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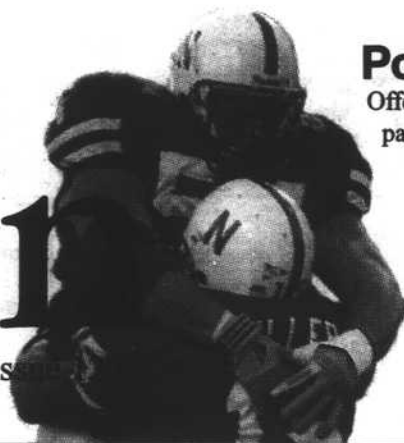
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Offensive lineman Russ Hochstein paces a formidable Husker line.  
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# Committee suggests firing Reinhard

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

Nearly two years after the discovery of the possible mistreatment of American Indian bones at UNL, a faculty committee has recommended the firing of a professor who worked with the remains.

In a special report, the committee of six faculty members, appointed by the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee, voted 4-1, with one member abstaining, to recommend that anthropology professor Karl Reinhard be fired.

If Chancellor James Moeser decides against termination, the com-

mittee recommended that Reinhard be sent a formal letter of censure, that his 10 percent appointment within the anthropology department cease, that he be excluded from merit-salary increases and that he have other sanctions placed upon him.

Reinhard said he was stunned by the committee's recommendation to fire him.

"That's outrageous," Reinhard said. Reinhard said the lesser penalty would be equally damaging.

"The only thing they don't say is that I should stay out of the classroom," he said.

Moeser said the report, which was obtained by the Daily Nebraskan, was confidential and consequently he

would not comment.

Twenty charges were brought against Reinhard by a UNL faculty member and two members representing American Indian nations last spring.

A majority of the faculty committee voted to indict Reinhard on 11 of the charges brought forward.

The charges voted on by a majority of the committee "represent a pattern of violation of and disregard for federal and state laws, UNL policy, and professional and university codes of ethics, and call for severe penalty," the report stated.

Some of the charges a majority of the committee voted on include the following:

■ That Reinhard conducted invasive testing on remains connected with the Ponca nations despite opposition and against the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and university policy.

■ That he kept remains in his teaching lab in violation of UNL and NAG-PRA policy.

■ That Reinhard breached UNL policy by publishing studies based on illegal research done on remains. The committee also said he violated policy by making a false statement to get a research grant to continue illegal study.

■ That Reinhard transmitted "unethical and immoral values" to students during his tenure at UNL and created a "hostile" environment for

American Indian faculty, staff and students.

Reinhard said the committee acted on allegations rather than evidence and that all the charges could be refuted with documents.

He also said that he has been targeted unfairly for actions taken by university officials in the past that damaged the university's image in its treatment of remains.

"This all comes down to the unwillingness of the university to accept responsibility," he said.

When he came to the university, Reinhard said he was assigned to work

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## inside the campaign

Editor's note: This is the second part of a weeklong series taking a closer look at the 2000 ASUN elections.

# Impact party takes relaxed approach

By Samuel McKewon

Senior editor

There is no plan etched in stone for running an ASUN presidential campaign.

Some are meticulous and prepared to the hilt, like Empower and its presidential candidate Heath Mello. Others, like A-Team and Duff, are, well, looser.

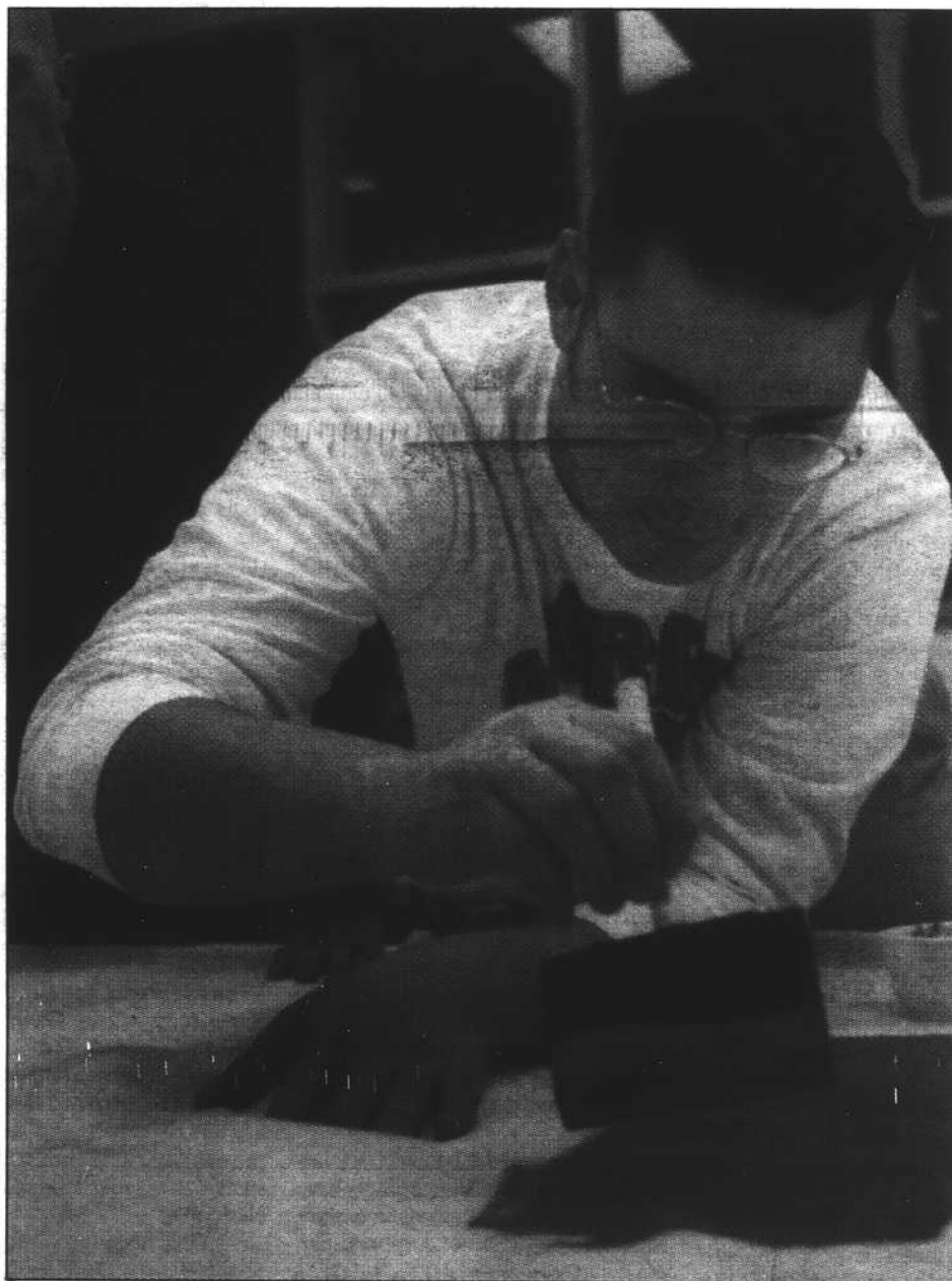
Impact presidential candidate John Conley was somewhere in between. More laid back than Mello but more structured than the other two parties, Conley, first presidential candidate Brad Bangs and second vice presidential candidate Amy Ellis, along with a loyal nucleus of supporters, do the brunt of the work for the election.

