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Teachers rally for more pay

More than 1,000 sent a message to the Legislature that Nebraska educators deserve higher salaries for their dedication.

By Veronica Daehn

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More than 1,000 educators crammed into a long hallway of McPhee Elementary School, 820 S. 15th St., Monday night in a rally to support higher teacher salaries in Nebraska.

After the rally was over, the more than 1,000 teachers, administrators and parents moved across the street to the Capitol where members of the Education Committee heard testimony on four bills that would affect teacher pay. At the rally, Duane Obermier, president of the Nebraska State Education Association, said Nebraska needs to act now. "We need to begin (increasing teacher salaries)," Obermier said. "We can't postpone the problem. We need to set a goal and have ways to meet it. LB1397 sets that process in action." LB1397, introduced by Sen. Ardyce Bohlke of Hastings, would create the Quality Professional Educators Financial Incentive Fund. Forty million dollars would be given to the fund to be used for higher teacher salaries. Bohlke said she knew \$40 million was a lot to be asking for in the second fiscal year of a budget plan. "It is far greater than what would be normal to (ask for)," Bohlke said, in front of a hearing room filled to capacity. "It does make it more difficult to work into the budget." But something needs to be done, she said. Teachers across the state are uneasy and growing more restless by the lack of income

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HEATHER GLENBOSKI/DN
SCARLET DANCE TEAM members Sarah Hubbard and Kelly Krotz, along with cheerleader Drew Williams, joke around during lunch at the Howit Center. The center acts as a social gathering place for many athletes.

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By Jessica Fargen

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Most of the 700 athletes at NU are inherently different than the roughly 20,000 non-athletes.

Being an athlete has its perks — free Adidas clothing, a commonly recognized name being splashed through newspaper headlines, free tutors and, for some lucky athletes, a fat athletic scholarship and no outside job.

But it has its downsides, too — 20 hours of practice each week, training and diets, time constraints and exhausting out-of-town trips.

Most athletes don't venture out to the O Street bars every Thursday night because they have 6:30 a.m. practice the next day. They don't eat as much Amigos, either — they don't want to gain weight. And as far as having the freedom to live their lives as they see fit — forget it.

Between coaches, the campus and the media, many things athletes do are under a microscope.

Even the clothes athletes wear may make them stand out, said softball player Jamie Fuente, a junior math and special education major. She added that when she sees someone in Adidas gear, she assumes that person is an athlete.

"Most students don't fully understand what an athlete goes through all the time," NU football player Bobby Newcombe said. "They can't."

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A Different World

Isolation, practice
change athletes' lives

Groups unite for Black History festivities

■ 'Hurricane' Carter speech highlights month of events aimed at uniting the campus and community.

By Margaret Behm

Staff writer

Black History Month events from University of Nebraska-Lincoln groups are not only for students but also for the community.

Black History Month starts today. Events include speakers, videos, discussion and dancing, all planned by different groups.

Venetria Patton, coordinator of the African American and African Studies Program, said multicultural events help create racial harmony by educating people.

"Events like these help us all get along better, because then we understand each other's experiences," Patton said.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska invited Rubin "Hurricane" Carter to speak at UNL during Black History Month.

Carter's speech is an extension of Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities, said ASUN President Andy Schuerman.

ASUN was unable to schedule a speaker for King Day.

"So this is a combination of

King's legacy as well as getting a different perspective on campus," Schuerman said.

Carter, a former boxer, was arrested on a triple murder charge while preparing for a world championship fight.

He maintained his innocence but was convicted and narrowly escaped the death penalty.

In 1985, after continuing the fight against his conviction, he was released from prison.

ASUN chose Carter because the community wants to listen to what he says, Schuerman said.

"We thought that he would be able to generate student interest and participation," Schuerman said, "as well as community participation."

Jill Braband, ASUN Human Rights Committee Chair, said ASUN did request a topic for Carter to speak on.

"Carter has been asked to talk about how students and community members can take an active role in racial issues," said Braband, a senior business administration major. "So hopefully he'll speak about what exactly we can do."

Braband has seen Carter on television before.

"He's a very dynamic speaker," Braband said. "He'll definitely keep our interest."

Free tickets to see Carter can be picked up in the ASUN office, 136 Nebraska Union.

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