

ASUN Watch

And the score is ...

The following is a list of goals ASUN has set, and the progress it has made.

- 1. To create successful programming for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19 as well as create a Martin Luther King Jr. Day coordinating commission for 1999.**
— ASUN President Curt Ruwe said a representative from the Chancellor's office will be added to the list of faculty and community leaders on the 1999 commission.
- 2. Research and work toward the implementation of midterm and standard academic evaluations in addition to the existing departmental evaluations.**
— Ruwe said recent meetings and information from students has made him rethink standard evaluations. The university needs new evaluations, he said, but Ruwe is not sure what form would be best. One idea being discussed, besides nondepartmental evaluations, is interactive discussions among students who have had the same class and teacher, Ruwe said. "Before we say 100 percent this way, we have to ask if it is the best thing," Ruwe said.
- 3. Continue to work toward implementation of a parking education class.**
— No significant actions have taken place recently, Ruwe said.
- 4. Work toward internet registration for classes.**
— Paul Schreier, chairman of the technology fee advisory board, said Director of Information Services Donna Liss completed work last week on middleware, one part of the software needed to have internet registration for classes at UNL. Schreier said in about a month Liss should know the estimated cost for the project.
- 5. Lobby for student support for the "brain gain" bill.**
— ASUN senators will probably vote soon to support LB1176, the "brain gain" bill, Ruwe said. Senators voted down "brain gain" support on Feb. 11 and have not reconsidered it yet.
- 6. Have the Student Impact and Government Liason Committee start campus beautification projects.**
— No action was taken on this subject.
- 7. Reconstruct the Outstanding Educator Award.**
— Ruwe said he hoped to have a new selection process implemented by the March 11 ASUN elections. Possible options, he said, were having a take-home ballot. Students could nominate three teachers by writing a paragraph on each and turning it in later. The Academic Committee then would decide on one teacher or nominate several teachers with the senate voting on the award-winning teacher.



Latinos target academics

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Members of Latinos United in Pursuit of Academic Excellence hope to give Latinos a way to unite academically rather than just culturally.

LUPAE members said they want to help Latino students academically and therefore boost their graduation and retention rates.

Within University of Nebraska-Lincoln student organizations, "there isn't really anything geared toward academics," Lisa Duran, LUPAE president, said.

But organizers want LUPAE, which started during the spring semester of 1997, to change that.

Members want to start a mentoring program.

Mentoring among the members of LUPAE will play the largest role in addressing the group's goals, Urrvano Gamez Jr., a founding member, said.

"We want to become more

focused on the mentoring and upper-classmen helping underclassmen get set in their schedules," he said.

Duran, a junior psychology major, said members learn about activities that can make college easier.

At the next meeting, for example, a representative from Career Services will talk to the group about resumes.

In the past, the group has had representatives from the Hispanic Community Center talk about getting involved in the community. It has looked into tutoring at the local elementary schools as well.

LUPAE also will address other issues such as stress management and affirmative action, Duran said.

Marcela Raffaelli, LUPAE adviser, said the group plans to bring in graduate students to talk about graduate school applications.

Gamez said UNL needs a way for Latinos to strengthen academic skills and study habits. He said the group would concentrate on scholarly, not social, issues.

Involvement

"We try to be a group which focuses on academics rather than political problems on campus," said Gamez, a sophomore computer science and mathematics major.

One challenge LUPAE is facing is a lack of members, Duran said.

"New members will definitely have a voice in the group," Duran said.

The group is just starting to build itself up, said Nichole Berlie, treasurer and a sophomore mathematics and broadcasting major.

Gamez said everyone — Latino or not — is welcome to join.

LUPAE also welcomes any faculty members who want to get involved.

LUPAE meets on the first and third Sunday of every month. The next meeting is Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the Neihardt Residence Hall Gray Parlor.

Alliance gives voice to Asians

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The group also plans to promote awareness and appreciation of differences and commonalities of Asian ethnic cultures, and it wants to work with other Asian student organizations in establishing common goals.

One goal the Alliance has made is beginning an Asian Awareness Week in April.

Details are not firm yet, organizers said, but a sports tournament and a forum will be held.

Robert Stoddard, geography professor, is one of the co-advisers of the group. He said Asian Awareness Week

is needed at UNL.

The Asian population is "very definitely part of our population but there hasn't been as much attention" given to them as there have been to other minority groups, he said.

During Asian Awareness Week, the group will sponsor a forum for students to come voice concerns of Asian-Americans. Often, the Asian population's concerns are not heard, Tran said.

"Asians seem to have the quiet voice," Tran said.

The sports tournament held during Awareness Week will be a way for Asian organizations at UNL and orga-

nizations from other Nebraska colleges and universities to unite.

One of the group's main focuses though, Tran said, is attracting new members.

"We just want everybody to know we're here," she said.

The group will also be co-sponsoring an appearance by former Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Chai Ling, with the Woman's Center on March 5. Ling will give a speech in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

The Asian Student Alliance meets every other Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Culture Center. Its next meeting is March 8.

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