

Memorial plans await feedback from tribes

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Phillip Wendzillo, NAGPRA representative for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, said he saw the design and found nothing offensive about it.

He said his tribe would most likely go along with whatever consensus was reached and would address problems as they arose.

Pemina Yellow Bird, NAGPRA representative for the Three Affiliated Tribes of Kansas, said that a meeting on campus was the only way to resolve issues related to the memorial.

Yellow Bird said she was upset the preliminary plans did not include constructing a wall to enclose the area where the remains were incinerated.

"In the agreement, the tribes asked for an enclosed area," Yellow Bird said.

In the letter to tribes, the committee stated it needed guidance on a number of issues, including the type of enclosure.

Suggestions include building a low ornamental fence, a 6-foot high iron fence or having no enclosure.

Advocates of the fence say it is necessary to prevent vandalism. Others say having no enclosure would preserve the natural setting of the site.

Other issues under question include what the memorial should look like and what the accompanying plaque should say.

The proposal sent to tribes included a memorial in the shape of a medicine wheel. The design would allow tribes from different parts of the country to hold ceremonies on the site, Grew said.

Recommendations for the design also were taken from American Indian students on campus. The committee sought out opinions from members of the University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange, Grew said.

Daniel Justice, a graduate student from the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and member of UNITE, said the group submitted a few suggestions for the memorial.

One of the recommendations was putting a plaque near the memorial stating explicitly the wrongdoing that occurred when the remains were incinerated, Justice said.

"There should be a plaque with some sort of statement that explains why the memorial is there," Justice said.

While coming up with recommendations for the memorial, Justice said, there were conflicting opinions within the group on what the memorial should look like, including whether there should be an enclosure.

Justice said he didn't know if any of the recommendations the group made were included because they hadn't received a copy of the proposed design.

Though there are still a number of issues to be resolved, Grew said there were no plans to convene a large tribal meeting, even though she had received requests for one.

Instead, Grew will continue to follow up with tribes to get response about the design.

Until input can be received from tribal leaders, Grew said, she could not predict when construction would begin.

"I don't have any idea about a special time frame," Grew said. "We're more concerned about doing it right than doing it hastily."

Road show provides antique toy heaven

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early pull toys from the 1850s as well as early Barbies and Tonka trucks from the 1960s and '70s.

One collector paid \$326,000 for a cast iron mechanical bank of the Old Lady in the Shoe, made in 1873 by the J.E. Stevens Co., said George McCurley, vice president of the International Toy Collectors Association.

The association is set up to help collectors buy toys without leaving home.

Here's how the process works: Anyone who brings their old toys in can have them evaluated.

Evaluators estimate how much the toy is worth and then go to the association's detailed database, which has a list of the toys its members want.

When they find a toy a collector desires, the collector is given a chance to bid on the toy. Because the collector gets only one chance to bid, a first offer has to be the best.

The association pays for the toys in cash, on the spot. There is no admission fee, and everyone is helped on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The association also offers advice or information about toys. The association has been around for seven years and has more than 5,400 members.

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GEORGE MCCURLEY
vice president of ITCA

"The event is staffed accordingly to avoid long lines," McCurley said. "We encourage people to bring less than a semi-load. Do not clean your toys - quite a bit of damage can be done without even realizing it."

"Also, broken toys are still worthy. Lots of collectors are looking for pieces to repair items they already have."

The most popular toys include celebrity toys, robots, space toys and tin wind-ups. Toys from the 1950s and '60s are also extremely sought after.

The association encourages people to keep an open mind and never assume that nobody would be interested in such old toys. For more information, call (217) 351-9437.

"There's a treasure in every attic, most of them are toys," McCurley said. "Here's local area residents' chance to find out how much they're worth."

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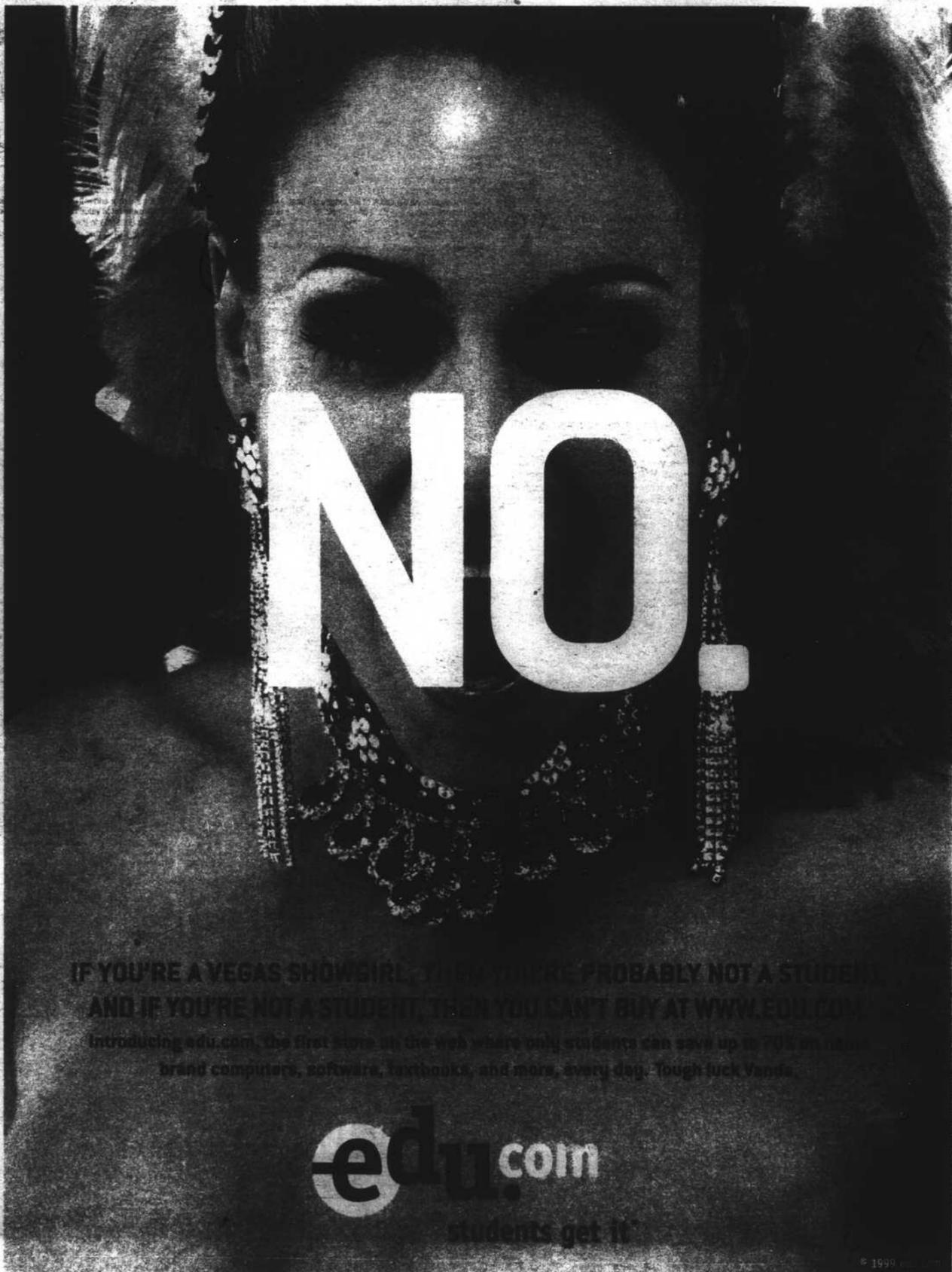


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