

Energy-saving program is a real penny-pincher

The frugal energy-use program started at UNL four years ago has succeeded in cutting energy use by about one third.

The success can be attributed directly to the Energy Research and Development Center created by a \$10,000 grant in 1975.

According to the center's director, Donald Edwards, the center has a variety of energy conservation programs but they are all based on willpower.

Specifically, Edwards said UNL's "light out" and maintenance programs have cut UNL's fuel consumption by 30 per cent. Thermostats also have been turned down during colder months and air conditioning has been cut during the summer.

UNL business hours have been adjusted during the summer to cut down on the number of hours campus buildings are used during the peak electricity load period, he said.

UNL Chancellor Roy Young has announced that the program will be used again this year. Beginning May 16th, business hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Energy Conservation Office is also conducting a study to determine the most efficient use of electric lighting at UNL.

According to Jim Hines, UNL conservation officer, the study is attempting to

reduce the amount of energy needed to sufficiently light UNL buildings.

The testing is being done in five areas, using a light meter which measures the amount of light used by foot candles. Foot candles are a unit of measure equivalent to the amount of candles needed to light a square foot.

The first area of study is to determine the actual level of light used in a class room. He said the second area will study how the light in the room is used. Lighting levels vary for different purposes, he said. Once the office knows how much light is needed it can prevent overlighting, he said.

The third study area determines the occupancy rate of the rooms, because rooms occupied only during the day require less light, he said.

Room location is the fourth area of study. It examines which rooms have windows, which provide seven candles per square foot, he said.

The final area examined is how the various light circuits are arranged. In some areas, lights will be left alone even if they are inefficient because the cost of replacing them would be too great, he said.

Light testing was already done in Love Memorial Library, resulting in the removal of about 50 per cent of the lights "because we were tremendously overlit, resulting in a real over kill," he said.



Photo by Ted Kirk

The Easter Puppy, who leaves good little boys and girls small brown goodies under their pillows on Easter morning, takes time out to join in the rites of spring-watching a baseball game at the UNL diamond. For more baseball, see p. 10.

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Student Sanders is not surprised at election results

Sanders McCandless, part-time UNL student, said he is not surprised he did not make it past Tuesday's primary election for City Council.

He could not afford to compete with the other candidates, he said after the election.

McCandless finished 11th with 1,060 votes of the 14 candidates for six general election positions.

McCandless said that up to five days before the election he had as good a chance of winning as the others, but then their added campaign spending and publicity put him out of contention.

"I learned a lot," he said. "I knew you needed money but I didn't know how much it dictated the results." He said he started his campaign effort optimistically but became pessimistic when he realized "it's hard to fight money."

"I don't think people consider everyone (when voting)," he said. "It takes money to make yourself obvious."

McCandless said he was the only candidate who did not spend much money campaigning.

"The amount spent on the City Council race is ridiculous," he said. His own campaign expenses totalled \$10.

McCandless said he does not think candidates should support their own campaigns from personal finances or accept backing from businessmen that could create conflict of interests. Information about candidates should come from newspapers and other sources, McCandless said.

Other factors contributing to his defeat included difficulty of running against incumbents and voter disinterest, he said.

"This is an off-year, a primary, and people are not concerned about it," he said.

McCandless said that he was the only candidate that offered a different point of view, stressing the necessity of full-time councilmen free from conflicting interests.

A city water meter reader before the election, McCandless was fired because he was running for public office. He filed suit against the city and was reinstated pending a hearing April 18. McCandless said this proved his point about city employees' right to run for office.

"It had a positive effect on a bad day," he said. McCandless said his case probably helped his campaign. However, he said he doubts he will run in the next election.

MUN planning hunger conference

Model United Nations is helping to plan a state-wide hunger conference that may feature United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland as speaker, said Sara Boatman, Union Programming Council (UPC) adviser.

Model United Nations will aid the planning committee in seeking student groups that might be interested in attending the one-day Governor's Conference on Food and Hunger, said Boatman.

"I don't think we necessarily want people at the conference who know everything about world hunger," said John Cutler, chairman of the planning committee. "I think we want people who are perceptive and who will go away knowing more about world hunger."

The conference's purpose is to "examine ways Nebraskans can become involved in helping hungry and abused brothers and sisters around the world," Cutler said.

The community Hunger Appeal of Church Wide Service (CROP) along with Break for the World and the

Hunger Task Force of the Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska are the main groups involved in planning the conference, Cutler said.

The conference will be held at the First-Plymouth Congregational Church on 20th and D Streets, Cutler said. He added that the Governor will send out 400 invitations; the church has room for 700 people.

There will be a registration fee to pay for the cost of a lunch and dinner, but the conference is open to those who do not want to eat there, he said.

CROP will pay conference costs above the money taken in for registration, Cutler said. Open Harvest, a cooperative food store in Lincoln volunteered to prepare the noon meal, he added.

President Carter was also invited to the conference, but since the President's schedule could not be planned six months in advance, Cutler said he doubted Carter would come. He added that the conference's schedule would be flexible enough to accommodate the President if he did come.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Taking advantage of the good weather, students give the Easter Bunny a ride. Maybe they're trying to bribe him for some extra Easter boodle.

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