

# Conference reveals 'herstory'

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Women must support other women if they are to become effective leaders, speakers at Saturday's 1998 Women's Leadership Conference said.

"Writing Herstory: Leaving Your Mark" was the theme of the conference, held at the Wick Alumni Center. About 65 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and faculty, as well as women from the community, attended the conference, which focused on developing personal leadership and nurturing leadership in others.

"Writing Herstory: Leaving Your Mark" means for women to develop leadership in themselves and to go out and support other women to create a community to go forward in," said conference assistant Molly Klinedinst. "It's really important for women to support women and help each other."

Keynote speaker Brenda Council, senior counsel for Union Pacific Railroad Company and a former Omaha mayoral candidate, spoke on using one's assets to better the world.

Council works to improve educa-

tion and promote labor concerns and has served as President of the Omaha School Board, Omaha City Council, United Way and the Salvation Army. Council also worked as a field attorney for the National Labor Relations Board.

The Sandoz Residency Hall Council found the conference important enough to cover the \$3 entrance fee for its residents, said Sandoz Council President Michele Lueders.

"Sandoz is a women's hall, and we wanted to promote leadership and get the residents to experience it," Lueders said. "Even though the cost of the conference was minimal, we thought that by paying we would encourage a few more residents to go."

The conference was open to both men and women, but no men attended this year, Klinedinst said. A few men volunteered to help with child care, and a few attended the conference last year, she said.

Some women think it is important to separate women's leadership from leadership in general, and this conference helped develop women's special roles, said planning committee member Rebecca Richter.

"It's important to separate women's leadership because we are

slowly reaching toward the leadership roles," Richter said. "Having a conference is important because women can share without inhibition and they learn to take the tools that they already have to become a better leader."

The conference ended with a one-woman, one-act play by Pippa White entitled "Mothers, Daughters, Wives, Women." The play told stories of women in different stations and different times throughout "herstory," White's word for history.

Klinedinst said the conference was a success, especially in reaching the goal of making workshop options multiethnic.

"Our target audience grew a lot and we had more people from the community," Klinedinst said.

Workshop choices were designed to promote diversity and included "Gender Cultures," "Women Communicating Across Cultural Ties and Boundaries" and "Finding Strength in Adversity."

The Women's Leadership Conference was sponsored by Student Involvement, the Women's Center, Teacher's College, College of Human Resource and Family Sciences, Multicultural Affairs, and University Housing.

# Student killed, five injured in drunken driving accident

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condition at Lincoln General Hospital, and Robert Rein, 28, who is in fair condition there.

In February, Ireland's 17-month-old son, Jonathan, was killed by his girlfriend when she threw him on the couch and fractured his skull. Jennifer Hindera, 23, was sentenced to 12 to 15 years in prison after pleading no contest to manslaughter.

Ireland faces up to five years in jail for the class 3A felony of motor vehicle homicide, Wagner said, plus possible punishment for the other charges.

Sarah Cockson, who was driving the Cockson's car, is being treated for head, leg and pelvic injuries. Erin Cockson is being treated for chest and abdominal injuries.

Family and friends of the Cockson sisters now wait for the recovery of the younger sisters while mourning the loss of the oldest.

Parents of the sisters - Robert Cockson, a State Farm Insurance agent; and Eva Cockson, a Friend

elementary school teacher - along with their son Steve, a UNL junior, hold vigil at Lincoln General Hospital, Dvorak said.

Dvorak said the community of Friend, has pulled together to support the family, and more than 125 family and friends came to the hospital Sunday.

Laura Cockson's family was very important to her, Dvorak said.

"We celebrated family baptisms and christenings - happy times and sad times, we were always together," Dvorak said.

The former Friend High School valedictorian's dream was to help others. She planned to be an occupational therapist, Dvorak said.

But one thing Dvorak will most remember are his niece's smile and eyes, he said.

"She had an unbelievable smile," he said. "Her eyes were mesmerizing - her beautiful, big, blue eyes."

Funeral services for Laura Cockson will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Friend. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph's.



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