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Chavez has no regrets over choices made

**The former Secretary of Labor
nominee tells Lincolinites that she was a
'victim of a search and destroy mission.'**

BY GEORGE GREEN

Linda Chavez, President George W. Bush's infamous nominee for Secretary of Labor, told Lincolinites on Thursday about a "nasty place."

She recounted tales about Washington D.C. that painted a picture of "poisoned relations" between politicians consumed with tarnishing each other's character.

Chavez's remarks were part of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Partnership for Economic Development 2001 Luncheon at the Cornhusker Hotel.

In addition to lambasting what she labeled an "unfair" system, Chavez also

highlighted some of the policies she would have advocated, if she had landed the Cabinet job.

Amid controversy, Chavez removed her nomination for Secretary of Labor because of reports she harbored an illegal immigrant for a short time in the early 1990s.

As Lincoln's business elite listened, Chavez explained a political process where adversaries set out to crush each others' reputations.

"I have been a victim of a search and destroy mission," she said.

Dirt-slinging politics spills into both political parties and discourages gifted candidates from accepting nominations



Chavez

if they haven't lived a spotless life, she said.

"You have to live a life without a mistake or a bad judgment," she said.

"That's the standard."

Chavez described the meticulous process of examining a Cabinet nominee, which includes filling out packets of information 6-inches thick that request obscure information such as the candidate's past addresses dating back as far as college.

But, she said, the high standards were not equally applied to all people. Instead, she said, the opinions of powerful interest groups determined her political destiny.

"The real issue was my views on the issues," she said.

In particular, she said her criticism of programs that allow Spanish-speaking children to learn in their native tongue and her skepticism of minimum wage hikes damned her political failure.

It's important to assimilate immigrants into society by teaching them English and hiking the minimum wage doesn't guarantee prosperity for the lower class, Chavez said in her defense.

Despite being "unfairly caricatured" and having to reveal too much personal information, Chavez said she would again take in the Guatemalan immigrant that got her into hot water if she could do it all over.

Helping a "beaten-up" woman knocking at your door who was "lured to U.S. by the promise of a job" took precedence over asking for a green card, she said.

Gov. Mike Johanns offered Chavez a public pat on the back for her courage throughout the ordeal.

"I admire you," he said.

Chavez pointed toward immigrants like the Guatemalan woman as keys to buffering the country's economic boom.

"We have to come to terms with our

immigration policy," she said. U.S. immigration policies still follow a 1960s philosophy aimed at uniting families, she said.

Congress members need to move forward and tap into the opportunities immigrants offer, Chavez said.

For example, she said, handing out guest-worker permits will bring people to the country on a temporary basis, and their arrival will spawn a plume of new positions.

"We can export jobs or bring workers in and keep them here," she said.

Another key to nursing the boom forward, Chavez said, is relieving tax and regulatory burdens on business owners.

"The regulatory regime needs a close, hard look," she said.

Often times, she said, law makers don't understand the nuts and bolts of business and create bad policies

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Score! aims to mend fences

**Party members say their
goals include repairing ASUN's
reputation with students.**

BY MARGARET BEHM

The writing might as well be on the bathroom wall.

Student government has gotten a well-deserved bad reputation for ignoring the opinions of students, said Nathan Fuerst, the first presidential candidate to announce his candidacy for ASUN president.

As a member of the Score! party, Fuerst said if he was elected he would work to repair the reputation of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

"Score! is here, and we are here to serve the students," Fuerst said.

Jessica Lopez, first vice-president candidate, said she would work to let students know what the university was doing.

"It's imperative that students be well informed on any policy change or proposals that may affect them," she said.

Nick Fitch, who is running for second vice-president, said he would ensure that administrators had students' best interests in mind when they made decisions.

"I will not be content with turning the other cheek and simply nodding my head when student needs are being compro-

mised," he said.

Fuerst said Score! would fight for students when it came to tuition hikes.

The NU Board of Regents could raise tuition during the next two semesters, Fuerst said.

Score! would ask the Board of Regents to initiate a tuition grandfather clause. The clause would guarantee current students a locked-in tuition rate throughout their college career.

There would be a limit on how many years the clause would last, Fuerst said. Also, students who returned to college after a two or more semesters off would not be eligible for the locked-in tuition rate.

Also looking out for students' pocketbooks, Fuerst said he would implement a book exchange network.

The University Bookstore takes advantage of students, Fuerst said.

"Personally, I feel that the University Bookstore has gotten out of control," he said.

Under the exchange, students could buy and sell books through the ASUN office.

Aside from serving as a watchdog for students' wallets, Fitch said he wanted to make the university more welcoming.

"I have a vision for this university that every student should feel that this university is their home," he said.

"I will not be content with turning the other cheek and simply nodding my head when student needs are being compromised."

Nick Fitch

second vice president candidate

Fitch said he also would work to unite ASUN and the Residence Hall Association. He wants RHA members to attend ASUN meetings and activities.

