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Brown continues to stand out

Campus leader receives award for involvement

By Cara Pesek

Staff writer

From the time Eddie Brown was a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1995, he was noticed.

Back then, Brown was known as the student who never went anywhere without his headphones and sang wherever he went.

Brown is now known as the president of the Afrikan People's Union, a member of the Scarlet and Cream singers and a former Association of Students of the University of Nebraska second vice president.

He is a campus leader.

On Jan. 28, Brown was recognized for the leadership he has demonstrated at UNL for the past five years when he received the Vann Student Leadership Award.

The annual award, founded by University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumnus Howard Vann and his wife, Judy, recognizes one student each year who has shown leadership, commendable classroom performance, personal integrity, perseverance and a sense of humor.

Those who know Brown say he possesses all of these traits.

Kathleen Buechle, receptionist for the Nebraska Alumni Association and one of two people to nominate Brown for the award, met Brown when he was a New Student Enrollment Orientation Leader.

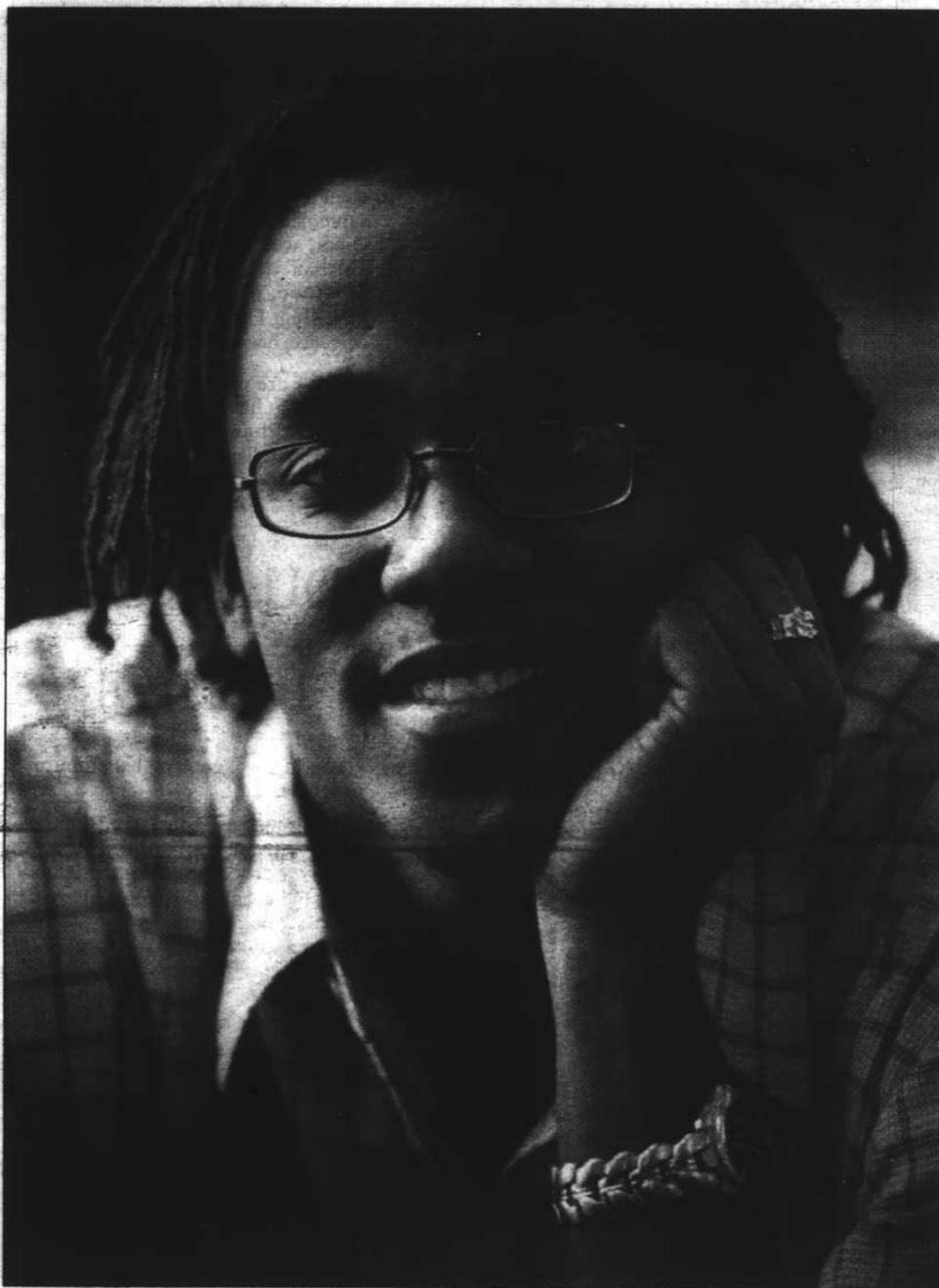
Buechle, who was also helping with orientation, watched as Brown greeted new UNL students and their parents as they arrived at the Nebraska East Union, and she noticed he had a way with people.

