

Union bookstore operation is unique in Big Eight

By Mary Louise Knapp

The University Bookstore in the Nebraska Union is the only campus bookstore in the Big Eight which neither provides income for nor is owned by the union, according to data from the other Big Eight schools.

The bookstore is managed by the Department of Business and Finance, under the direction of Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Ronald Wright.

The Union Board Planning Committee is recommending that the union manage the bookstore. The recommendation is part of the Union Board's Five-Year-Plan for renovation of the Nebraska Union.

Will Connor, manager of the University Bookstore at the University of Missouri at Columbia, said that the bookstore is owned by the university as an auxiliary enterprise.

The bookstore reports directly to the union director and to the Department of Student Services, he said.

"We had been responsible to the Department of Business and Finance," he said, "but we changed to the present operation about a year and a half ago."

Connor cited a shift in university administration as the reason for the change.

The bookstore pays rent to the union for the use of its space, an amount which is fixed yearly, and pays its own utility bills.

The store is a self-supporting enterprise and receives no state funds.

Connors said that store made a profit during fiscal 1979-80, but he was unsure as to the exact amount.

The profits go to into the bookstore inventory, where they are used to buy new books and supplies.

Bob Ferguson, manager of the Iowa State Campus Bookstore, said that the bookstore is owned by the university, is self-sufficient, and pays rent to the union at a fixed amount, approximately \$9 persquare foot.

"That adds up to about \$100,000 per year," he said. Ferguson said that the utility bills are included in the rent and that the store pays for some of its own maintenance.

The income is kept in the bookstore inventory.

Ferguson said that the bookstore made "a definite profit" during fiscal 1979-80. Exact figures on the amount were not immediately available.

Bill Minnery, director of bookstores for the University of Colorado, said that the bookstore rents space from the union, but reports directly to the assistant vice-chancellor of administration.

Net income from the bookstore goes back into the union budget.

"We have had no profit for the last two years," Minnery said.

James Robinson, assistant manager of the Oklahoma State campus bookstore said it is owned and operated by the university.

He said he reports directly to the vice-president of the university.

"We are self-supporting," he said. "We do not pay rent—everything we make goes into the union budget."

Robinson said he was sure the bookstore made a prof-

it in fiscal 1979-80.

Steve Word, assistant manager of the campus bookstore at the University of Kansas, said the bookstore is owned and operated by the union.

The operation of the bookstore and all other union departments is overseen by a union board made up of students, faculty, and university staff.

The bookstore pays rent, which is listed as a "union service fee," at a fixed amount each year. The store paid 6.7 percent of its total sales in rent last year, he said.

The bookstore is self-supporting and pays its own maintenance bills. The store made a profit in fiscal 1979-80, he said.

Mickey Schnedler, manager of the Kansas State campus bookstore, said that the store is owned by a state agency, and is overseen by a union governing board. The profits stay in the union budget, he said. The store made a 12 percent profit in fiscal 1979-80.

The campus bookstore of the University of Oklahoma is owned and staffed by the university.

James Stafford, manager of the bookstore, said the store is self-supporting and all income is deposited in the university budget.

The bookstore has the privilege of using this money to buy books and equipment, and must pay its own utility, heat and maintenance bills.

Stafford said that the bookstore made a 3 percent profit in fiscal 1979-80.

Petition secures 1,674 signatures

A week-long petition drive to get student support for a State Student Association yielded 1,674 signatures by Friday afternoon. And according to members of the core committee organizing the state association, many petitions will still be handed in today.

The petition drive is the latest in a chain of activities to form an SSA at UNL. A State Student Association is a body that lobbies for issues that concern all college students in the state.

The efforts at UNL to form an SSA have been led by the Government Liaison Committee, chaired by Nette Nelson. Nelson said there will be another petition drive during January to gain additional student support.

Nelson said the core committee is not seeking a set number of signatures. But because the committee will be asking for 50 cents additional from student fees per semester, Nelson said she would like to get as much student support as possible.

Other efforts this semester to form an SSA have included visits by the national chairman of the United States Student Association and the director of the Kansas State Student Association, meetings with students from the state colleges and universities and meetings with state legislators and university officials.

After announcing the preliminary results of this week's petition drive, core committee members discussed problems they had during the week.

Members suggested to simplify the SSA fact sheet, and to step up efforts to inform foreign students and students living in Greek houses and off-campus about the SSA.

