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Student cards save money, cut red tape

By Jay Lee Noble

A new student identification card has been introduced for the fall semester at UNL.

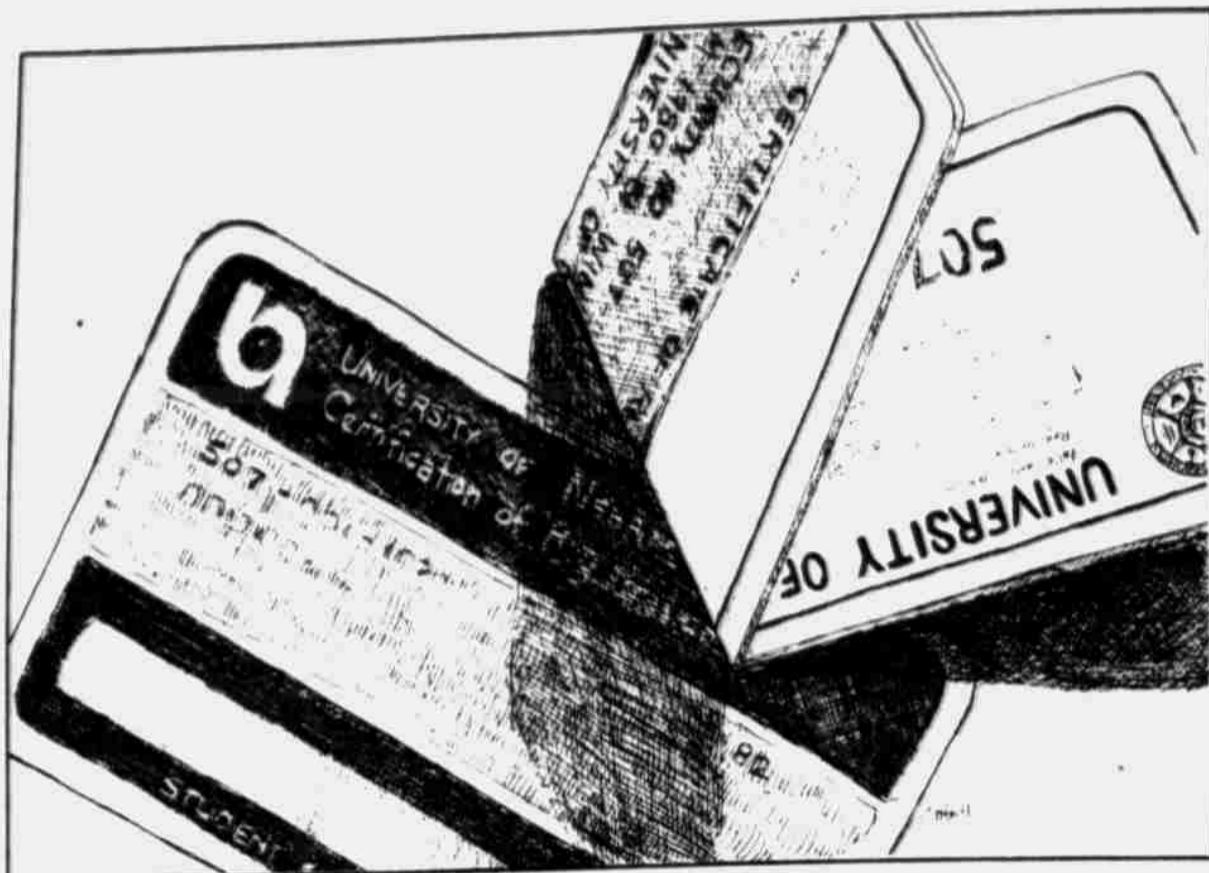
The results of a study started two years ago show that the new ID has several advantages over the old one, according to Tony Schkade, assistant director of registration and records.

"The new ID's will not break like the old ones," he said, adding that although they seem flimsy, they will hold up for a semester. A new ID will be issued each semester in a new color, making it easier to determine if the ID is valid, Schkade said.

The card will also help in distinguishing between full and part-time students, he said. Full-time students will have two lines of typing on their IDs.

Part-time students will have a third line and, depending on the number of hours, a fourth line. The third line will read, 'part time' and the fourth line, 'exclude health services.'

"This is the first time Division of Continuing Studies students will be issued IDs too," Schkade said. "But even if they have full-time hour status, they will still have the 'exclude health services' on their IDs since



they don't pay student fees.

IDs updated

"This will take a big load off of student accounts, who formerly handled the IDs. Now the ID problems come directly to us here in registration and records," he said. "We can now easily change a student's ID to show full- or part-time status, whereas before, if a student went through drop and add and his status changed, the ID never showed the change. Now the IDs will be updated at the end of the drop and add lines.

Schkade recommended that students not try to change an ID themselves.

"The ID is like a check; if you try to erase it, the erased area turns white and

you've just made your ID invalid," he said.

"As for the cost of the new versus the old," Schkade said, "the new IDs will be an enormous savings over the old in labor time spent in both replacing lost IDs and getting out the new IDs each semester. The material costs are almost the same, so we will be saving some money."

A Campus Activities Programs office spokesman said a heart shape will be punched in the IDs of students who have the CAP portion of their student fees refunded.

The athletic department will again punch a hole in the IDs of those students who purchase a football ticket.

One of the first proposals

from the ID study was to use picture IDs.

Time consuming, expensive

"The picture ID idea went down the tubes early on," Schkade said. "Trying to take 23,000 students' pictures each semester would have been time consuming and very expensive, to say the least. And just taking the picture of a freshman wasn't acceptable since many students graduate looking quite different than when they entered college.

The picture IDs were proposed to cut down on student ticket scalping. Jean Walcott, a football ticket sales clerk said she doesn't expect a change in the use of student IDs and the football tickets.

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Doran Matzke, second vice president, will manage the ASUN book exchange August 24-28. Matzke said the book exchange is a non-profit service that allows students to sell their textbooks for a better price than they can get elsewhere and buy them cheaper.

Students price their own books and ASUN sells them, keeping 5 percent for expenses. The volume of book sales has increased each year since the exchange was started.

"It's a good way to cut costs, so more students are using it," Matzke said.

Shelley Stall is the full-time student attorney in Nebraska Union 237. Stall gives free legal advice to UNL students. Her salary is paid from student fees.

Most of her clients come to her with landlord-tenant disputes, consumer fraud suits, driving-while-intoxicated charges, and family cases such as divorce and adoption. Only advice and counseling are offered. The student attorney cannot draft documents or go into court for clients at this time.

However, the ASUN is considering a proposal to add these services as well.

"I think we try to provide as good quality services as we can with the budget we have to work with," Stall said.

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