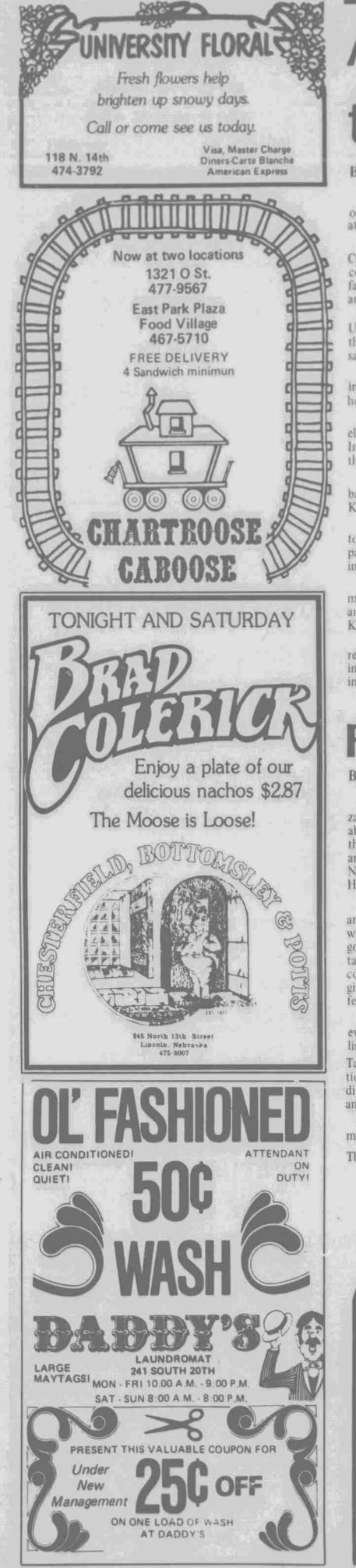
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ASUN weighs plans to merge bookstores

By Vicki Ruhga

Two alternative plans for the proposed consolidation of the three Nebraska Union bookstores were discussed at Wednesday's ASUN meeting.

Reg Kuhn, ASUN College of Law senator, said UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale agreed that in its present condition, the bookstores are less than satisfactory. Last fall Massengale appointed a committee of administrators and students to study the problem.

The committee is currently studying two alternatives. UNL architect Howard Strong will be drawing plans for the two alternatives during the next two weeks, Kuhn = said.

The first alternative is to build a \$2 million free-standing bookstore, separate from and to the east of the union, he said.

Kuhn said the plan has disadvantages because it would eliminate some faculty and administration parking space. In addition, the building would not be connected with the union.

The second plan proposes the renovation of the union basement — eliminating the bowling alley and the cellars, Kuhn said.

There also would be a small basement-level addition to the east, which would eliminate about two rows of parking, he said. The top of the addition may be made into a terrace for outdoor seating, he said.

"The advantages of this plan are that it won't take many parking stalls, it would cost only \$1.5 million, and the bookstore would be combined within the union," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said it is obvious that if the committee does recommend an expansion, student fees will have to increase. However, he did not know how much the increase would be.

Although financial details haven't been discussed,

Farmers asked to take their PIK

By Jann Nyffeler

Representatives from the U.S. Agricultural Stabili-

Kuhn said he believes that if the students pay for the renovation, they should receive any profits from the bookstore. The profits could reduce student fees in future years, he said.

Kuhn said committee members favor the consolidation in the union basement, but will make an official decision in two weeks after seeing the plans prepared by Strong.

In other business, Laura Miyoshi, chairperson of the Program for Active Continuation of Education, asked ASUN senators to help promote the program by informing students about it.

PACE collects contributions made by students on their tuition statements and makes the funds available for student financial aid.

Nette Nelson, chairwoman of the Government Liaison Committee, said that Larry Fauss, district coordinator for Rep. Doug Bereuter, was the guest in last week's GLC forum. Fauss said there are two Lyndon B. Johnson internships available in Washington, D.C. One of the onemonth internships is in economics and the other is a general internship, Nelson said.

ASUN passed two bills to appropriate money to the 1983 Big Eight Conference on Black Student Government and to an open forum to be Feb. 14 through 18 by the UNL Commission on the Status of Women.

Eugene Tolston, president of UNL's Black Student Government, had asked ASUN to sponsor two \$50 workshops for the Feb. 18 to 19 conference, which UNL's black student government is sponsoring.

ASUN will be given a quarter-page advertisement in the conference program booklet for sponsoring the workshops, Tolston said. The workshops are open to the public.

Annie Mumgaard, a UNL student and member of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women, asked ASUN for a \$25 contribution for posters and publicity for a forum, which will be open to all UNL students.

protected by law. He said those farmers cannot be evicted because of their participation in the program.

Tardy said the program should help both farmers

zation and Conservation Service met Wednesday with about 250 farm owners and farm operators to discuss the proposed Payment-In-Kind federal agricultural assistance program. The group met at a public forum at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets.

Payment-In-Kind is intended to give the government an opportunity to cut down its surplus grain supplies while improving commodity prices for farmers. The government is asking farmers across the nation to voluntarily reduce their crop acreage in wheat, corn, sorghum, cotton and rice. In turn, participating farmers will be given government-owned grain, which the farmers can feed to livestock or sell on the market.

First District Congressman Doug Bereuter began the evening's program by giving a slide presentation outlining provisions of PIK. After the presentation, Clarence Tardy, deputy administrator of state and county operations for ASCS, and Les Fredrickson, ASCS deputy director of cotton, grain and rice, answered questions and comments from the audience.

Tardy stressed that PIK is a voluntary program. Farmers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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and the economy.

"We hope that by putting money in the farmer's hands, he will buy," Tardy said.

However, he added, the grain farmers receive from the government must be counted as income.

Many farmers raised questions about storage of the PIK commodity. PIK provisions allow the Commodity Credit Corporation to pay storage for up to five months after PIK availability begins.

Fredrickson termed PIK "a very volatile program," with several parts of the plan yet to be clarified. Final regulations will be issued Feb. 25.

Mickey Stewart, state director of ASCS told the group that each farmer must decide for himself whether the program will be to his advantage.

"It's going to hurt and its going to cause pain," Stewart said.

But he went on to reassure farmers, saying, "You're in trouble because you're efficient," a statement Stewart said no other segment of our economy can make.

Farmers may sign up for PIK at their county ASCS office from Jan. 24 until March 11. People with questions about PIK should contact local ASCS personnel.

