

Support grows for statewide student association

By Bob Glissman

Support for a state student association in Nebraska is growing, according to reports from the ASUN's Government Liaison Committee. A petition drive which began last semester is evidence of that support.

Nette Nelson, committee chairman, said the drive at UNL will continue into the first part of February.

More than 180 signatures have been collected this semester, Nelson said, and more than 2,400 have been collected since the drive began.

Nelson said the committee wants as many signatures as possible to present to UNL Interim Chancellor Robert Rutford.

Rutford will decide whether or not to include an additional 50 cents in Fund A student fees to finance an SSA. Nelson said the money would pay for a lobbyist, an SSA director and a secretary.

Nebraska schools which would be affected by the SSA are Peru, Wayne, Chadron and Kearney State colleges, as well as UNO and the NU Medical Center. Each has shown support for the organization, Nelson said.

Ann Block, GLC vice chairman, said UNO is ready to

launch a petition drive, and Peru State's student senate has voted unanimously to join an SSA.

Nelson said the member schools will meet Jan. 22 at a State College Board of Trustees meeting in Lincoln.

She said that after SSA is formed, GLC will have little or nothing to do with the organization. The committee will have assumed the role of building an

SSA in Nebraska, she said, but that's probably where its function will end.

Nelson said that in addition to the booths in the city campus and the East unions, petitions and fact sheets will be made available to campus organizations and Greek houses. She said the Residence Hall Association probably will set up tables with petitions in residence hall cafeterias this week or next week.

ASUN Book Exchange tops record

The ASUN Book Exchange broke sales records Monday.

Students purchased \$1,248.76 worth of books, about \$450 more than first-day sales last September.

"We were really surprised" by the high sales, ASUN Sen. Daniel Renn said Monday. "The volume we got today was just mind-boggling."

Monday was the first time the exchange has sold over \$1,000 of books in one day.

"I'd say we should come really close to \$3,000 for the week," ASUN Treasurer James May said. Last fall sales totaled about \$2,600.

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