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Hosts give air time to chalking debate

the man that he should voice his opinions, but said the opinions shouldn't be derogatory. They even gave some chalk out to people who came to the

harm they may have called.

Pedersen said, however, that they did not apologize for the show. "These topics need to be dis-

The show featured Alison Knudsen of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Resource Center, and Brian Franz from Someone You Know.

Knudsen said that while they should not have given out the chalk, the "Three Men and German" show did not mean to cause trouble.

"I can think of nothing you said that could be construed as homopho-

Klaus Marre, one of the hosts, said the ignorance displayed on the sidewalks shows there needs to be more

"This is what the show is all about; speaking out what's on your mind," he said. "It would be delusional to think we're going to patch things up.

"But maybe we can help a little."

Conference inspires Hispanics

BY LINDSAY YOUNG Staff Reporter

Five stars dotted the banner hanging at the 15th annual U.S. Hispanic Leadership Conference-They represented diversity, pride, community, unity and empowerment.

Thousands of Hispanic high school and college students gathered in Chicago for the conference Wednesday, and they left Sunday with feelings to match those represented on that banner.

Members of the UNL's Mexican American Student Association who attended the conference said they were excited to bring the enthusiasm from the conference back to the members who didn't attend.

"It empowers everyone who goes, and we try to spread this to the group and get them motivated," Gabrielle Dalton, president of MASA, said.

The conference was held by the Hispanic Leadership Institute.

The importance of voting and becoming involved politically was a major emphasis of the conference, Dalton said.

Various congressmen inspired students to get involved in the political process, said Lori Lopez Urdiales, staff assistant for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Admissions.

Juan Izaguirre, vice president of MASA, said seeing people who have succeeded gave him the motivation to believe he could succeed.

Izaguirre, a sophomore social sciences major, said listening to Hispanic leaders motivated students to graduate from high school and college, and continue to get a doctorate.

Speakers such as Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch - who spoke on campus for Xicano Awareness Week last year - spoke at breakfast, lunch and dinner, keeping the energy up throughout the weekend, Izaguirre said. He said the moti-

MASA president wins Andrade scholarship

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than motivation last weekend at the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago - she was awarded \$1,000 on the first day.

Dalton, president of the Mexican American Student Association, was one of the 30 winners of the Juan Andrade Scholarship. Winners of the scholarship received \$1,000 and an all-expense paid trip to the conference.

Juan Andrade is the president of the Hispanic Leadership Institute, which runs the Chicago conference.

Lori Lopez Urdiales, staff assistant in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Admissions, wrote a recommendation for Dalton and attended the conference.

'Anyone who is from Nebraska was real proud to see most inspiring and greatly moti-Gabe recognized at the conference," Urdiales said. "She real-

workshops and speakers included control of power, establishment of professional relationships, networking and the motivation to get involved and stay involved.

Because 7,000 students from all over the country attended, it was hard for students to meet everyone. As a result the conference sponsored dances and activities to give them a chance to meet more people and network, Izaquirre said.

ly did make us proud."

Requirements for the scholarship include being a full-time undergraduate student, submit-Gabrielle Dalton got more sting an application and a photo, writing an essay and obtaining two letters of recommendation.

Dalton said she thought her involvement with MASA and her work with the Mexican Awareness Through Association the Nebraska at State Penitentiary played a part in receiving the award.

Urdiales said the institute looks for students who are leaders within their community off and on campus, students who excel academically and students who volunteer time with community and campus projects.

She said they also look for students who can organize groups and move toward goals and objectives.

Dalton was the right person to receive the scholarship, Urdiales said.

'I feel Gabe is one of the vated and potential leaders in our community and state."

was motivated.

"(The conference) said 'You can do it and you need to do it," Dalton said. "The pride and unity were definitely there.'

Dalton said MASA members had to do a lot of fund raising for the event, but the members seemed glad that they did it.

"I asked if it was worth it, and they said, 'Definitely - without a doubt," Dalton said.

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Izaguirre said most of the workshops he attended dealt with creating community. He said he learned what people rely on to fulfill needs and wants. And, he said, the conference encouraged the use of the word "we" rather than "I."

The conference started in 1983, and the first organizers expected 300 people to attend, Dalton said. Instead, 600 people showed up for the conference. Attendance has steadily grown over the years.

Dalton said the conference achieved its goal of empowering its participants. She said that aside from Other issues addressed through receiving a lot of information, she

Urdiales agreed.

"Anyone who went for the first time, I feel that they got an inspiring and motivational message - especially the young people who went to continue their education," she said. "One way to empower is through education. The message was very loud and clear."



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