

Questions arise over diversity data

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 racial minorities, not just women.
 Neither set of data could provide a 100 percent accurate comparison between peer institutions, Benson said.

"Even though they're peer institutions, those that have different programs are being compared against each other," he said.

Benson said six of UNL's peer institutions include librarians in faculty counts; three do not.

The university's report, which was required by LB389, passed last year, includes both the percentage of minority and women faculty and plans to increase faculty diversity on all four NU campuses.

State senators threatened to withhold 1 percent — about \$3.5 million — of the university's budget with the passage of LB389 if NU failed to meet certain goals in hiring of women and minority faculty.

Although there is disagreement regarding the data, Sen. Don Wesley of Lincoln said he did not think NU would face the budget-cut penalty

this year.
 Despite the education department numbers, Wesley and Beck agreed the report was an adequate step towards gender equity.

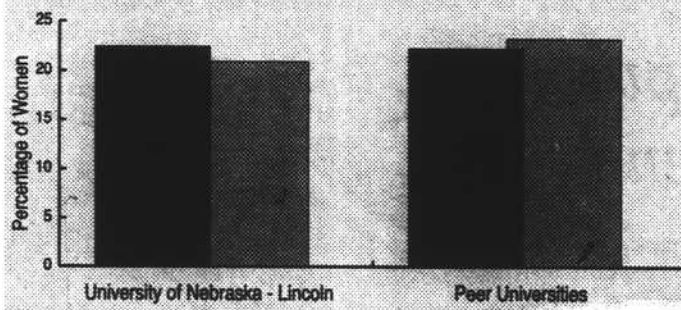
"I would be willing to live with this first-year report," Beck said. "Some effort has been made, and there are signs around that there is at least good faith to do some things."

Beck said she would work with other women faculty to persuade the NU system and the Legislature to use the more accurate AAUP numbers.

"Historically, we haven't done enough (to enhance gender equity), but I'm willing to give it a little more time."

Equity in Numbers

A UNL report on hiring of women faculty members, which was based on statistics from the Department of Education, stated that the university had exceeded the proportion of women faculty at peer universities. Women professors at UNL, however, say the numbers provided by the AAUP should be used.



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Chapter closes doors to Kappa Sigma house

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Kirkland said the chapter was unable to meet "standards held by local alumni and the national fraternity."

UNL Kappa Sigma President Adam Miller said he was unaware of any specific standards the chapter did not meet.

"It was more like 'keep your noses clean,'" Miller said. "It was kind of a gray area."

Reiner said although the fraternity had disciplinary problems in the past, members had "cleaned up their act" and were in no trouble during the fall semester.

He said members had planned to appeal to the UNL office of Greek Affairs this semester to have their disciplinary probation reconsidered.

Director of Greek Affairs Linda Schwartzkopf was unavailable for comment.

Although Kappa Sigma members said no disciplinary violations were logged during the fall semester, Kirkland said violations, which he would not specify, did occur in the fall.

Financially, Kirkland said, the fraternity also could not survive.

"We had a large physical plant (the house) to support," Kirkland said. "Financially, we could not support that."

Miller said if financial reasons were behind the closing, the fraternity should have been shut down last semester before it borrowed \$80,000 from the national fraternity to keep the house open.

Reiner said a capital campaign to build a new house had begun, and if the house was closed during the fall when many alumni were on campus, no alumni would have contributed to the campaign.

"A lot of people think (the alumni board) kept us around this semester because a lot of alumni were coming in," Reiner said. "(Members) feel used — like they just wanted to show us off to the alumni to make money."

Kirkland said those allegations were unfounded.

"The only thing we did was borrow \$80,000," he said. "We would not have done that without the belief that the chapter, at that time, was a viable entity."

Members also said finances were under the alumni board's control, so if money was a problem, it was the alumni's fault.

"If they had to close it because of financial reasons, they're kind of leaning it on us," Miller said. "They're the

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 Kappa Sigma member

ones that probably screwed up."

