

Program aids foreign students

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international students. The program, which has been around nearly 20 years, especially lacks American men, Felker said.

The program focuses especially on the international students who, when arriving in the United States, are "coming into a whole new world," Felker said.

Chai-Chim Pui, a junior business major from Malaysia, has been in the United States since August.

She said participation in the program has been helpful to her in learning English.

Ulrich Ansteeg, a business graduate student from Munich, Germany, arrived to study in the United States in August.

He said he wanted to become involved with the program because he knew very few Americans.

However, for Ansteeg, the program has not been as successful. He said he and his conversation partner are busy so they do not meet often.

But the idea behind the program is good, Ansteeg said.

"I think that you really meet a lot of good people," he said.

U.S. students who participate in the program said it has brought them benefits as well.

And, like Johnson, LeAnna Karre, a junior graphic design major, said she gained more than just knowledge.

"I've gained a friend just by getting to know my conversation partner," she said.

Karre said she's also gained a more holistic perspective of the world.

Felker said the program can help a U.S. student understand what international students are experiencing in a country unfamiliar to them.

"Step outside that box, and be with the international students," he said.

Karre agreed, saying that students can understand other cultures better with a one-on-one situation rather than in a classroom setting.

Johnson encouraged other students to get involved with the program.

"It's too bad the interaction with UNL students and foreign students is not as good as it could be," he said.

Students interested in becoming involved with the English Conversation Partners program can pick up an application at the International Affairs office, 1237 R St. There is also an application online at <http://www.iaffairs.unl.edu/current/whatsnew.htm>.

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meet legal requirements, but it also will explore "what kind of campus culture we want to build."

Stephen Russell, a family and consumer science professor, said before he came to UNL he believed the university to be a diverse culture and thought he would feel welcomed.

"Once I arrived on this campus, my perception of campus diversity changed," Russell said. "An accurate study needs to be done that reflects our cultural climate."

Chuck vanRossum said all research reports on the university's climate are dated back to the 1980s.

Evelyn Jacobson, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said NU President Dennis Smith's committees on the status of people of color and the status of women are working with the Gallup Organization to collect new surveys reflecting UNL's race and gender mix.

Russell said if surveys are compiled, the university should ask questions reflecting a complete representation of the campus community, including individuals' sexual orientation.

"I'm sorry, but no, we will not get the broader feedback of our campus cultural climate from the surveys," Jacobson said.

But both she and Edwards said the university may complete other surveys that provide more comprehensive information.

Jacobson will present a complete plan to Chancellor James Moeser March 20, which will not only discuss faculty, but also include campus climate issues, students, staff and the curriculum.

The plan will be reviewed by several campus groups before it is presented to the chancellor, she said.

People at Wednesday's discussion said they appreciated administrators' willingness to talk about the plan.

"I was not expecting anything but the opportunity to express my personal concerns and the concerns of the group," Diaz-Perdomo said. "I feel our concerns were heard and understood."

Tetreault agreed: "The decision we make about this plan will make a statement whether UNL wants to remain at the status quo, or move into the future."

Grant application approved

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was chosen.

ASUN approved the Oklahoma State-NU football game on Oct. 3 as the 1998 Student Migration Game. The game will be the first collegiate game held at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

The passage of the bill means UNL students could purchase 1,000 half-price tickets for prime seating, ASUN President Curt Ruwe said.

In other ASUN business:

Senate Resolution No. 6, which voices ASUN's support for a new bus shelter on East Campus at 38th and Fair streets near the Animal Science Complex, was passed unanimously.

Two student organizations, RAAG, which promotes Indian culture, and Dave Maurstad for Lieutenant Governor were approved.

Shari Knoerzer, who wrote the "brain gain" legislation, will speak to senators at the Feb. 11 ASUN meeting.

Diversity in History

Editor's note: Each day during Black History Month, the Daily Nebraskan will tell the story of a minority who made an important contribution in America's History.

Because the brilliant swing pianist from Chicago and his musical trio became one of the first jazz combos and the first black American instrumental group to have a sponsored radio series in 1948;

Because, after he went solo as a singer, he was one of the first black modern entertainers to win international recognition as a singer independent of association with an orchestra;

Because he toured widely in the United States and abroad, creating hits such as "Mona Lisa," "I Love You for Sentimental Reasons" and "Unforgettable;"

Because he signed a contract with NBC for his own weekly variety show, "The Nat 'King' Cole Show," in 1956, but never found a sponsor because advertisers feared white TV viewers would boycott their products;

Because he was brutally attacked by three white men while performing on stage in Birmingham, Ala., during that same year;

Because he won a Grammy Award in 1959 and recorded more than 28 gold- and platinum-selling records throughout his career;

Nat "King" Cole is recognized as the most successful black American recording artist of the post-war era and a champion for minority artists before his death to lung cancer in 1965.

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