

Ten join Koop on first day

by Bart Becker

The long-awaited Associated Student Koop (ASK) sold 10 membership cards during its first day of operation Monday, but manager John Burg is optimistic that the venture will be successful.

"If we sell 500 cards we'll cover our expenses," Burg said. "If we sell 1,200-1,500 memberships I'd say we're very successful."

ASK began Monday with a booth in the Nebraska Union and an instant-photo membership card machine in the ASUN Record Store. According to Burg, membership cards will be sold in the Union during the day. He said no schedule for visiting dorms and Greek houses has been established.

The membership cards, bearing the purchaser's name, color photo, birthdate, social security number and signature, are sold for five dollars. Card-toting ASK members then receive discounts at various local retail stores.

Nine stores currently honor ASK membership cards. They are: Kramer's Greenhouse, 20 per cent discount; Treck Photographic Inc., 10-50 per cent; Runza Drive In, J.B.'s Big Boy, Heads Together, Dark at the Top, all 10 per cent; Schaak Electronics, discount varies with item; H & A Skelley, 10 per cent on parts and labor, three and one-half per cent on gas; and ASUN Record Store, five per cent.

ASK cards also can be used as valid ID's for check

cashing and for proof of age. For this reason, anyone wanting to purchase a card must produce two forms of identification.

The memberships currently on sale will be valid until Aug. 15, 1973.

ASK is a non-profit corporation, operating autonomously from ASUN. The Koop received its first loan of \$2,450 from ASUN to cover initial expenses of the membership card machine, supplies and incorporation costs.

The sale of cards will repay the loan and pay for salaries and advertising costs. Burg, as ASK manager, receives a \$100 monthly salary, and an accountant receives \$25 per month.

Some local merchants have adopted a "wait and see" attitude about the ASK operation, Burg said.

"A lot of places are hanging on the edge," he said, "but the merchants want to know how it's going to work. Hopefully it will attract more stores and they'll begin to compete with each other for the student business."

Burg said ASK also is seeking more stores to honor the cards, specifically a grocery store and a clothing store.

"We have to get students talking about it," Burg said. "If the students don't go for the idea it could be a failure. But an organization like this is the only way to get any type of discount."



by Michael "O.K." Nelson

"Knock, knock." "Who's there?" "Poe." "Poe who?" "Police. Open up, this is a bust." Law enforcement agents, attorneys, and UNL administrators discuss your rights when arrested. Read "Busted" in Thursday and Friday's Daily Nebraskan.

Festival celebrates Cather's birthday

by Dennis Onnen

The story of a Nebraska farm girl earning national recognition as a novelist may sound like a piece of fiction. But in the case of Willa Cather, it turned out to be a true story. In 1922 she won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *One of Ours*, and since then she has earned acclaim as one of the foremost American novelists.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of her birth, a Willa Cather Centennial Festival will be held at UNL this year and next. A series of events will make the occasion, according to Robert Knoll, UNL English professor and chairman of the local committee for the festival.

Knoll said it seems fitting that the events are scheduled to take place in Nebraska. Cather moved with her family to Red Cloud, Neb., when she was 9-years-old. In 1895 she graduated from the University of Nebraska. Many of her stories dealt with pioneer life in Nebraska.

One of the major events is an international seminar on "The Art of Willa Cather" to be held Oct. 25-28. Three principal speakers will be featured, probably at Sheldon Art Gallery or the Nebraska Union, Knoll said.

They will include Leon Edel, a Pulitzer Prize winning biographer from New York University, and Englishman Marcus Cunliffe, described by Knoll as "one of the foremost European students of American culture" and another author who has not yet been announced.

In addition, a number of seminar participants will write critical essays on the works of Cather, Knoll said. These essays will be published the following spring in a special edition of

The Prairie Schooner he said. The participants come from Italy, France, Japan and Canada, as well as numerous universities throughout the United States, he added.

Among the guests will be Alfred A. Knopf, chairman of the board, and William A. Koshland, president of Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., the publisher of Cather's works since 1920, Knoll said.

He said two books also will be published during the festival. One is entitled *Uncle Valentine and Other Stories*. The work consists of previously uncollected works of Cather from 1915 to 1940. The stories were collected by Bernice Slotte, UNL professor of English and "The world's leading authority on Willa Cather," according to Knoll.

The other book is *Willa Cather: A Pictorial Memoir*, edited by Virginia Faulkner.

This March or April, a Willa Cather commemorative stamp will be issued, with the first plates issued at Red Cloud. Knoll said he believes Cather is the first Nebraskan to be so honored.

Two other events tentatively are being planned for the spring of 1974, he added.

The first is a state-wide commemorative recital by University staff and students. It will consist of readings from the works of Cather and music associated with her works, performed by the orchestra and choruses. The program will be presented in at least 15 cities, he said.

The other proposed event is a televised program from Omaha of readings from Cather's works presented by Nebraskans Dorothy McGuire, Sandy Dennis, Dick Cavett and Henry Fonda.

Few attend convocation despite class halt



by Jane Owens

Most UNL students apparently used Monday afternoon for purposes other than attending a peace convocation.

Although UNL Chancellor James Zumberge announced the cancellation of classes in observance of the cease-fire in Vietnam, only about 200 people attended the ASUN-sponsored convocation.

"I'm disappointed that more people didn't come (to the convocation), but I think this is normal," ASUN president Bruce Beecher said. "There are just too many people who are apathetic."

"I hope that the people who did attend won't sit back now and just accept the peace agreement. They should continue to actively work for peace in the future," he added.

The four main speakers at the convocation agreed that peace will not be permanent unless Americans actively work to maintain it.

"Americans still have to be skeptical of authority, even in this time of so called peace," State Sen. Steve Fowler said.

"We can no longer use the war as an excuse for not solving other problems," Fowler said. He said some problems include racial discrimination and women's rights. "Hopefully we can use some of the skills we learned from the antiwar movement in solving these issues," he added.

According to Paul Olson, UNL English

professor, "the Vietnam War was a complete disaster from the perspective of U.S. power gains." Forty thousand American soldiers died and billions of dollars were spent during the war, he added.

Olson said he hopes the United States will "overcome its overwhelming need to win" and that its "visions of building an empire will come to an end" during the next generation.

Commenting that "peace seems to be with us," the Rev. Darrel Berg, former Democratic candidate for Congress, suggested two conditions necessary for maintaining that peace.

First, the United States must admit that wars are "fought for national interests and only rarely for ideals," he said. The country must also "outgrow its self-righteousness and stop placing the blame on scapegoats," Berg added.

According to the Rev. Charles Stephen, a Unitarian minister, the United States must "rebuild the nation we helped to destroy and tend to its own bruises."

One of the nation's first priorities should be granting total amnesty to draft evaders and deserters, he said.

"These men are prisoners too," Stephen said. "They left our country as a highly moral act. Our government can now commit a moral act of its own and admit them home. We'll be the better for it, each one of us."

One of only 200 persons who attend Monday's peace convocation.