Whatever the real reason for the closing, about 40 people are out of a place to live, and new pledges will not have the opportunity to go through initiation.

Reiner said members who lived in the house had to scramble to find a place to live over winter break.

"We had three weeks to find places to live over Christmas break," Reiner said. "Some people got stuck in dorms when they're seniors."

He said others were not returning to school this semester because they could not find places to live.

UNL Kappa Sigma former President Paul West said members were more upset at the lack of notice than the actual closing.

Kirkland said he checked with the UNL housing office to make sure enough rooms were available in the residence halls for displaced members.

He said although members would no longer have a house, if they were in good standing they would not forego their eligibility for alumni status, as long as their behavior was acceptable.

Reiner said he felt the alumni had left members out in the cold.

"I feel really betrayed by our alumni," Reiner said. "They're supposed to support members in the house."

"We were trying to improve, and they just stabbed us in the back."

Kirkland and the alumni board plan to re-open the house in 2000, in order to "recolonize" by getting a fresh group of faces in the fraternity.

Members will have the opportunity to appeal the suspension of their house charter at a meeting in Tennessee in March, West said.

West said a group of younger members was planning to fight the suspension, and some were also talking about starting a group off campus.

But, without a house, he said, it would be close to impossible.

"To me, it feels like 3½ years went down the drain," West said. "All my work just went for nothing."

Law & Order

From staff reports

Burglaries plague building

A rash of burglaries was reported last week, all in the same apartment building.

Five burglaries took place last week, three on Monday and two Wednesday at 942 Foxcroft Court.

Police said three of the burglaries resulted in losses totaling more than \$1,500 each.

There was no sign of forced entry in any of the burglarized apartments, and all burglaries occurred during the day, Lincoln police Sgt. Ann Heerman said.

Man charged with murder

A Lincoln man was charged with second-degree murder Dec. 23 in connection with the shooting death of a 19-year-old after finals week last semester.

Maurice Miley was accused of shooting Frankie Rhodes at 2945

Starr St. after Miley was allegedly told to leave a party at the residence.

Miley was also charged with the use of a weapon to commit murder, second-degree assault, use of a weapon in connection with an alleged assault, terroristic threats with a weapon and the unlawful discharge of a firearm. Miley allegedly fired into the house on Starr Street, critically wounding Rhodes.

A preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 23.

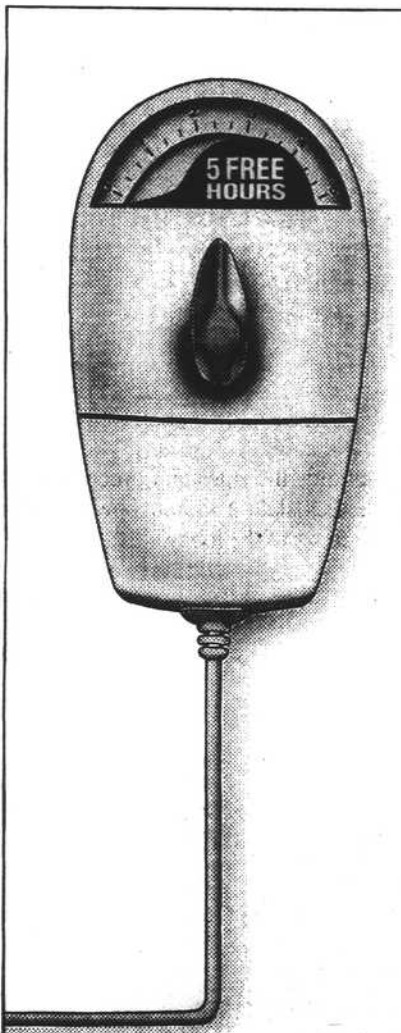
Shooting injures man

Police are investigating a shooting in which a Lincoln man was critically injured.

Jackie White, 22, was shot on Dec. 28 in his home at 1210 N. 26th St.

White was critically injured in the shooting, but his injuries were not considered life-threatening.

No arrests have been made, Heerman said.



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