

Kooperation

The ASUN-backed Associated Student Koop (ASK) began operation Monday. This event was long-overdue in the view of many observers, but it is, nevertheless, a beginning.

For a \$5 investment, students can get a Koop card, which, because it contains the purchaser's picture and vital statistics, even doubles as a certificate of identification. With the ASK card, students can get discounts on purchases at various Lincoln businesses.

So far, nine local merchants have agreed to participate in this venture of semi-cooperative student buying. Others have not been so cooperative. The nine participants deserve student patronage, or at least good will, for their willingness to withstand numerous business pressures, which have been strong enough to persuade some merchants into a "wait-and-see" attitude.

The idea for the current Koop emerged from last spring's ASUN election campaign. ASUN President Bruce Beecher's promise of the speedy establishment of a student coop was one of the important factors leading to

his ultimate election to UNL's top student government spot.

After the campaign, ASUN went to work organizing the Koop, with an ill-advised promise of early-fall implementation. Student Senate voted its executives increased summer salaries so that they could move on the coop research which had reportedly been done during and immediately after the campaign.

At various times during last semester, the opening of the Koop was postponed until, finally, ASK cards went on sale this week. Perhaps some, but certainly not all, of this delay can be justified by the legal and business complications which were encountered.

In addition to the increased summer salaries, ASK has been financed by ASUN in the amount of a \$2450 loan. Repayment is to begin in June.

With the considerable delay and expense that have anticipated ASK, it appears legitimate for any UNL student to wonder whether the Koop deserves support and if the \$5 fee is a good investment. The answer to both questions is a qualified "yes".

Regardless of whatever delay has

unfortunately taken place in the establishment of ASK, the Koop represents a sizable investment of student money. If the Koop dies for lack of student participation, these funds will have been spent (or loaned) in vain. It is obviously quite difficult to exact loan installments from a defunct corporation.

The answer to the second question is a bit more dependent upon the particular student's situation. Students who drive automobiles seem to have the best chance of getting a solid return on their monetary investment. But just about anybody should be able to accumulate \$5 worth of discounts between now and Aug. 15.

If a respectable number of students are willing to take a chance on the Koop, it will become much less difficult to persuade more merchants to do likewise. In such an event, the Koop membership card would increase in potential value.

Hopefully, this week's humble beginning will be able to grow into large-scale cooperative student buying. But such a future is a real possibility only if ASK is supported now.

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It is often said that today's youth are crude and unmannerly. While this may be true, much slovenly behavior could be cleared up by adhering rigidly to following rules. *Is skipping class permissible?*

"Absence, except in cases of illness or death in the family, is inexcusable. Skipping classes will give you a black mark which no amount of extra study can counterbalance. Be on time for class and save the 'cat sessions' for the soda shop later. If you get the gong and are told to stay after school, don't think your teacher is a confirmed jailkeeper. She probably had other plans for the afternoon, too. **BUT RULES ARE RULES** and someone has to enforce them, if you won't."

How are the various eating implements used?

"Your fork is a conveyor, not a spear. For scooping up food, hold the handle like a pencil, in your right hand (unless you're left handed). For steadying a piece of meat (to be cut), hold the fork handle in the palm of your left hand and point the prongs down into the meat." **DO NOT USE THE BLUNT END OF THE FORK TO SHOVEL FOOD INTO YOUR MOUTH!**

"The knife is held with the handle in the palm of your right hand for both cutting and spreading. It is neither held nor used as a shovel." And do not knife your neighbors if they attempt to steal your food. A sharp rap on the nose with a spoon will temper their tantrums.

Must hosts and hostesses always clean up after a party?

"You may be all aglow after seeing a 'certain someone' at the party or dance and find that you can go home together, but don't forget your job, if you're on a committee. As a member of the clean-up committee, you can't leave until the debris is cleared. Ask your heart-throb to help. **ALL GOOD PARTIES END IN THE KITCHEN.**"

What is improper behavior at a school assembly?

Take Trudy, for example. "Trudy is occupied with being unoccupied, too. She has devoured the edible portions of her fingernails, spit twice on a run in her stocking and picked sixty-five imaginary bits of fuzz off her coat sleeve."

She is reading a movie magazine and whispers to a friend. "Her awed whisper, unfortunately, comes at a pause in the speaker's address, and the audience gets the full benefit of 'D'ya suppose she really drinks beet juice for breakfast?'"

"A school's reputation in a community depends mainly on student conduct at school functions to which outsiders are invited: assemblies, concerts, plays and athletic games. It is your responsibility to make an impression that will tell other citizens of the community, 'The students at that school are tops!'"

Is it true that laying out in the moon for a tan can be harmful?

Although the connection between the moon and lunacy is usually dismissed as wives tale, there is some truth in the statement. The United States, in the past decade, has spent billions of dollars trying to get to the bottom of his mystery. The results have been unfortunate. Astronauts who have returned from the moon have found either God or ESP, and are referred to as "loony-nauts" in National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) circles.

Moon tanning may cause much of a crazy behavior of today's youth. BE FOREWARNED!

What is proper behavior at the cafeteria table?

"Keep your elbows to yourself and your arms off the table. The ancient Romans reclined while eating; they also wore togas. But who wants to copy customs as dead as the people who used them?"

How should one be seated at the movies?

"A boy removes his hat and coat before he is seated. A girl usually removes hers after, spreading her coat on the back of the chair. If a woman in front of you fails to remove her hat, ask her pleasantly, 'Would you mind removing your hat?' If she refuses, you may harass her during the movie, prodding her with your umbrella or rifling wet popcorn at the back of her neck.