"He's like jam and bread when it comes to people," Buechle said. "He's so likable."

Brown's mother, Paulette Jones, knew her son was a leader from the time he was a little boy.

"He's always been a doer," she said.

Jones, a single mother of five, said Brown's upbringing also had



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EDDIE BROWN recently won the Vann Student Leadership award for his leadership and integrity. Brown is currently president of the Afrikan People's Union and a member of the Scarlet and Cream singers.

a lot to do with his college success.

Jones said when Brown and his siblings were growing up, they didn't have a lot of material things. She said that experience pushed Brown to try to be the best, so he could obtain a scholarship and go to college.

Brown joined swing choir and became active in student government.

Then he joined a program that Brown said changed his life — the Tom Osborne Teammates mentoring program for at-risk youth.

"It was a blessing," Brown

said.

The program paired Brown with then-Husker football running back Derek Brown.

A scholarship that went along with the mentoring program led

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LEGISLATURE

Teacher shortage addressed

■ Bills that would implement loans and scholarships aim to make the teaching field more appealing.

By Jill Zeman

Staff writer

Even though some people would love to be teachers, they hesitate because of the low salaries, members of the Legislature's Education Committee said.

The senators spent Monday discussing ways to help reduce that hesitancy. No action was taken on the bill.

Sen. Nancy Thompson of Papillion introduced two bills on Jan. 12 that would encourage prospective teachers to stay in Nebraska and enter fields where teacher shortages exist.

LB1227 would create the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program Act, Thompson said.

The act would establish a loan contract for high school students who graduate in the top 25 percent of their class or have a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), Thompson said.

The loan would grant a maximum of \$2,500 per year to a student for no more than five years. The loan would be forgiven if the student becomes a teacher in the state, Thompson said.

Thompson also introduced LB1228, which would create a scholarship program for students who become teachers in shortage areas in Nebraska.

This scholarship would mainly be available to juniors and seniors in college who would teach in the areas of science, math, industrial technology, music and special education, Thompson said.

"This would enable students to come out of college debt-free so they can afford to stay in their profession."

Nancy Thompson
state senator from Papillion

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Professor warns of media's sexual influence

By Tony Moses

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On Monday afternoon, a speaker said that in one survey, all high school boys report having read or looked at soft-core pornography.

Jane Brown, a professor of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, expressed her concern about sexuality in the media and its role on adolescents to a group of about 30 in the Nebraska Union.

Brown is also editor of several books related to the topic. She is internationally known for her research on sexuality and adolescence.

The event was sponsored by the Family Research and Policy Initiative and the UNL College of Arts and Sciences.

"Teens are seeking sexual information," Brown said. Oftentimes, teenagers are forced to turn to the media, when parents and peers fail to provide information.

Brown said teen-agers spend an average of two hours and 43 minutes a day watching television and three to four hours listening to music. She said the messages from the media often vary.

"The media are so segmented that you can choose on who you are and how you want to create yourself," Brown said. "There is so much media

now that (adolescents) have to make choices."

Brown went on to examine the choices that are available from the media.

"What I find missing in the media portrayal of sexuality are the 3 Cs — commitments, contraception and consequences," Brown said. "(The media) suggest that if you're not having sex, you're out of it."

Brown said the media often give females an unrealistic perspective of body image and parenting.

"Motherhood and parenting are presented in a romantic way," she said. "We make that look easy and fun."

Brown said women are often viewed as "body parts" in many adver-

tisements.

Brown also explored the presentation of gender roles in the media.

"Girls have very little power in relationships," she said.

Brown said one liquor advertisement suggested to "get her drunk, and you've got a better chance."

Conversely, media targeted at boys were "much more action-oriented, less about their bodies and finding a mate," Brown said.

Brown said because of the nature of the research, little is known about the way adolescents view media content.

"We know very little from the adolescent viewpoint on how they're interpreting this," she said.

Despite the media's many unrealis-

tic sexual messages, Brown said she was still hopeful.

"I think that there is a lot of promise for the media, but we have to be involved in that," she said.

Brown made several suggestions on teaching responsible sex.

Sex must be presented as "healthy and natural," and it is "not just for the young and unmarried," Brown said.

Kelly Bartling, a senior news writer and national news editor for the office of public relations, attended the event.

"I'm interested because I've got kids, and I'd like to see a different perspective," Bartling said.

"I worry particularly about my teen-age daughter and the message she gets from the media about sex."