

Meeting spurs debate on climate for women athletes

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damaged the reputation of UNL seriously," Ford said. "We hired somebody to come in and look at the athletic department, and they said everything was fine."

But everything isn't fine, Ford said. Ford said women athletes may have felt uncomfortable talking to the male NCAA representative who interviewed women on campus.

Faculty may have been hesitant to report problems to someone they knew was hired by Bill Byrne, Ford said. The investigator may have also spent too much time looking at statistics (such as how much money is spent on women's sports) instead of individual

situations.

"Now there are continuing stories of harassment that come out," Ford said.

For example, Ford said the chancellor had heard of problems at the athletic training table, where many athletes eat. Women had to walk the length of the room while being verbally harassed by men, Ford said, and there were very few women who ate at the training table.

Ford said the athletic department reorganized the training table and made sure there was a better balance of men and women. He agreed with the caucus—those changes were not enough.

"You shouldn't have to rearrange the training table," he said. "You need

to rearrange the minds of the males."

John Bender, assistant news-editorial professor and a member of the Academic Senate, said athletes have undergone "intense sensitivity training."

Moeser responded to critics by calling in another consultant, probably a woman, to review the climate for women in the athletic department.

The chancellor does have a committee specifically set up to deal with women's issues. Members of the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women include faculty and students who consult him on matters such as the climate for female athletes.

Associate economics professor and chairwoman of the Faculty Women's

Caucus Mary McGarvey said some members of the committee (who are also in the caucus) have told her they don't feel empowered to make changes. Because only one committee member is tenured, some are afraid to speak out, and some feel obligated to support the chancellor because it is officially his committee, McGarvey said.

"There's a sense that they're behooved to the chancellor," McGarvey said.

Moeser has been reluctant to meet with the Women's Faculty Caucus. Moeser said he thought talking with the women's committee was adequate, and the caucus was not an official campus group.

McGarvey said if Moeser wanted to convince women that they're a priority, he should look into getting more funds for hiring women as associate or full professors.

"When chancellors do make issues priorities, things tend to get done," McGarvey said.

Moeser said women's issues were a priority. "I'm very concerned about the climate for women on this campus," he said.

Moeser said McGarvey recently had thanked him for bringing up the issue of paid maternity leave at a meeting. He said he hadn't been aware of any problems.

"I'm really sorry she took another position when I wasn't there."

Student makes fragrance, image for men, women

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-ing him out, he said, and he had some money from investments he made in high school.

Loquett should be on Lincoln shelves in less than a year, he said.

Malcom's "small start" is 20,000 bottles. They will eventually sell for about \$29 for 1.7 oz. Interested buyers on the East Coast are calling, Malcom said, and he spends about three hours a day on the phone

with potential buyers and advertising agencies.

"I don't know if it will sell better than CKOne; that's big time," Malcom said. "But it's a good image fragrance for men and women."

And at the very least, if his fragrance doesn't sell as quickly as he expects, Malcom will have some good-smelling friends and relatives.

"I guess I'll have a lot of Christmas gifts ready."

Students hope to promote campus diversity

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achieve a unified campus, she said.

Adams said participants planned to form a political student group that could represent the student body better than current campus organizations.

She said participants were all very politically concerned students who Adams hopes will work to reverse a lack of minority representation in the administration, faculty and curriculum.

"The curriculum is very biased and needs to be changed," Adams said. "You can take an English course and not have to read a woman author or a work that's not Western."

Benjamin Wallace, a sophomore

French and English major, said the retreat was "an awesome experience" that dealt with a lot of diverse ideas.

Wallace said he was excited about forming a group that could accurately represent all students and effect changes on campus.

"Unknowingly, we put together a representation of the majority of students at UNL," Wallace said. "And we're all willing to make a difference."

Harris said although the group could be the most effective at promoting diversity through grassroots efforts on campus, students have limited power at a university.

"If the leadership at the top doesn't

believe diversity is vital to our campus, we will see gains that are marginal at best," Harris said.

Tina Vergil, a junior member of the Mexican American Students Association, said hearing about campus diversity concerns at the retreat was good for participants with no previous exposure to diverse groups.

The overall success of the retreat will be evident later, if students follow through with their yearlong commitment to promoting cultural understanding, Vergil said.

"Everyone made the commitment," she said. "I just hope that they follow through with it."

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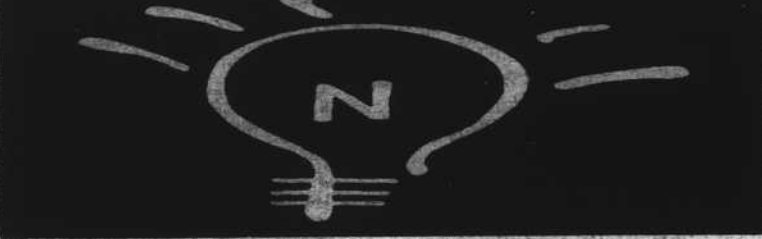
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