Ellis, a junior human resources and family sciences major, is the schedule-maker of the group. One night, there's an hour-by-hour chart of what Impact will do as a party, scrawled in Impact's party color of blue.

"That's Amy right there," Conley says as he points at the chart. "She's always the organized one."

Ellis also organizes Impact supporters and senate candidates on work nights, which take place on Tuesdays. Ellis directs a few people to

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HEATH MELLO PAINTS a campaign sign, to be hung on a fraternity or sorority house, at one of the Empower Party's work nights in the Nebraska Union.

Heather Glenboski/DN

# Empower party begins and ends with details

By Lindsay Young

Senior editor

A terrible meeting at first, says Empower presidential candidate Heath Mello, pacing in the room and then sitting down.

But it got better, his first vice presidential candidate, Cecily Rometo, says, bunched up on the couch with her feet next to her body.

Oh, I've seen worse, second vice Mike Butterfield says, and stretches out further on the couch with his hands behind his head.

At the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority house, the three had just finished brainstorming for their party's platform with about 20-30 of

their supporters. It's about a month before the first election day.

The three executive candidates for the Empower party balanced each other out well throughout the campaign, considering they were three people who didn't know each other well before their two-month marathon began.

Mello was always on the go, intent on staying on track with his campaign schedule. But he can be lax, sometimes, when looking at rules. Not that he means to break them; it just seems he feels everything will work out in the end.

Rometo is more intense, more intent on following plans to a tee. She and Butterfield

keep Mello in check. She's more of a behind-the-scenes person and admits she has the tendency to sound impersonal when talking to or in a group.

And then there's Butterfield, who can be best described as laid-back. His words trickle drop by drop out of his mouth as if it were a faucet that wasn't shut off entirely. But it's an intense laid-back. He sticks to his path.

The day the three went over platform ideas with their supporters wasn't a short one. But it went OK. The meeting started around 3:30 or 4 p.m. and finally wrapped up around 6:45.

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# Professor receives new award

■ Vernon Williams was recognized for helping provide a more inclusive environment for gays.

By Margaret Behm

Staff writer

For the first time, people who have stood up for the gay community were officially recognized by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Vernon Williams, an educational psychology professor and career counselor at UNL, was presented with the Outstanding Contributions to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Community Award by the chancellor on Monday in the Nebraska Union.

"I was overwhelmed," said Williams, a member of the UNL committee for GLBT concerns. "I really wasn't expecting it, and I was very honored by it."

Williams, who is also president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, received a plaque and \$1,000 will be given to the department or program on campus of his choice. He said he is undecided on who the money will be given to. His name will also be on a plaque in Chancellor James Moeser's office.

Nick Wolff, a member of the Sexual Orientation Advisory Council, said he was pleased that Williams valued the award.

"The award is important because it gives recognition to people who make contributions to the gay and lesbian community," said Wolff, a senior mechanical engineering major. "It also gives importance to the (gay) movement."

Williams' nomination was one of four received by the UNL Committee for GLBT Concerns. The three other nominees received a certificate of recognition.

Pat Tetreault, co-chairwoman of the committee, applauded the efforts of everyone who stands up for the gay community.

"It takes courage and leadership to work towards a more inclusive and safe environment for GLBT people," said Tetreault, sexuality education coordinator for the University Health Center.

The gay community is not treated equally on this campus, Williams said.

"The GLBT community is a group of students, faculty and staff who are not recognized or given equal rights," he said. "To have some recognition of their needs is crucial."

People sometimes face uncomfortable situations because of words spoken on this campus,

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