

For Union businesses

Students question plan

An informal survey of students on campus Wednesday indicates division among students on the question of allowing additional businesses to locate in the Nebraska Union.

Under a proposed plan to remodel the Union two new retail businesses would be set up in the Union. The plan needs approval from the Union Board, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader and the Central Planning Committee.

"I'm against it," said Jack Siemsen, senior. "First, they took away our study lounge and put in Gateway Bank. They gave us another, but I'm just afraid that soon there won't be any study areas. Probably no bathrooms either."

"I don't like the idea at all," and Karen Rolvang, graduate student. "They took away the only decent place to study, and stuck us where students can run in and out and make a lot of noise. It's ridiculous."

Some students said they liked the idea of businesses in the Union because of the convenience.

"It doesn't bother me in the least," said Joyce Meyer. "Gateway Bank really helps because sometimes it's the only place you can get money."

"I don't mind businesses in the Union," said Bob Hedrick, junior. "If they put a lot more in I might, but I think it's just a real help to students."

Some students said they dislike the idea of putting commercial businesses in the Union because it would ruin the image of a "student" union.

"I don't see the Union as a place for business," said Jim Mazour, senior. "The student union is a place for things like the lounge or the Crib—places where students come to relax, not to be sold to."

"There's no reason for businesses in the Union," said Robin Davis, senior. "With the downtown area so close, it's ridiculous for commercial businesses to invade University property."

Foreign life displayed

International Week has been a traditional activity of the International Club for "quite a few years," Rodrigo Lopez, coordinator of the week-long program, said Wednesday.

Through the displays at the Nebraska Union and International Night this Saturday, the International Club hopes to explain the life of the international students to the American students at UNL, Lopez said.

The theme of International Night is "Difference is Beautiful," said Valerie Schaeffer, coordinator of International Night.

International Night will feature the folklore and dancing of the foreign students.

Venna Saahasrabudde from India, will sing "Bhajah," accompanied by Ashim Dasgubta, Schaeffer said.

A group of Pakistani students will dance the "Bugra." The Bugra is named after the instrument which accompanies the dance, Schaeffer said.

In the main lounge of the Nebraska Union, the International Club is exhibiting various articles representing the different cultural backgrounds of the club members.

The items range from clothing to dolls to stamps, most being hand-made.

San-Fong Van, a UNL student from Hong Kong, pointed out a handscroll which is a copy of a massive portrayal of the Chien-lung Festival done in the Ch'ing Dynasty. The original, a joint work of five artists, would be about 10 feet wide and as long as Abel Hall, he said.

Safdar Ali Lilak, a Pakistani student, explained some of the footwear of Pakistan. On display are sequined slippers worn by Pakistani women. There are also embroidered leather shoes with upturned toes which are worn by Dathati, the cowboys of Pakistan, he said.

Members of the International Club are at the exhibit to explain any of the items.

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