



Beecher says co-op to begin operation soon

A UNL student co-op, which will offer its members discounts at some downtown stores, will be in operation within a month, according to ASUN president Bruce Beecher.

Beecher, long a proponent of the plan, said Tuesday a lawyer was working on contracts with downtown retailers. Beecher said oral agreements have been reached with several merchants.

One of the available services planned is an instant photograph machine which would produce I.D. cards. The cards would contain the individual's name, picture, student number and birth date.

The cards then would permit the student to make purchases from participating retailers "at about a 10 percent discount," according to Beecher.

The co-op organization will be incorporated separately from ASUN under the name Associated Student Co-op. The membership cards will cost \$10 a year, but

Beecher said the late start will lower this year's price to about \$8.

Money from sale of the cards will go toward opening another student store, fashioned after the ASUN-operated record store. It likely will be a "general store", selling small items like toothpaste or snacks, according to Beecher.

Merchants participating in the co-op will be student oriented, Beecher said. He said the discount also would apply at the ASUN record shop.

Beecher said he is studying prices at local stores to determine which—with the discount—would offer students the lowest prices.

The advantage to the retailer is a potential monopoly of student business, Beecher said. Only one store of a particular variety—for instance, only one photography supply store or one gas station—will be contracted, Beecher explained. The contracts will be reviewed each year, he added.

Beecher also said stores operated by students or young people will be given the first and longest look before co-op arrangements are finalized.

The ASUN exec made it clear that profits from the co-op will be put back into the co-op rather than into ASUN funds.

Expo will replace Student Y bazaar

The International Bazaar is no more. Shoplifting at last year's bazaar put the sponsoring Student Y about \$5,000 in debt, and they say they can't afford another.

So this year they've substituted a Merchants' Exposition. About 40 merchants and service organizations have paid a fee to set up booths in the Union Centennial Room. Their exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

According to Twin Daniels, Student Y advisor, clothing, bicycles, wigs and exercise machines will be part of the merchandise displayed. Free shampoo and set coupons from a beauty parlor and other discount coupons will be given away. Students also will be able to sign up for Eurail passes.

Service organizations ranging from the People's Co-op to the Young Republications and a voter registration booth also will be represented. Two rock bands, Oedipus and Last Chance, will play intermittently.

Proceeds will go the Student Y, which provides the women's information line, abortion counseling, international luncheons every Thursday, Y-teens, films, speakers and the Youth Service Bureau. Daniels said the Student Y hopes to raise about \$2500 with the exchange.

East Union funds ok'd

Money for a new East campus Union was authorized Monday at the Board of Regents meeting in Lincoln.

The Regents shifted \$2.5 million from a student fee-supported bond to finance its construction.

According to a Nebraska Union Board spokesman, planning for the new building is already underway.

Preliminary specifications for the new Union are being drawn up, he reported. The Regents have not selected an architect for the project.

Money for the new structure will come from a \$26.9 million bond series let in 1964 and 1966 for construction of student housing and other facilities. Tax funds will not be used in construction of the new Union.

Trotter urges grad program improvements

Virginia Trotter, UNL vice chancellor for academic affairs, underscored the importance of the University's graduate programs in an address Tuesday.

Speaking at the school year's first Faculty Senate meeting, Trotter urged the faculty to commit itself to developing excellent graduate education at UNL.

Without quality graduate programs, she said,

we can not expect quality undergraduate programs.

After the meeting, Trotter said that if the University is able to improve graduate instruction, those programs will "be reinforced with funding which will bring about excellence."

She declined comment when asked if the University intended to launch a major lobbying effort on behalf of its graduate academic programs.

Trotter also praised University president D.B. Varner for his attempts to raise the educational quality at the University.

Following Trotter's speech, the senate sped through its agenda in less than a half hour.

Reports were presented from several committees. Economics professor Jerry Petr was re-elected senate secretary.

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