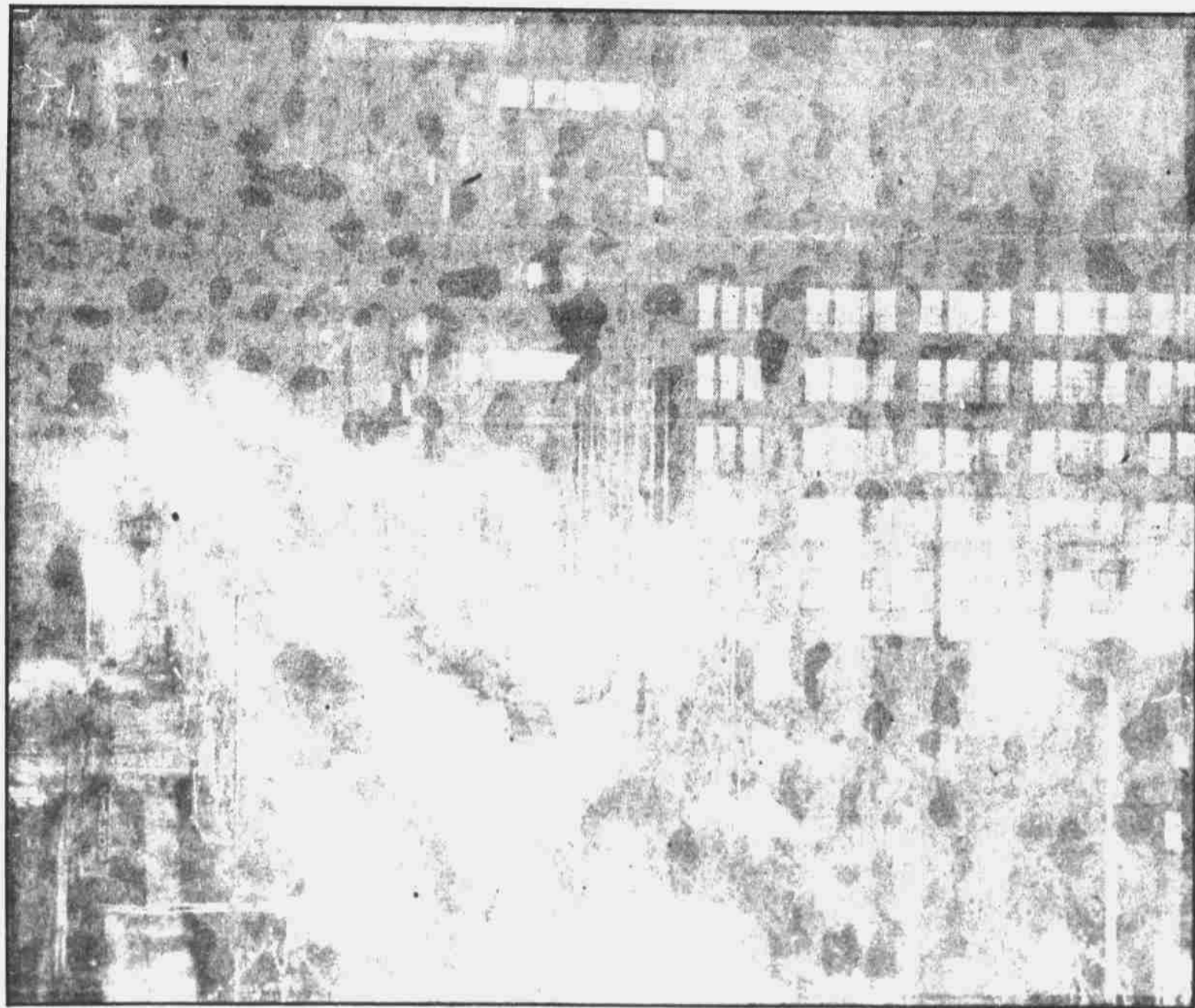


Photo by Jon Natvig

Deserted sidewalks, a foggy night and time exposure photography from on top of Love Library combine to create a lonely downtown Lincoln.

Hoped to benefit students, fee users

CFA conducts study to evaluate student fees

By Betsy Miller

A student fees study being conducted hopefully will benefit both the fee users and the students, the chairperson of the project said.

Becky Stingley, head of a subcommittee of the Committee on Fees Allocation and the ASUN Commission on Fees, said students at UNL are being interviewed to see what they think of the services provided under Funds A and B.

"I think this will help a lot of groups reorganize themselves, because the study is going to be very valid," Stingley said.

The study is being conducted by phone and every 48th student registered at UNL is called, Stingley said.

Users of Fund A and B were asked to contribute questions that they would like to see asked in the study, Stingley said.

According to Stingley, the questions generally follow a format where a student is asked if he has heard of a service and then if he is satisfied with it.

Stingley said 24 students are doing the phone interviews and have been instructed on how to get the most effective responses they can from the students they call. The

final questions for the interviews were decided on by Stingley's subcommittee.

Stingley said the UNL Sociological Bureau of Research checked over the survey to make sure the questions were not biased. The survey should also have only a 5 percent margin of error, she said.

The calling should be finished before Christmas break, she said. The results will be compiled and an analysis written before the start of next semester.

The idea for the study came from CFA, Stingley said, but it decided that it wanted ASUN's Commission on Fees involved also.

"Some people think the ASUN commissions haven't functioned as well as should have in the past," Stingley said, explaining CFA's decision.

UNL students currently pay a total of \$72.50 a semester for Fund A and Fund B fees, Stingley said.

Fund A users are ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council.

The University Health Center, Nebraska Unions, the recreational programs and facilities and the university debt service are Fund B users.