

License revocations now unlisted Builders dinner profits will go to Lebanese refugees

Persons wishing to know the names of Nebraska drivers whose licenses have been revoked for accumulating 12-points on their driving record will have to check the public record instead of the newspaper.

The State Motor Vehicle Dept. will release to Nebraska newspapers only the number of drivers whose licenses are revoked, not names, under a new policy which began Nov. 2, according to R. James Pearson, department director.

He said the names will be accessible to the public, but the list will not be prepared for the media.

Besides being unfair to those who lost their licenses on points, he said, "It was a waste of taxpayers' money."

The list was incomplete, he explained. In October, for instance, 165 of 1,128 people who lost their licenses; lost them for accumulating 12 penalty points for traffic violations in a two-year period. Under the old system,

only those 165 names would be printed in Nebraska papers.

However, 394 people had their licenses suspended for not filing proof of financial responsibility, and 229 were alcohol-related suspensions.

The names published monthly accounted for only 10 per cent of the total, Pearson said. The department had to decide whether to continue printing an incomplete list, print the complete list or print no list at all.

"We are trying to cut tax dollars," he said. In order to prepare a complete list, two additional full-time people would have to be hired. One part-time person is doing the work now, he said.

Pearson said he has received no complaints about the new policy.

Jack Hart, managing editor of the *Lincoln Evening Journal* said he would prefer the list be made available to the paper, but the department is not required to do so.

Proceeds from a Lebanese dinner in the Nebraska Union Harvest Room Dec. 5 will aid refugees in Lebanon, according to George Ayoub, a UNL researcher. The event is sponsored by University Builders in cooperation with the American Lebanese Federation, he said. Ayoub, who received his Ph.D. in engineering in May from UNL and is doing research here, asked the Builders for help in sponsoring the event.

"The American Lebanese Federation is made up of Lebanese born in the United States who are trying to help the people in Lebanon," he said. The need for assistance in Lebanon is partly because of the conflict in the Middle East, but involves other factors, he said.

"It is easy to describe the Middle East conflict as a religious war, which is what you hear on the news," he said. "Actually, it could be described as a war between the left and the right and is complicated by the presence of the Palestinians in Lebanon."

Ayoub said 500,000 is a conservative estimate of the number of Lebanese who have fled to neighboring countries to escape the war.

"Although there are few who are actually fighting in the war, the civilians are the ones who are hurt," he said. "The American Lebanese Federation is trying to help all civilians affected by the war."

The dinner will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Harvest Room, with live music and belly dancing during and after the dinner.

The meal will include Lebanese bread and two other Lebanese dishes: dabbouley, which is a type of salad; and loubey, a rice and meat dish with an oriental flavor. About eight Lebanese students at UNL and other Lebanese from Lincoln and Omaha will help prepare the food, he said.

A group from Omaha will perform a folk dance and "if people want to participate, the dancers will teach them dances," he said. Belly dancing will be performed for short periods during the dinner and for a longer period following the dinner.

The dinner is open to the public and tickets may be purchased at the Union South Desk. Tickets also will be sold by Builders and Lebanese students at a booth in the Union, he said. Cost is \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public.

Interior design program accredited

By Barbara Lutz

Nebraska has another first.

The UNL College of Home Economics' interior design program is the first from the Nebraska-Iowa chapter region of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) to gain professional accreditation.

The interior design program, in the Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design (TCD), was first taught at UNL in 1909. Interior design became a major in 1964.

The TCD curriculum is one of 16 programs in the nation with provisional status, the first step toward full accreditation, held by only six schools.

Audrey Newton, TCD chairman, said this is an important recognition of quality for the program, the university, the department faculty members and the students majoring in interior design on the Lincoln and Omaha campuses.

"An academic program which receives accreditation by a professional organization provides graduates with an endorsement of the quality of their educational programs. This endorsement will be meaningful to the graduate as employment in their chosen field is sought," said College of Home Economics Dean Hazel Anthony.

Anthony said there are "more and more opportunities (for jobs) in the field of TCD." Because UNL has one of

the few accredited programs, UNL design graduates have an advantage when applying for jobs.

However, Newton said openings in the field depend on the building situation and the economy. A lot of construction is being done in Lincoln and there is a demand for interior designers, she said.

The highest number of jobs for interior designers are as consultants in furniture stores, with architectural firms or private homes, Anthony said.

The accreditation was done by a national professional accrediting organization, the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER).

Newton said the team members who evaluated UNL's interior design program were a professional interior designer from Lincoln and two educators.

In looking at the program, Anthony said the team examined credentials of the faculty members, classrooms, equipment, curriculum, available resources and the capabilities of the students.

Recommendations for the program included additional faculty; increased space on the Omaha campus, student lockers and storage at Lincoln and Omaha, additional library holdings and increased permanent display areas on both campuses.

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