

UNL's 11 branch libraries cache 'a wealth of information'

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Editor

The UNL library system can be an overwhelming experience, said Kent Hendrickson, dean of libraries. With its 1.5 million volumes and 2 million microforms, the library can be intimidating if a person is not familiar with it.

To get informed about all the services the library has to offer, Hendrickson recommends that freshmen take tours of Love Library and a university foundations course, a three-hour, non-credit class that includes a section on the library system.

The first thing a freshman should know about the libraries is he or she must apply for a library card. This can be done at the circulation desks of either Love Library or Cy Thompson, said Anita Cook, chairperson of general services.

Library cards may be used at UNO and the NU Medical Center as well as any of the 11 branches at UNL, she said. Library cards are good, with annual updates, throughout a student's NU career. The first card is free of cost, she said. Replacement cards are \$5.

Many services besides book loan are available to students. Through the interlibrary loan department, materials can be borrowed from libraries around the world, Cook said.

In the microform department students have access to hundreds of journals, newspapers,



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phonebooks, college catalogues and magazines, said Kate Kane, library assistant. Portable readers may also be checked out she said. The department is located on the second floor of Love and is open during all library hours, she said.

UNL is a regional depository for government documents, Cook said. "There is a wealth of information" if people cared to look it up, Cook said.

The computer search department can aid a student doing research projects. With access to over 400 data bases, the department can save students a lot of time in researching, Cook said. The cost depends on the amount of material gathered but ranges from \$2 to \$30 or \$40, she said.

Unions are refuge from academia

By Chris McCubbin
Staff Reporter

Don't be fooled, a student union is not an organized band of undergrads demanding fewer tests and higher grades. The Nebraska Union is a comprehensive community center providing amenities that help make college life bearable, said Daryl Swanson, union director.

Swanson said the main business at the unions is food service. The Union Square fast food service will be replaced this summer by a Burger King franchise. The Harvest Room cafeteria serves traditional meals and the Colonial Dining Room serves a soup and salad buffet. The East Campus cafeteria is open to the public.

There's a bakery on city campus and an outlet for the UNL dairy store that serves prize-winning, UNL-made ice cream and yogurt. A dairy store will open in the East Union this fall while the

main dairy store is being remodeled, Swanson said.

Recreation is also a big part of the union's business. In addition to lounge and television areas, both unions have rec rooms with pool tables, video and table games. The East Union includes a six-lane bowling alley. The city union rec center staff coordinates tournaments in pool, table tennis, chess, darts and others through the regional level.

Dances, movies, concerts and special events are held throughout the year in the ballroom and Centennial Room in the city campus union. Every winter the Nebraska Union hosts Walpurgisnacht, an all-night party featuring food and entertainment in almost every corner of the union.

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