was almost predictable in terms of the behavior taking place in (the Sigma Nu) house that night."

Leafing through the pages



SCOTT BRUHN/DN

CHUCK FEILMEIER, a senior computer engineering major, takes advantage of Tuesday's weather and studies outside before class. Feilmeier said he likes to study outside "whenever it's nice enough."

Colleges learn to deal with violent crimes

From The Collegian
Pennsylvania State University

University officials say counseling helps students handle the crimes.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The shooting at State College almost two weeks ago was not the first time the peace and safety of a college campus exploded in gunfire.

Campuses across the country have had similar experiences in the past five years — the most recent at the University of Northern Colorado.

Joseph Gallegos, 18, took his ex-girlfriend and four other students hostage less than two

weeks ago in their dormitory. The man allegedly shot his three roommates less than 24 hours earlier, then drove across the state to see his girlfriend.

He shot his girlfriend in the foot. The other students were unharmed when the gunman was shot by police as he stuck his head out of the dorm room window.

Representatives from several universities sent their thoughts and sympathy recently to Penn State, remembering how they dealt with their tragedies.

On Sept. 18, Jillian Robbins, 19, shot and killed Melanie Spalla, 19, and injured Nicholas Mensah, 27. Spalla and Mensah were students, but Robbins did not attend the college.

Rick Moore, director of university relations at San Diego State University, said counseling

needs to be made available for everyone to deal with the incident.

"You need to be aggressive with counseling, otherwise some people who really need it may not get it," said Moore.

Last spring, San Diego State University provided counseling after a graduate student, who was defending his doctoral dissertation, shot three professors at a committee hearing.

In 1993, at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, a student who was at a disciplinary hearing shot and injured three people — including a police officer, before the officer shot and killed him.

Lisa Allen-Hogensen, head dispatcher at Weber State University, agreed counseling is

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Late night, afternoon are peak times for crime



MATTHEW WAITE/DN

CPL. BRIAN SCUSA keeps watch at last Saturday's football game against Colorado State.

This is part three of a five-part series about crime on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

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Cpl. Doug Petersen hasn't missed a home football game since he joined the University of Nebraska Police Department 18 years ago.

He's worked every game, dealing with fans too drunk to cheer or too rowdy to stay in the stands.

Home-game Saturdays are busy for police officers all over Lincoln, but in terms of campus crime, game days are no busier than other days — even with more than 76,000 extra people on campus.

Peak times for police activity, in terms of reported incidents, are between midnight and 1 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Police officers say the hours between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. are when students and faculty leave campus and find their cars vandalized or bikes stolen. After midnight, they say, it's usu-

ally problems with people coming home from the bars.

But Sgt. Bill Manning, operations officer for the campus police department, is quick to point out that the database of police records does not include calls for service.

UNLPD fielded 60,000 calls for service in 1995 and filed more than 2,000 reports. Calls for service can include people locking their keys in cars and buildings and assisting motorists.

The vast majority of calls for service come during the day shift, Manning said, during low-reporting hours. During the evening and night shifts, he said, calls for service go down, and more serious calls go up.

Manning said when it comes to time of day, the report file does not tell the whole tale. Day shift officers have more total calls than the evening and night shifts combined.

Day shift incidents that require reports are few, but calls for service are many. Evening and night shifts, Manning said, are dispatched to incidents that require more than one officer on the scene, such as assaults and domestic distur-

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