

A change for the better—Bennett

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A change for the better, according to Art Thompson and Al Bennett of the Union.

They say the change in study area and in the Union programming office will increase the use of the study area plus aid the operations of Union programming.

Last week the Union programming office moved from rm. 128 and rm. 237 into rm. 115, formerly the study lounge. Art Thompson, Union programming director, said the move solved a major programming problem without eliminating study space because rm. 237 and rm. 128 will be turned into study areas.

Thompson said two offices were a problem for the programming office because there always was some information or file in the other office no matter where the programming staff met.

House entire staff

The new office will house all programming staff members plus provide Union committees with meeting space.

Thompson said the two study areas also would aid students. "If one area of the building is noisy, students can move to another area," he said.

He said there would be more study space, more tables and chairs, but less lounging furniture.

Rm. 128 now is open with tables and chairs from the old study lounge. Rm. 237 will be equipped with dining tables and chairs until permanent equipment, already ordered, arrives, according to Al Bennett, Union director.

The space allocated for the ASUN record store also has been converted into a study and lounging area. The north half of the room has been converted into study space, while the south half has been changed into a television lounge.

Original function

This changes the area back to its function before the ASUN record store began, Bennett said.

Thompson said this also provides a television lounge when the north half of the Union is closed during weekends in the summer.

It also provides another channel for alternative viewing and eliminates some problems when people want to watch different programs at the same time, Bennett said.

Bennett said the three study areas would provide for nine additional study tables and 36 additional chairs.

Bennett said the television lounge area is an important service to provide students because many students are too far from home to return between afternoon and evening classes. And some students have no television and depend on the Union, he said.

Bennett said on a normal weekday during the school year the Union is entered 18,000 times with 50 to 60 per cent of the traffic from off-campus students.

~~ASUN record store~~
Quiet Students at work ?
Books exchanged here ?

Bookstore or study area?

The space occupied by the ASUN record store now is a study and lounge area, but ASUN would like the area to be used as a permanent book exchange beginning this fall, according to Sue Overing, ASUN second vice president.

After the record store closed its doors earlier in the summer, the space was transferred to the Union. Al Bennett, Union director, assigned the space to study and lounge use, the function the area fulfilled before ASUN took over the two rooms.

However, according to Dennis Martin, vice president of the Union board and chairman of the Union space-use committee, Bennett's decision can be altered by the Union board.

Formal request

"If there is a formal request by ASUN and if the Union space-use committee approves the request, it would be up to the Union board to make the final decision," Martin said.

The Union board is comprised of nine students, three faculty members and Bennett. Bennett has the prerogative to change the area to lounge and study space, unless the Union board decides otherwise, Martin said.

In order to establish a book exchange in the area for the beginning of fall classes, the Union

board would have to meet in August to approve a change in the area's function.

Miss Overing said ASUN wants to make the area a permanent book exchange to work in conjunction with book exchanges planned for Abel-Sandoz and Burr-Fedde this fall.

Master file

She said the book exchange in the Union would have a master file of all books in the exchanges throughout campus, so if a book was not available in the Union, the book might be located at another book exchange by phone.

The outlying book exchanges could call the Union to check on books not available at their exchange, she said.

Ron Sindelar, chairman of the ASUN student services committee, said he would like to start the book exchange during the first week of school and continue it throughout the school year.

"A year-round system would establish the book exchange, and then more people might use it," Sindelar said.

In the past book exchanges, students brought in their books, recorded the price they wanted for the book and after the exchange they either picked up their money or their unsold book.

Check cashing fee working ok

By Bart Becker
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Although the small volume of summer session business makes an accurate appraisal difficult, the ten cent fee on all checks cashed at the Union is apparently working satisfactorily.

Al Bennett, Union director, said Friday he has received no complaints about the dime charged for each check cashed. The check cashing fee was approved by the Union Board last spring and went into effect at the end of the spring semester.

The primary purpose for the fee was to generate income which would keep the service independent. Prior to this summer no fee was charged for checks cashed.

Bennett pointed out, however, that it is hard to determine what the University fall population's reaction to the fee will be. Summer session figures, while an indicator of feeling, are not necessarily indicative of the much larger University population's attitude, he said.

For one thing, "the summer

session people don't really get into being a University citizen" according to Bennett. Since summer students spend less time on campus they consequently write fewer checks here.

Union figures show that during the first summer session 3,788 checks were cashed for an average of 15.1 each week day and 16.8 each weekend day. Through July 25, 866 checks had been cashed during second session. The second session average was 10.4 each week day and 14 each weekend day.

The income generated from the dime appropriated from each check (regardless of the amount of the check) is apparently generating enough income to justify itself.

Bennett said he hopes the fee will lead to "an increase in the size of the individual check being written. This would still off the hiring of more help for the service."

"We are making a serious and honest effort to provide this service but there is no way we can completely satisfy all the customers. They have to help out."

Extra college bulletins to be sold

By Pat Schock
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Starting with the fall semester, University students will have to be more careful with their college bulletins or replace them at the University bookstore for fifty cents.

"Let me make it clear that we are only selling the extras," said Ken Keller, director of publications services and control, "as every new student will get one free of charge."

"We are going on the assumption that students already here have bulletins," he said, "since we've been giving them out like popcorn."

"Our policy will be to send a general information bulletin free to every prospective student who inquires about admission and a

six-page update which includes current rates and undergraduate information," Keller said.

"When a student applies for admission he will be given free of charge an acknowledgment card that may be exchanged for a college bulletin of his choice."

Free of charge

"He will also receive free of charge a guide to academic planning from the Office of Registration Advisement which is directed to first-year students and is really a more complete course description than the college bulletins."

"When he gets here, the student handbook from the office of Student Activities is also free," Keller said.

Keller explained that every student also should have access to

college bulletins through college offices and advisers offices, and incoming freshmen should have seen bulletins in their high school.

According to Keller, the new policy was formed because the publications office budget was cut in half last year, making it necessary that bulletins' cost be reduced.

"This step was taken with reluctance," Keller said, "because we realize students need to have their own bulletins, but we suspect that perhaps most students aren't being as careful as they could be about keeping track of them. For instance, in April alone we gave out over 800 copies of the arts and sciences catalogue."

Disagreement over amount

He said that the advisory

committee headed by Ned Hedges approved the need for the charge, but that there was some disagreement over the amount. Keller said that amounts suggested ranged from 25 cents to a dollar for each copy, but that fifty cents was agreed upon since that amount would cover the cost of distribution but would not make a profit.

"We are not doing this as a money-making venture," he said. "We are hoping that students will agree this is a fair way of dealing with a tough situation."

"Hopefully, with the fifty cent charge, we can break even," Keller said. "But more than that, we want to cut down on what we suspect may be wasteful use. After all, you can't even buy a magazine for fifty cents

anymore."

The University of Nebraska is not alone in this situation according to Keller. The University of Colorado has charged a dollar for each bulletin for the last three years and Kansas State also charges. He said Oklahoma State now is reviewing their policy on college bulletin distribution.

Keller said the stock of bulletins varies in each college, for instance the College of Agriculture is out now, but a new batch is being printed and should be ready by the first of the year. He said a College of Architecture bulletin is being prepared and the School of Journalism, which has not had a bulletin for two years, may have a bulletin for a fall year also.