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Reinhard: Letter helps clear name

■ His former research assistant clarified statements regarding the handling of American-Indian remains.

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

A UNL professor accused of mistreating American-Indian remains hopes the dismissal of a lawsuit will move him closer to vindication.

After more than two years of investigations and allegations concerning the treatment of remains, anthropology Professor Karl Reinhard said he wants to continue trying to clear his name and help the anthropology department move past the controversy it has faced during

the past two years relating to the repatriation of American-Indian remains.

"I'm hoping we can start reconciling," Reinhard said. "The department has been put through turmoil."

The latest development to move toward that goal was the dismissal of a lawsuit Reinhard filed against his former research assistant, Stan Parks.

Filed in October 1998 in the Lancaster County District Court, the lawsuit said Parks made false statements to the media about Reinhard.

In October 1999, a judge dismissed the lawsuit after Parks wrote a letter he said was intended to clarify statements attributed to him in the Lincoln Journal Star, the Omaha World-Herald and on various sites on the Internet about Reinhard.

Parks said the letter was not a retraction of statements, but a way to

set the record straight on statements about Reinhard that were misconstrued in the media.

"My story has always been the same," Parks said. "Unfortunately, stories came out in newspapers that turned things around."

In a letter obtained by the Daily Nebraskan, dated Oct. 8, 1999, Parks made five points of clarification of statements that have been attributed to him in different news stories.

They include the following:

■ Parks never claimed to know for sure that Reinhard brought the remains of homicide victim Candy Harms to Bessey Hall for forensic work.

Parks said in the letter he had "no personal knowledge one way or another."

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knowing whether bones found in 1997 in Bessey Hall Room 109 were part of the same collection he inventoried and turned over to Reinhard during the 1989-90 academic year. "I personally never saw the box or what was contained in it," Parks wrote in his letter. "Rumors to the contrary are false, and if news stories have suggested I had such personal knowledge, they are incorrect."

■ A memorandum Parks wrote dated April 4, 1998, to former Anthropology Department Chairman Robert Hitchcock was meant to be seen only by Hitchcock and Reinhard.

Hitchcock said he asked Parks to write the memo to document formal concerns Parks had expressed to

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Lines of DIVISION

Classroom experience differs for minorities

Editor's note: In honor of Black History Month, this is the second story in a weekly series looking at the heart of diversity — what it means now and what it meant in the 1960s, during the height of the civil rights movements.

By Cara Pesek

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At one time or another, many university students have felt uncomfortable in their classes because of their race.

They are self-conscious because sometimes no one sits by them. They are worried they will be expected to be experts on topics they know little about. And they fear their class absences are more noticeable than those of many of their classmates.

Minority students at the predominantly white University of Nebraska-Lincoln face these classroom obstacles on a daily basis.

As UNL has been a predominantly white institution since its inception, these are not new feelings for the uni-

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MINORITY AND WHITE students both said they sensed self-segregation in their classes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a predominantly white institution. Minority students said they often felt singled out, especially when racial and ethnic topics arose in class. Students, though, said they didn't feel racial tensions or discrimination in the classroom. "I think it is perceived as self-segregation," said Venetria Patton, professor of African-American literature, "but from what I know of some of these students outside the classroom, I think it's their friends."

Photo Illustration by Josh Wolfe/DN

Duff party candidates: Treat university's alumni, students the same

■ End to prohibition of alcohol on UNL's campus, equal treatment are party's goals.

By Jill Zeman

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ASUN student government election group Duff announced its candidacy Friday in the Nebraska Union.

The party is among four groups running in the March 1 Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election.

Presidential candidate Jason Kidd said he wants to change how students and alumni seem to be treated differently.

"Why are our donating alumni allowed drinking privileges on gameday while our students are fined and ticketed?" Kidd said.

Duff's platform includes increasing alcohol education and making UNL a wet campus.

"It's not about whether you think drinking is good or bad; it's about equal rights and privileges," Kidd said.

Kidd said his party is willing to stand up for issues important to students, no matter how controversial.

"We're here because we don't think this university is a glowing beacon of virtue," Kidd said.

Second vice presidential candidate Betsy Saunders said she wants to see honors-quality classes for all students.

"Every student needs to have the same opportunities as honors students," she said.

Kidd said Duff's other priorities include better seating for students at athletic events and protecting student rights in regard to the actions of campus security officers and resident assistants.

Duff's first vice presidential candidate, Kevin Sypal, said he represents the average student.

"I don't have a 4.0 GPA, and I don't have aspirations of being a politician when I graduate," he said.

Sypal said Duff represents real students standing up for their beliefs.

Kidd agreed.

"We stand for a majority of university students who have never been heard," Kidd said.



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FIRST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Jason Kidd, first vice presidential candidate Kevin Sypal and second vice presidential candidate Betsy Saunders, talk after their announcement.