

Bennett plans computer accounting system for union

By Kathy McAuliffe

Next year's bond request for the Nebraska Union may include \$30,000 to \$50,000 or more to cover the costs of computer hardware and software, according to Nebraska Union director Allen Bennett.

The computer would replace the union's present "completely hand-run" accounting system, Bennett said at Wednesday's Nebraska Union Board meeting.

Main lounge carpeting installed in 1969 also could be replaced, at a cost of about \$20,000, he said.

Carpeting also is needed for the Harvest

Room, Bennett added.

Another project for which funds may be requested is the renovation of the small auditorium, at a cost of about \$50,000, according to Bennett.

"If properly designed, it (the small auditorium) would have a good income-producing capacity," Bennett said.

The present design, function and appearance of the small auditorium is "dismal," he said.

The bond request must be submitted to UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Richard Armstrong by October 2, so the request can be considered at the October Board of Regents meeting.

In other business Union Director Allen

Bennett presented to the board gross union sales for the summer. Sales for June, July and August for the city union totaled \$135,703 compared with \$105,454 in 1977.

East union summer sales totaled \$47,252 in 1978, compared with a total 1977 summer figure of \$36,216.

Board members also reviewed proposed by-law changes, which will be necessary because of the formation of the Campus Activities and Programs office.

Frank Kuhn, Operations Manager for the Nebraska Union and board member, reported on recent physical changes in the union. Changes include renovation of the Harvest Room entrance, replacement of

carpet with tile in the Harvest Room serving area, and new paint in the restaurant, restrooms and employee areas.

In addition, ASUN has moved into space occupied by the first floor study lounge, while the study lounge has been moved to the old ASUN office on the third floor, Kuhn said.

Charles Oellermann, Food Service Committee Chairman, reported the progress being made on the union delicatessen, which will be located on the south wall of the union adjacent to the Harvest room. The delicatessen is tentatively slated for completion between October 15 and November 1, depending on the arrival of equipment, he said.

Teachers, peers snuff out rule-breaking smokers' puffs

By Brenda Moskovits

"... when a lovely thing dies,
smoke gets in your eyes."

That may be true some places, but smoking in UNL classrooms is against state law and NU Board of Regents' policy.

No smoking signs are posted in all classrooms, auditoriums and elevators, according to Edward Simpson, director of environmental health and safety.

"To the best of our knowledge, they are enforced," said Simpson, whose department prints the signs. "It is impossible to police this kind of thing," he added.

Simpson said, "I get complaints from students periodically," and he estimated he receives about five complaints a year from students. Student complaints are taken to the chairman of the department or higher, he said. They discuss the violations with their staff.

Janitors notice

Otherwise, Simpson said, his department keeps tabs on problems through the custodial staff, who sweep

cigarettes off the floors and replace missing signs.

"I think students really are abiding by it. I think it's because of this cancer drive," said John Dzerk, operation manager of the Physical Plant.

He said his department has noticed a reduction in the number of cigarettes swept from floors in the past few years.

"When Oldfather Hall first opened after the first day of classes we had over 100 tiles that were burned from cigarettes thrown on the floor."

Mop fires

Dzerk said there have been no serious cigarette-related fires, although sweeping up still-lit cigarettes occasionally causes a custodial room fire in a mop or wastebasket.

Simpson said the regulations prevent burnt floors and custodial problems as well as protecting non-smokers' rights.

Sue Hulett, a one-year appointed political science teacher, tells her students on the first day that she does not allow smoking.

Allergic to smoke

"The main reason is that I'm allergic to smoke myself. I was at USC and the rule was no smoking, but if your teacher smoked, you could smoke," she said.

"Most people don't smoke," Hulett said. Prohibiting smoking in her classroom is "for others' consideration," she added.

"I have never given it (smoking in class) any thought," said Michael Stricklin, assistant professor of journalism, who admitted to smoking in his classes.

"If anyone objects, I don't smoke and I request nobody else smoke," he said. "Otherwise, I don't see anything wrong with it," Stricklin added.

"I wouldn't smoke in a large lecture class," he said, because those offended probably would not object in a large group.

Cooperation

Some students seen smoking in the Nebraska Union also smoke during class, and others do not. But all said they would put out their cigarette if asked by an instructor or fellow student.

"Cigarette smoking is very sickening if you don't smoke," said Richard Smith, a student taking post-graduate classes. Smith said he does not smoke in classes.

"I'd rather see them restrict it (smoking in class). A lot of time you don't miss it," said Diane Conway, a junior computer science major from Princeton, Neb.

"In class I don't think you should smoke," according to Craig Smith, a graduate business student. Smith said he opposes prohibiting smoking in places such as restaurants, but finds no smoking sections acceptable compromises in public places.

"Ridiculous

"I think it's ridiculous. I feel you can smoke in class," said Laurey Steinke, a senior life science major from Norfolk.

"You don't have to make a mess of it if you have an ashtray," Steinke said. She said when occasionally asked to put out a cigarette in class, she does.

Jerry Fairbanks, a junior engineering student from Wyoming, said "I can understand in some situations (putting out a cigarette) when a particular person is bothered. It's blanket rules that are generally obnoxious to me."



Photo by Mark Billingsly

The royal family of strange people included a human pretzel, a man with two faces, and an eye-popper at this year's state fair. Disbelievers and the curious were attracted to the show which runs until Saturday. See story on page 8.

Union Bank spreads loans, not comments

By Randy Essex

Union Bank and Trust Co. of Lincoln officials refuse to talk about it, but the number of Federally Insured Loans they make available have enhanced UNL students' chances of obtaining those loans, according to Ron Fritz, acting director of the UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids.

Union Bank is one of the largest lenders under the program in a four state area, according to Rosie Stewart of the Kansas City regional office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The four states included are Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

Most of the students who seek federally insured loans are not eligible for National Direct Student Loans or other forms of aid based on need, Fritz said.

Federally insured loans carry an interest rate of 7 percent, compared to 3 percent interest on NDSL's. Like NDSL's, payment on the insured loans begins nine months after a student graduates. Stewart said payment on insured loans may begin as late as one year after graduation, at the discretion of the lending institution.

In a copyright story August 20, the Omaha World-Herald reported that Union Bank had loaned \$2 million under the program this summer, and has \$5 million in loans outstanding in Nebraska.

The World-Herald also reported that most banks got

out of the program due to federal red tape, and that over 100 banks refer students to Union.

Stewart explained that if a student defaults on his loan the government will pay the lending institution the amount of the loan. The government then tries to collect from the student, Stewart said.

"We pay the bank if all the forms are correct," she said.

According to the World-Herald, Union Bank officials are able to "stay on top of loans" through a "very expensive" computer system located in Denver.

Students inquiring about the loans are referred to Union Bank by several Lincoln banks, including Gateway Bank and Trust, Citibank, Cornhusker Bank, Lincoln Bank South, Havelock Bank and National Bank of Commerce. Of the Lincoln banks contacted, only First National Lincoln and Union handle Federally Insured Loans.

Administrative assistant for the Union Bank, Susan Martens, said bank personnel had been instructed by bank president Jay Dunlap not to give any personal interviews or answer any questions on the subject.

Martens also said Dunlap said that any article written on the subject "must be read (by Union Bank officials) before it is printed," but it is common practice for reporters not to let sources read stories prior to publication.

Dunlap was not available for comment Wednesday.

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