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## **Bookstore 'tossing' old texts**

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The Nebraska Union Bookstore warehouse is currently tossing out about 100 tons of textbooks. The books are worth about \$10 a ton on the open market for the paper.

The books are useless to the bookstore. The industry operates with a type of planned obsolescence because a new edition is frequently needed.

"Every three years or so new editions of textbooks come out and that means we have to discard the older ones," Hank Baum, operations manager, said. "Many writers have clauses in their contracts requiring new editions every few years and the book companies also want this so they can continue to sell books."

Most of the new editions do not change appreciably over just a few years, Baun said. He added obselescence is a standard business practice.

#### "Actually the new editions are a way to keep kids from trading books with one another because that would eliminate new sales," Baum said.

Most of the old English, business and sociology books have already been eliminated.

"It is simply not economical for us to try to recycle these books becuase it would take so much time to rip the covers off of them before a paper company would take them, "Baum said.

Some of the obsolete textbooks are donated to the Asia Foundation, which sends the books overseas. Political science books are excluded from this donation. Some books are sent to the campus branch for the traditional "all you can carry for dollar" sale.

"We check the computers and if there have been no sales for a couple of years then it is time to clear those books out," Baum said.



# GOP gains members

Democrats, who once had a 30 percent advantage over Republicans in voter registration, have no advantage today, the executive director of the Republican Party of Nebraska told UNL College Republicans.

William Hamilton addressed about 30 students last Thursday, citing a current upsurge in the popularity of the Republican Party.

The Republicans are bringing Vice President George Bush to Lincoln in November. Hamilton said Bush may be the next Re-

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publican candidate for president.

Hamilton said becoming involved in the Republican Party because of its present success was not reason enough. He urged a deep commitment to the party among new members.

Backing Reagan's policies, Hamilton said a strong economy can be obtained by producing "real jobs" and "releasing the power of minorities." Democrats have failed to do this, he said. However, he did not say how this was to be done.

J.T. Powell, chairman of the Nebraska College Republican Federation, said that group is sponsoring a school for the students Oct. 23 through 25. It will cover the basics of political campaigns and various skills needed in campaign work, he said. With congressional races beginning soon, now is a prime time to get involved, he said.

## Debaters get awards

The UNL debate team participated in a tournament at the University of Northern Iowa last weekend.

The Senior Division team of Ed Sisson of Omaha and Mike Overing of Lincoln compiled a record of 7-1 in the preliminary rounds, earning them the No. 2 seeding going into the quarterfinal round. They lost during the elimination round.

The Junior Division team of David Jensen of Lincoln and Karen Goldner of Omaha each received an award for their performances. Jensen was the second place speaker and Goldner was the seventh place speaker. **Problem:** You borrowed \$25 from a friend last month. You hear he's looking for you. He is 6'5" and 240 pounds. You are not. You have his \$25, but it is in your checking account. He does not accept checks. What do you do?

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