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Interim NU president Ronald Roskens

ASUN book exchange; Students set the prices

Students can set their own price for used books they want to sell at the ASUN Book Exchange today through Friday.

Students should put the price on their books and leave them at the book exchange, in the Nebraska Union basement conference rooms.

It is not necessary to have books to sell in order to buy books from the book exchange, said Ron Erlewine, chairman of ASUN's Student Services Committee.

Students whose books are sold will receive a check from ASUN about two weeks after the exchange closes, Erlewine said.

This semester ASUN will deduct four per cent from the price of books sold to cover expenses, he added. Students should pick up unsold books Friday.

The book exchange needs student volunteers. Those interested in helping should call the ASUN secretary, 472-2581, Erlewine said.

short stuff

The Student Legal Services Center has free booklets with tips on renting apartments. Booklets are available in Nebraska Union 334 and 335.

New Student Orientation still is taking applications for Student Host positions. Hosts earn \$500 plus room and board for six weeks of summer employment. For more information, contact any college dean's office, the ASUN office or the orientation office, Union 200. Applications are due Thursday.

The Towne Club will meet at 6 p.m. today in the Union Harvest Room B-C.

ASUN is sponsoring a book exchange today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Union Conference Rooms.

The Young Democrats will meet at 9 p.m. Wednesday at Horsefeathers, 1228 P St.

The UNL Student Alumni Board is taking applications for membership this week. Applications may be obtained from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at Alumni House, 1520 R St.

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NU quality overlooked: Roskens

By Theresa Forsman
Ronald Roskens, who has been interim NU president for about two weeks, said he is not the president of a second-rate university. Too often, he said, the quality at NU is overlooked, while problems are exaggerated.

Roskens, chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) since 1972, said he wants to reduce the time spent on differences and build on what is already "a great school."

Good faculty members are the reason behind a quality university, Roskens said. In turn, they attract good students.

Students at NU today are discriminating consumers of their educations, he said. They want a part in the decision-making that affects academic quality.

Improving Communications

Roskens said he is taking steps to improve both internal and external communications at the university. He said he has talked to top administrators at UNL, UNO and the Medical Center. They favor a careful examination of the central administration's role in relation to the individual campuses, he said.

He said the main responsibilities of the Systems office include implementing the policies decided on by the NU Board of Regents, avoiding program duplication among the campuses and representing the university to the state.

Communication between the university and the state cannot be accomplished by the president alone, Roskens said. He said he will encourage more deans and executive officers of individual campuses to talk to Nebraskans about their university.

Although Roskens' appointment as interim president

at the December regents meeting has been questioned by some because he is from the Omaha campus, Roskens said he will have no difficulty being fair when considering individual campus needs.

As interim president he can no longer think in terms of a single campus, he said.

The regents decided in September that UNO needs slightly more than \$1 million in order to be financed at a level comparable with UNL. The board asked for \$500,000 of this money in the 1977-78 budget request.

"It's up to the legislature now," Roskens said. Although it is early for him to name specific problems and projects he will focus on as president, Roskens said, next year's \$108 million state budget request will take much of his time.

He said he hopes he can pass on a united university to whomever is named permanent president.

Cooperation overwhelming

"There's a tremendous regard for the university in this state," he said. Roskens said the spirit of cooperation he has encountered during his short tenure has been "nothing short of overwhelming."

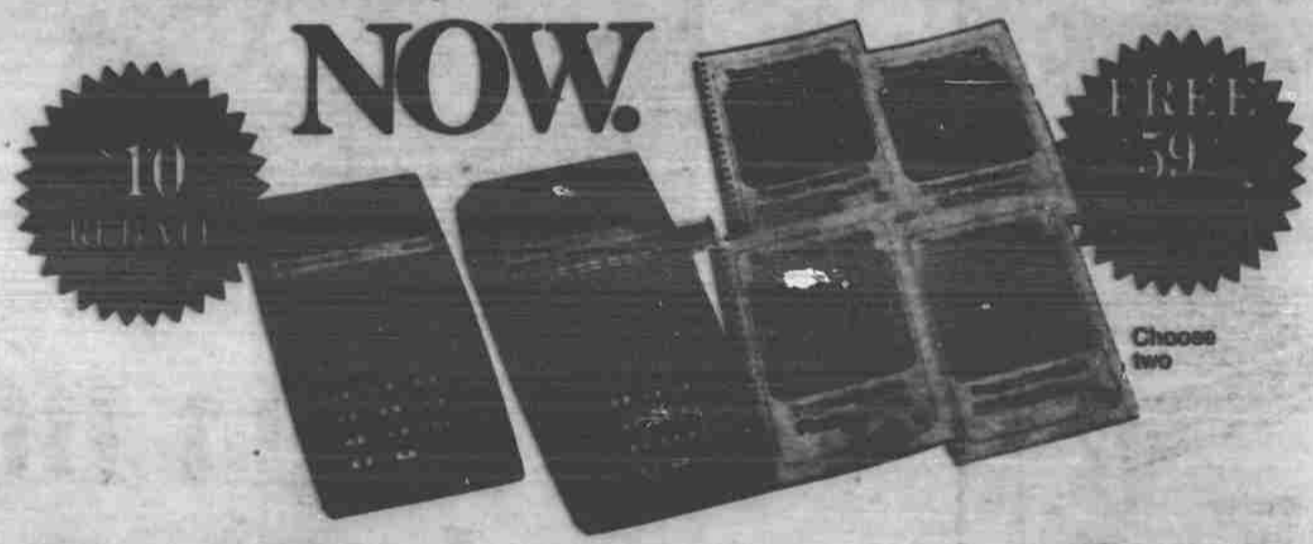
Roskens said because he still is becoming acquainted with a job he neither sought nor aspired to, he cannot be sure whether he would take the job permanently if it were offered to him. But he said he feels comfortable in his new job because he "has the opportunity to test the university and to be tested by it."

Roskens travels from Omaha each workday to fill the chair left by D.B. Varner, who resigned in June and moved across the hall to become chief executive officer of the NU Foundation.

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