

Radial Reuse plan still alive; council postpones decision

By Chris Welsch

The City Council tabled the Northeast Radial Reuse Area Redevelopment plan at its meeting Monday. The plan will be considered again in three weeks.

Councilman Bill Danley said he would like to have an exact assessment of the costs of the project and an accounting of the sources of money to fund the project before voting.

The Council voted 5-1 for the delay. Mike Steinman voted against the plan. Louis Shackelford was not present.

Danley estimated the project would cost Lincoln voters \$2.577 million in increased taxes. He said viable alternatives that wouldn't be so expensive exist.

Margrethe Ahlschwede said Danley wasn't including the revenue from taxes garnered from new industry near the radial reuse area.

"It is important to consider that this is a tax broadening project," she said.

Danley said the revenue from the broadened tax base would be about \$47,500 per year at the beginning of the project.

The reuse plan includes a linear park and bike trail to provide a buffer zone between industrial and residential zones. Since fewer than four council members voted last week to adopt the plan, the issue was delayed until Monday.

The city originally bought the land under consideration as a right-of-way for the controversial Northeast Radial. The Northeast Radial would have linked downtown with Northeast Lincoln, however Lincoln voters defeated the radial issue in April 1981.

City Council Chairman Joseph Hampton said he was in favor of the delay. He asked the reuse area task force to make estimates

of the costs and funding for the plan. He also asked the task force to address the questions raised by citizens who attended both public hearings.

Mayor Helen Boosalis said that she and the planning group would answer the questions as soon as possible.

Eric Youngberg moved the planning group meet to discuss the answers to the questions in two weeks. The motion passed unanimously.

Melvin Richards, 2912 N. 38th St. said he has been in the center of the Northeast Radial controversy since its beginning 20 years ago.

Richards said he didn't have any feasible solutions for the conflict. However, he urged council members to bring the controversy to an end.

"Make a resolution to come to a definite end, so we can plan our lives and perform," he said.



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Professor Wu Cui-fen

Chinese professor teaches classics to UNL students

Although the languages themselves have few similarities, Professor Wu Cui-fen of Nanjing, China, said teaching in China and the United States is very similar.

Wu, who is at UNL as part of an exchange program for instructors, is teaching Chinese Literature in Translation, a senior and graduate course in the modern language and English departments. She arrived in Lincoln Jan. 3.

Twelve students are enrolled in the class that will focus primarily upon classic Chinese literature, said Xu Long, Wu's translator and a teaching assistant in the English department.

Wu, 50, who graduated from Nanjing University, has taught courses such as Selective Works of Chinese Literature, Chinese Literary History, Literary History of the Tang Dynasty and Literary History of the Period of Division.

She said that her fellow professors have been helpful and she hasn't encountered any problems up to now.

One aspect of American society has startled Wu. She said she was shocked by society's openness toward pornography here. She also said she believes American living standards are higher than those in her own country.

Wu said the American people she has met have been very friendly. She will remain in the United States for six months before returning to China.

ASUN election rules are finalized

By Vicki Ruhga

Rules and polling places for the March 9 ASUN election were announced Thursday by the ASUN Electoral Commission.

"There were no major changes passed," ASUN President Dan Wedekind said.

Jennifer Fager, director of the electoral commission, said although changes were made in the wording of some regulations, for the most part, the rules did not change.

To campaign, Fager said, a student must meet the following qualifications set by the NU Board of Regents by-law 6611.

- The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- The student must be continuously enrolled in at least six class hours.
- The student must have completed 24 semester hours of credit on campus during two years prior to the academic term when office is sought.
- NU Medical Center students must have 24 semester hours of credit at any accredited post-secondary institution within the last two years prior to the academic term in which office is sought.
- In order to win the election, a student must be elected by a majority of

students voting in the election or be elected by a 10 percent margin over the next candidate receiving the most votes of the total votes cast.

Fager said in addition to the regents' requirements, ASUN has some regulations and filing forms that will be available Friday in the ASUN office, Nebraska Union 115.

ASUN has forms for students who are undeclared in their major but would like to vote or run as a representative of a specific college, Fager said. Absentee ballots and ballots for disabled people also are available in the ASUN office, she said.

Filing deadline for candidates is Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. If a run-off election is needed, when an executive candidate does not win by a 10 percent margin, a second election will be March 16, Fager said.

"There will be two more polling places than last year," she said. "Last year only 23 people voted at the Culture Center, so we have eliminated it."

Fager said that as requested, a polling place will be available at the Law College. The other new polling place will be at Westbrook Music Building.

Fager said the Residence Hall Associa-

tion executive election will be held in conjunction with the ASUN election this year.

"Hopefully, this will increase voter turnout," she said. "We will also have polling places in all residence hall food services. We hope the more accessible polling places will increase voter turnout."

Fager said anyone who has a question or wants to run for office should contact the Election Commission or the ASUN office. Students can run independently or with a party.

In other ASUN matters, the senate Wednesday rejected a resolution to support the nuclear freeze movement by a margin of more than 3 to 1, Greg Krieser, ASUN first vice president, said.

"It appeared to me that ASUN does not believe that students are not concerned with the problem," Wedekind said. "Perhaps the student senate may not be the most appropriate form for passing a resolution like that."

Wedekind said it has been suggested that the nuclear freeze issue be placed on the student ballot in the spring. ASUN will act on this suggestion before the election, he said.



Staff photo by Craig Andresen

Freshman Aaron Slezak said he spends about \$3 a week playing pinball at the Recreation Room.

PINBALL FANS: Tournaments offer way to break even

By Carol Harrah

"Arcade junkies" now have a chance to win back some of the silver they pop into arcade game machines each week, or maybe even take their favorite pinball machine home with them. All they have to do is keep playing.

Currently in the Nebraska Union Recreation Room, located in the basement of the union, are three ongoing tournaments for people who love to play pinball, a Recreation Room employee, Steve Wallman, said.

One of the three tournaments is a weekly competition while the other two are semester-long tournaments, Wallman, a UNL junior, said.

The weekly tournament, Flipper Fanaticism, involves a different pinball machine each week. High scorer on the machine of the week receives a \$5 cash prize, he said. There isn't much of a problem with any one person dominating the weekly tournament, Wallman said.

"It's rare to find a person who domi-

nates throughout the semester," he said. "Most people have one or two machines that they are good at. We rotate machines for each week's competition, so everyone has a chance to win the \$5."

Another competition in the Recreation Room is the High Semester Draw. High scores and scorers on each machine are kept throughout the semester, he said. At the semester's end, the names of the high scorers are each put into a hat and the person whose name is drawn receives a \$50 cash prize.

The third competition, also a semester-long tournament, is the Pinball Giveaway. One machine is selected for this event. High scores on one selected pinball machine are recorded. At the end of the semester, the person with the highest score receives that specific machine as a prize. The pinball machine selected usually is an older model, Wallman said.

These competitions have been popular in the past, Wallman said. Several students regularly come in and attempt to make the high scores on their favorite machines.