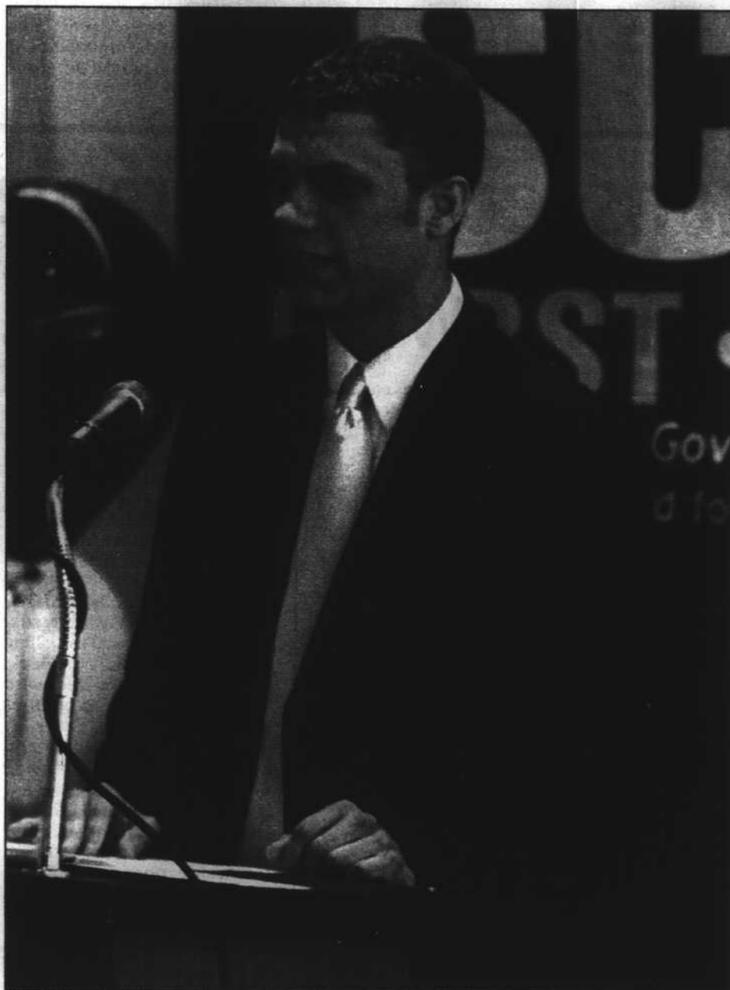
"The gap between ASUN and RHA has grown too large," Fitch said. "I think something should be done."

Fuerst said Score! would encourage U.S. citizen students to participate in programs and activities involving international students.

"International students are one of the greatest resources this campus has," he said.

All in all, Fuerst said his quest for office was based on his wanting to enrich the lives of the students he would serve.

"It's not about anything political. It's not about, 'Man, I would really like to get elected,'" Fuerst said. "It's about how we can make another student's life better at this university."



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Nathan Fuerst announces his candidacy for ASUN president Thursday at the Nebraska Union. Fuerst, who is representing the Score! Party, said his goal was to repair the reputation of ASUN.

Student Involvement director bids farewell

**Bugenhagen, who has served for
10 years, now will be working at
Marquette University.**

BY JILL ZEMAN

Ten years ago, the Student Involvement office didn't look the way it does today.

Student Involvement was known as Campus Activities and Recreation, and the office was much smaller than it is now in the Nebraska Union.

The university said goodbye Thursday to the architect of those changes, Marilyn Bugenhagen, Student Involvement director.

Bugenhagen, who has served as director for the past 10 years, leaves the University of Nebraska-Lincoln today to become the student union director at Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wis.

Wisconsin is Bugenhagen's home state, which drew her to Marquette, she said.

UNL will conduct a national search to find Bugenhagen's successor, said Daryl Swanson, director of Nebraska Union and Nebraska East Union.

Diane Podolske, assistant director of Student Involvement, will serve as interim director, he said.

Bugenhagen also served as associate director of Nebraska Union and

Nebraska East Union.

The university went without a Student Involvement director for a while, so when she was hired, Bugenhagen filled a vacancy that needed strong leadership, Swanson said.

"Marilyn saved my life 10 years ago," Swanson said. "She began to put the pieces back together."

During her time at UNL, Bugenhagen changed the office's name to Student Involvement, which made perfect sense, Swanson said.

"There are many ways (Bugenhagen) changed the course and direction of Student Involvement," he said.

The LeaderShape Institute, a week-long leadership conference over Spring break, was another brainchild of Bugenhagen's, Swanson said.

Bugenhagen also helped with the design for the current Student Involvement office, he said.

"We always hate to lose people like Marilyn," Swanson said.

"The office will be a continuing legacy to (Bugenhagen's) work with us."

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Bugenhagen's work on campus extended beyond the Office of Student Affairs.

"So many good things happened in student affairs in the last 10 years



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Student Involvement Director Marilyn Bugenhagen says her goodbyes Thursday at her farewell reception in the Nebraska Union. Bugenhagen, who has served as director for 10 years, will become student union director at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

because of Marilyn," he said.

Bugenhagen contributed to Big Red Welcome, New Student Enrollment and was one of the first university leaders to work on reducing high-risk drinking, Griesen said.

During a reception Thursday, a tearful Bugenhagen said throughout

her time at UNL, the university was always supportive of her and her family.

"Nebraska will always be in our hearts," Bugenhagen said, while accompanied by her family.

"It will be a part of our home for a very, very long time."

Attorneys to argue against Reinhard suit

BY JILL ZEMAN

NU attorneys will argue today to dismiss a case filed by a professor who was accused of mishandling American Indian remains.

Karl Reinhard, associate professor in the UNL School of Natural Resources, filed a defamation suit against the NU Board of Regents.

Reinhard filed the case with the Lancaster County District Court in November, and Alan Peterson, who represents the university, said Reinhard didn't file the suit in time.

The university filed a demurrer — a motion for a dismissal, Peterson said.

A defendant claiming libel must file a suit within one year after he or she is aware of the publication in question, Peterson said.

In the suit, Reinhard names the NU Board of Regents responsible for an article published in the April 1998 issue of The Journalist, the laboratory newspaper published by UNL's College of Journalism and Mass Communications' advanced reporting and advanced editing classes.

In his suit, Reinhard said the regents are responsible for attacks that caused him "severe emotional distress and loss of reputation."

Reinhard also said he lost forensic jobs because

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