

Ruwe encourages involvement

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ASUN President Curt Ruwe encouraged all senators to take a more active role in senate affairs at Wednesday's ASUN meeting in the Nebraska Union at 6:30 p.m.

Ruwe told senators that more work had to be done despite the "great strides" the senate had made in the past year dealing with issues such as student seating in Memorial Stadium, technology fees, opposing tuition increases, the forming of the Student Impact Team and the promoting of diversity.

He said that some senators had been doing most of the work, and encouraged others to get involved.

"We have done all this using very little of our resources; however there are many untapped human resources," Ruwe said.

He said he did not want to discount the work the senate had already done, but if the senate "stepped it up a notch," he said they could be one of the best student governments the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had ever had.

It took several committed senators, the Student Impact Team and the Afrikan People's Union to sponsor Tuesday night's forum in the Culture Center discussing Coretta Scott King's speech.

SIT Chairwoman Carrie Pierce said the forum was well attended, including 25 to 30 people from SIT.

"Misperceptions were made clear, great ideas were shared and there were a lot of proactive people in the room," Pierce said.

Pierce said the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska and SIT also were circulating a student survey and petition to express student sentiment in honoring Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

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Senator of the Week



Each week, the Daily Nebraskan will feature a member of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Name: Kendall Swenson

Age: 22

Year: Senior

Major: History and Communications

ASUN position: Arts and sciences college senator, chairman of the Committee for Fees Allocation.

Contact information: Call or visit the ASUN office in the Nebraska Union to speak with Swenson about student concerns. Swenson said he was in the office over the lunch hour most weekdays, and Wednesday's from 4:30 to 5:30. The office phone number is (402) 472-2581.

Other involvement: Diversity Council, New Student Enrollment orientation leader. Swenson said he has limited some of his involvement this year to concentrate on his ASUN responsibilities.

Why ASUN is important: Swenson said ASUN was important because it is the "governing body of the students." "It's your access to the regents and the administration," Swenson said. He said ASUN senators were available to listen to student concerns when administrators are often too busy to speak with all students. "We're the way to voice your opinion to the authorities," he said.

Responsibilities in ASUN: As chairman of the Committee for Fees Allocation, Swenson said his biggest responsibility was to make sure all students were represented. "There are so many different categories of people-you have to represent not just your experiences, but everyone's," he said.

Current ASUN projects: Swenson said he wanted to make sure all students "have a say in the fees allocation process." "I want people to know CFA exists - that there's a group that makes these (budget) decisions." He said he wanted to submit a budget that was best for the entire student body.

Biggest challenge facing UNL: Swenson said the biggest challenges facing UNL were twofold. With state budget cuts, Swenson said it would be "hard to keep everyone happy" and keep tuition at an acceptable rate. He said campus diversity and "making everyone feel welcome" were also significant challenges facing the university community. He said some groups felt underrepresented and felt the university (administration) did not care about them.

passed. This bill recognized the Campus Recreation Sports and Clubs Council and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Advisory Board as official student organizations.

Senate Resolution No. 3 was passed by acclamation. This bill extends a "heartfelt thank you" to Metromail Co., African and African-American studies director and sociology Professor Keith Parker for bring-



ing King to campus.

The forum that was scheduled for today at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union is canceled. Ruwe said the forum's purpose was to discuss the King holiday, but the issue had been adequately discussed at Tuesday's forum.

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