

calendar

9:30 a.m. — Nebraska Union Staff Regency Suite  
 Noon — Interclub Council Luncheon Georgian Suite  
 1:30-3 p.m. — Kimball Hall — Guthrie Workshop  
 Rostrum — Cellar  
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 3:15-4:15 p.m. — UPC-City Free University 401  
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 5:15-6:45 p.m. — I.E.S. Women Across Cultures 402  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. — UPC-City Talks & Topics Dinner Harvest Room C  
 5:30-8:30 p.m. — UPC-City Heritage Room  
 6-9 p.m. — Multi-Cultural Affairs Tutoring 225  
 6:30-8 p.m. — Baptist Student Union The Rostrum  
 6:30-8 p.m. — Students for Pro-Life The Cellar, N  
 7-9 p.m. — Tau Beta Pi Harvest Room A-B  
 7-8 p.m. — ASUN Facilities & Services The Cellar, S  
 7-8 p.m. — Parking Appeals Board 216  
 7-8:30 p.m. — I.F. C. Rush Committee 402

7:15-10:00 p.m. — The Navigators 232  
 7:30 p.m. — Math Counselors 225B-C  
 7:30 p.m. — UPC City Talks & Topics Middle East Symposium "Dr. Hatem Hussain." Centennial Room  
 8-9:30 p.m. — Students for Responsible Energy Decisions Harvest Room C  
 9:30-11 p.m. — Mortar Board 401

short stuff

The Agricultural Economics Club is to meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the East Union.  
 Students for Kennedy is to hold a brief organizational meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Room number will be posted.  
 The UPC Foreign Film Committee is to meet at 1:30 p.m. today at the UPC office, Nebraska 221.  
 UNL Students for Life is to meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the Nebraska Union.

# Senator proposing legislation to outlaw paraphernalia sales

By Julie Bird

Head shops will be a thing of the past if a bill soon to be introduced by Sen. Pat Venditte of Omaha gains legislative approval.

Although Venditte said it is premature to discuss the specifics of his proposal, he said Monday morning that the bill will be patterned after guidelines established by the federal Justice Department Drug Enforcement Administration.

The bill would make it a misdemeanor to possess, manufacture or sell drug paraphernalia. Stiffer penalties would be set up for selling paraphernalia to a minor, but the penalties have not yet been determined.

It is too late for Venditte to introduce the bill without a suspension of the rules. He would need 30 votes from the 49 senators to bring the measure before the Legislature's Judiciary Committee for a public hearing.

Venditte said he thinks he has the votes to do it, and awaits return of the measure from the bill drafting office. He said he was prompted to introduce the legislation by two recent Omaha World-Herald editorials and phone calls from parents disturbed about availability of paraphernalia.

Earmarked at youth

"The sad part about this industry is that it is directly earmarked at youth, where it hurts the most," Venditte said. "Young people are naive and willing to try anything."

But Steve Schneiderwind, assistant legal counsel for the Judiciary Committee, said there have been questions about the constitutionality of banning paraphernalia sales. Most challenges have charged that the definitions are too vague.

Prosecutors also would have to prove that the equipment is to be used with illegal drugs, and would be able to use circumstantial evidence to establish proof.

Terry Moore, co-owner of Dirt Cheap Enterprises, 227 N. 11th St., said intent would be hard to prove. He is a member of the Nebraska Accessories Trade Association, a group which plans to oppose Venditte's measure.

Moore said his head shop has a self-imposed rule that a customer must be at least 18 years old to buy paraphernalia and regularly check identification of customers.

Political climate

He said he expected this type of legislation to be introduced because of political climate in the state. He said he sympathizes with parents of teens who are involved in drugs.

"The government couldn't control the drug industry, and the paraphernalia industry grew from that," Moore said. "So now they're coming down on the symptom rather than the problem."

He said items not considered paraphernalia now sold in the head shop are being moved to the record store in case compromise legislation sets a mandatory age limit on who can purchase paraphernalia.

Rather than eliminating the paraphernalia business, Venditte's proposal would drive it underground, Moore claimed. Drug dealers would sell paraphernalia along with dope, he said.

Other uses

Moore said between one-quarter and one-third of Dirt Cheap's total sales are paraphernalia. Mariann Wohleb, manager of The Connection, 118 N. 14 St., said 25 percent or less of her store's sales are in paraphernalia. The store specializes in clothing from India.

Wohleb said there are other conceivable uses for paraphernalia. Bongs could be used to smoke tobacco, she said, and many people use cocaine spoons for decoration. She said the legislation would have to be very specific in its definition and not rule out legal uses for the equipment.

She said she doubted Venditte's contention that seeing paraphernalia displays were an enticement to use drugs, comparing it to pipe displays at tobacco shops enticing a child to smoke tobacco.

Moore admitted that elaborate paraphernalia could be enticing, but said that many other elements in society are just as enticing, if not more.

## Policy reviews . . .

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The defendants said because "testimony" has not been officially defined and is a vague term, the charges are invalid.

The policy, established in 1973, forbids the use of university facilities for any event or activity "if one of its essential features is religious worship or testimony in any of its various forms."

No stand taken

The day following McDowell's campus speech, Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he didn't know if the policy could be defended from a legal standpoint.

"I'm just not in a position to say whether or not what he (McDowell) said last night was testimony," Armstrong had added.

Suzanne Brown, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, said that several alternatives to the existing religion policy have been suggested by university attorneys. She declined to list any of the proposals until NU Attorney Richard Wood had reviewed them.

Don Skeahan, vice chancellor for Educational and Student Services at UNO and a member of the tri-campus council, said he hopes the council clarifies the religion policy soon.

"It (the policy) needs to be put to bed," Skeahan said. "This is not an easy policy to write," he said, adding that

it is difficult to define "testimony."

Skeahan said that the religion policy review was prompted by an incident at UNO last spring when a group of students asked to use an area near the student center for a religious activity.

'Service went on'

"We didn't feel it was in line with current policy," Skeahan said, explaining why permission was denied. However, after students contested his decision, "a service went on of some nature."

Neither Brown nor Skeahan said they could recall any major conflicts with religion policy enforcement prior to the Persson case.

About 2,000 letters advertising McDowell's speech were sent through campus mail to faculty members, administrators and student leaders. The plaintiffs claimed the four groups used a privilege they were not entitled to.

Charges made in the Persson case have prompted publications department employees to search their files for past mailing policies, according to department director Schroeder, but little has been found.

Schroeder said the current policy allows campus mail to be used only for "official university business correspondence."

Most of the mail is individual items, such as a memo from one professor to another or a bill from one organization to another.

Any mass mailings are entitled to the federal bulk mail rate, Schroeder said, emphasizing that the university offers no special bulk rate, but is considering one. If created, the bulk rate would be less than the federal charge, she said.

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