

Speaker examines views on 'adversary cultures'

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In-depth discussion about adversary cultures and a heated debate that followed were the highlights of Paul Hollander's speech in Henzlik Hall Wednesday.

Hollander was brought to UNL by the Nebraska Association of Scholars to give a speech about the research he did for his book, "The Survival of the Adversary Culture."

Hollander said he defined an adversary culture based on the predisposition that the United States is the most unjust society history has ever known.

Hollander's speech particularly centered on how that adversary culture and political correctness were prevalent on college campuses.

Some of the ideological trends that Hollander talked about were multiculturalism and victimization.

He said that multiculturalism denounces Western civilization, provides social criticism, glorifies non-Western cultures and promotes emphasis on past accomplishments of victim groups.

He said that 85 percent of people in minority cultures are victims, including blacks, Hispanics, homosexuals, women and handicapped people. Only the other 15 percent — white, het-

erosexual males — are not victimized.

Because so many people are victims, Hollander said that people need to realize that social reform and social change are possible.

"People need to realize that social forces can be overcome and that individuals actually have a choice," Hollander said. "People don't have to believe everything they are being told."

After Hollander's speech, the floor was opened for questions, during which audience members debated the dominance of adversity in English and anthropology fields.

William Grange, a UNL theater professor, said he thought the discussion was stimulating.

"I felt the confrontation of opinions added to the debate about these differing ideologies," Grange said.

Even with all the debate, Grange said he thought Hollander showed intellectual poise by not getting upset and angry during the debate or at comments directed at him.

Hollander was a native of Hungary before he came to the United States. Now he is a professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he has taught since 1968. Before teaching at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Hollander taught at Harvard.

Swanson reports benefits of Union renovation plan

By **BRAD DAVIS**
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The director of the Nebraska Unions spoke to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Wednesday night, discussing the advantages the new Nebraska Union will have once construction is completed.

The expansion, which will extend the building to bisect the area where Broyhill Fountain once was, will also give the building a new, 270-foot-long northern face and provide more room for student services and meeting areas, said Director Daryl Swanson.

The administration had planned to build a water sculpture to replace the fountain, and according to Swanson, they will deliver. The new water sculpture will be set in the ground north of the Union and will feature decorative boulders arranged by an architect.

The boulders, which weigh between 10 to 12 tons, were selected from a quarry in South Dakota by Swanson, architects and others involved with the project, he said.

Expansion of the Union will be finished in 1998, but until then students will have no access to the 24-hour computer lab, which will be taken out later this spring, Swanson said.

ASUN senators were concerned with the lack of computers and what students should expect for the beginning of the fall semester. Swanson

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said students would notice excavation work and steel-structure construction.

Five committee chairpersons were elected later in Wednesday's meeting. ASUN President Curt Ruwe called the committee elections "one of the more important functions of ASUN."

Ruwe also announced plans for a new University Leadership Community for leaders of student organizations to voice their concerns and share ideas with ASUN and other groups.

"This is a chance for us to hear what others feel about the university community as a whole, and they get a chance to hear us," Ruwe said.

In other ASUN news:

■ Government Bill No. 5, commending former Residence Hall Association President Jason Harb for his work with RHA and for the university, was passed unanimously.

■ Government Bill No. 6, which also was passed unanimously, recognized the Original Christian Fellowship, Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law Chapter and Student Opportunities and Services Advisory Board as official student organizations.

■ Government Bill No. 7, commending Jason Bynum and Kara Marshall for their work as past vice presidents of ASUN, was passed unanimously.

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