

Suit filed against NU regents

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sue research interests.

For this reason, she said, she hasn't been able to do the research full professorship seems to require.

"Even the administration agrees my record ... is excellent," Bolick said.

Bolick, an associate professor since 1985, said the university has known about possible gender inequalities within the museum since 1993, when then-director Hugh Genoways brought up the issue of equal pay for male and female associate professors.

Nothing was done about it, Bolick said.

The lawsuit coincides with a report released Thursday that stated Nebraska women are seeing improvement in economic, political and social statuses.

However, according to the report, released by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, women still face obstacles in achieving true equality.

For example, the report stated, women make about 71 cents for every dollar a man makes.

Bolick said it didn't seem the university valued its female faculty members as highly as its male faculty.

When making budgetary decisions, she said, it seemed male faculty members received the benefits.

"Treating women well has to start coming up much higher on the list."

Poll examines sex in college

■ Trends are moving toward a larger number of virgins, according to the figures released by Playboy.

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University of Southern California

Los Angeles, Calif. (U-Wire) — Less sex, more virgins. This seems to be the trend in sexual attitudes among undergraduates on American college campuses, according to a recent survey conducted by Playboy magazine.

The editors announced an increase in the percentage of virgins and students in monogamous relationships on Oct. 7 at a press conference in Playboy's New York headquarters.

Although it is unclear whether USC students have experienced the same shifts, a similar survey is conducted on campus every two to three years.

USC's "Youth Risk Behavior Survey" was last taken in 1995.

Questions about sexuality included "In the past 30 days, how often have you had intercourse?" and "How many

times have you had sexual intercourse in a lifetime?"

According to the 1995 statistics, about 33 percent of women on campus have been pregnant some time in their lives. 23.2 percent of students at USC have never had sex. In comparison to other universities, Celina Gorre, a health educator at Health Promotion and Prevention Services, said that USC is "pretty on par."

"We're certainly not lower, but not much higher," she said.

But, the number of people who have had sex is hard to say.

"People can define themselves as virgins, but what does that mean?" Gorre said.

She said that some students may consider themselves virgins because they have never had sex sober.

Since the 1996 survey, the percentage of students who are virgins has doubled. Of the students who identified themselves as virgins, men said they hadn't found the right person and women said they were saving themselves for marriage.

Playboy used the convenience sample method for its sampling of more

than 2,000 students at seven large and small, public and private schools in California, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York. The names of the schools were not mentioned.

Students, unaware that these surveys were for Playboy, were asked 86 questions and 10 essay questions about their sexual activities. The 1996 questionnaire asked 152 questions and 10 essay questions.

Results of the biannual survey are featured in the November issue of Playboy. Some of the notable figures include the percentage of students who have had sex with only one person in the past school year: 54 percent of men and 70 percent of women.

Playboy defined being a "virgin" as not having had sexual intercourse. The definition does not include oral sex.

Gorre said the survey's shift in sexual attitudes could be explained by students' abilities to rationalize their actions. People tend to think that if they love a certain person, or if they choose their partners well, then they are not at risk, she said.

MSU students react to death

The State News
Michigan State University

East Lansing, Mich. (U-Wire) — The suspension of a University of Michigan fraternity for providing alcohol to a freshman who died after falling from her dormitory window has hit close to home for MSU Greeks.

Billy Molasso, coordinator of Greek Life at Michigan State University, said the Saturday death of Courtney Cantor, 18, has caused fraternities and sororities to take a closer look at the dangers of alcohol.

The presidents of all MSU fraternities and sororities scheduled a

closed-door meeting Wednesday evening to discuss alcohol-related safety, Molasso said.

University of Michigan officials said Cantor had been drinking Oct. 16 at Phi Delta Theta Fraternity party. She returned to her sixth-floor dormitory room and, according to investigators, accidentally fell through a window that opened just 12 inches wide.

Cantor was found unconscious on a concrete loading dock outside her dormitory. She was pronounced dead of skull and spinal fractures.

An autopsy showed Cantor's blood-alcohol level was below the state's legal definition of intoxication.

Property tax issue heats governor's race

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tenure as governor.

But the Johanns campaign points to city property tax rates that have dropped from 52 cents per \$100 valuation in 1993-94 to 32.4 cents per \$100 valuation in 1998-99.

The city's total property tax revenues have risen — despite the decreasing rates — because of higher property valuations and new home construction.

"There's no doubt that property taxes went up during the first three years," said Chris Peterson, Johanns' press secretary. "But clearly, if you look at the property tax rate, it's fallen five straight years."

Peterson said Johanns approved property tax increases early in his first term to put the city on solid financial ground before seeking city government downsizing.

The portion of property tax rev-

enue claimed by city government has dropped from 18 percent in 1990-91 to 14 percent in the latest fiscal year, Peterson said.

Johanns' campaign material cites a recent Associated Press survey that found that in 1993 the average valuation for a Lincoln home was \$58,499, with a property tax bill of \$304. By 1997, the average valuation was \$82,022, with a property tax bill of \$293.

City spending in areas supported by tax funds has risen from \$65.3 million in 1990-91 to \$90.8 million in 1998-99 — an increase of 39 percent.

In the last fiscal year, Lincoln's budget was \$3.4 million below the state-imposed cap on local government spending.

Hoppner's campaign has said those figures should be adjusted because some services, such as building and safety and snow removal, were counted in the tax fund in 1990-91, but have since been moved to other parts of the budget.

If those services are counted in the current budget, the Hoppner campaign asserts, spending has gone up 45 percent, faster than the growth of spending in state government and education.

But the Johanns campaign says those services have relied less for their funding on property and sales taxes, and thus should not be included in tax fund spending.

With the election less than two weeks away, the rhetoric on both sides has grown.

Although Johanns' record has been scrutinized, Peterson said, voters will have a more difficult time evaluating the record of Hoppner, who has never served in a publicly elected office.

"He hasn't been in the hot seat," Peterson said.

Hoppner served as a top adviser for Bob Kerrey and James Exon during their tenures as governor and U.S. senator; both were appointed positions.


David LePage, spokesman for Hoppner, said the Hoppner campaign would continue to challenge Johanns' record "to set the record straight."

"This is not an argument over the numbers," he said. "The fact is, three out of four homeowners are paying higher property taxes than when Mike Johanns became mayor."

Asked about the property tax rate reductions of the past five years, LePage said flatly, "He's been mayor eight years."

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