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Book selling provides extra cash

By Mary Louise Knapp

Students wanting to sell this semester's textbooks to raise money for spring semester's class materials can do it at a variety of places.

Nebraska Bookstore, 1135 E St., will buy back texts Dec. 12 through Dec. 21. Students will receive 60 percent of the new publisher's list price for their books during the buybacks if the store needs them, said Mark Oppgaard, manager of the bookstore.

"If a student buys it (a book) used, they are returning better than 60 percent in buybacks," Oppgaard said.

That means that if a student buys a used book for \$7.50, 75 percent of its original \$10 price, he will get more than 60 percent of his purchase back.

If the bookstore does not need a student's text, it will buy the book if the book is listed in the National Buyers Guide, he said. The guide, published by a national company three times a year, determines the value of certain textbooks. Books in the guide will be bought for their listed value, Oppgaard said.

Oppgaard said classes are usually smaller during the spring semester, so fewer books are sold.

Book publisher's suggested list prices, and not the bookstore, determine the prices for new books, Oppgaard said. Nebraska Bookstore is a member of the Mid-States Association of College Stores, which includes bookstores in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa.

Most of these stores follow the publisher's list prices, he said.

In some states, as much as 5 percent can be added to the cost of the books in freight charges, he said.

Cheryl Davis, assistant manager of textbooks for the University Bookstore in the Nebraska Union, said the store will buy back textbooks Dec. 12 through Dec. 21. Representatives of the bookstore will be in the lobby of the Nebraska Union from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. those days to help students with buybacks, she said.

The University Bookstore pays 60 percent of the most recent publisher's list price if the books will be used next semester and if the store needs stock, Davis said.

Books priced at \$4 or under may be sold to the bookstore's wholesaler during the buybacks for a price determined by the wholesaler, she said. Prices of such books, called "mass market paperbacks," are determined by how many of them the store has in stock, Davis said.

The bookstore will mail two discount coupons to each student who is registered for spring semester classes, Davis said. Students may use the coupons for any purchase more than \$10.

The ASUN Book Exchange, which is conducted every semester, will accept books Dec. 19, 20 and 21, said Kay Hinn, ASUN second vice president and coordinator of the book exchange.

The book exchange will both collect and sell books Jan. 16 through 19, Hinn said.

Students set their own price for books they bring to the exchange, and ASUN takes 2 percent of the total profits, Hinn said.

Hinn said the number of students using the exchange has increased in the past two years.

The Paperback Exchange, 4711 Huntington Ave., Suite 5, accepts paperback texts and gives students trade credit on purchases made there, said Helen Bratt, store owner and manager.

Students pay one-fifth the price of the book if they have credit, she said. Books are sold at half the original cover price, she said.

Page One, located in the Gunny's Building, 245 N. 13th St., also buys and sells paperback texts. Ruth Griswold, the store's manager, said she pays 30 percent of the book's price at the time of publication.

Books are sold at half the cover price, "not at the going rate," Griswold said. Page One also offers trade credit, she said.

The store gives credit of 25 percent of the original price for most books, but 30 percent credit for each science fiction book.

When credit is used, a 10 cent "service charge" is added to the cost of the books, but customers do not pay cash until their trade credit is used up, Griswold said.

Bank's closing summarized

By Stacie Thomas

Since Nebraska's largest industrial bank closed its doors, the Commonwealth Savings Co. story has taken many twists and turns.

Questions still surround State Attorney General Paul Douglas's business dealings with officials of Commonwealth.

Douglas bought 12 lots at Lincoln's Fox Hollow development in 1979 from Marvin Copple, son of Commonwealth President S.E. Copple. He sold the land the same day to Marvin Copple's secretary for a profit of \$14,000.

The following is a summary of the events that were reported after the State Department of Banking declared Commonwealth insolvent Nov. 1:

Nov. 3 — Barry Lake, a legal counselor for the Department of Banking, was appointed receiver of Commonwealth.

Nov. 15 — Paul Amen resigned as

director of the State Department of Banking. John Miller, a Blair attorney, was appointed interim director.

Nov. 16 — State Sen. Chris Beutler held a meeting at the McPhee Elementary School auditorium, 15th and G streets, for Commonwealth depositors. Beutler said he would ask Douglas to step aside in all matters dealing with Commonwealth.

Nov. 17 — Nebraska Attorney General Paul Douglas announced that he was removing himself from all matters dealing with Commonwealth, although he said he didn't think his involvement with Commonwealth created a conflict of interest. Miller announced the appointment of David Domina, a Norfolk lawyer, as special assistant attorney general.

Nov. 21 — County attorney Mike Heavican filed felony charges against S.E. Copple. Copple was also named in a separate civil lawsuit filed against Commonwealth by Domina on behalf of depositors and creditors of Commonwealth.

Nov. 22 — The Lancaster County Attorney's office requested an arrest warrant against S.E. Copple, whose whereabouts were unknown at the time. Copple was rumored to be in Tucson, Ariz.

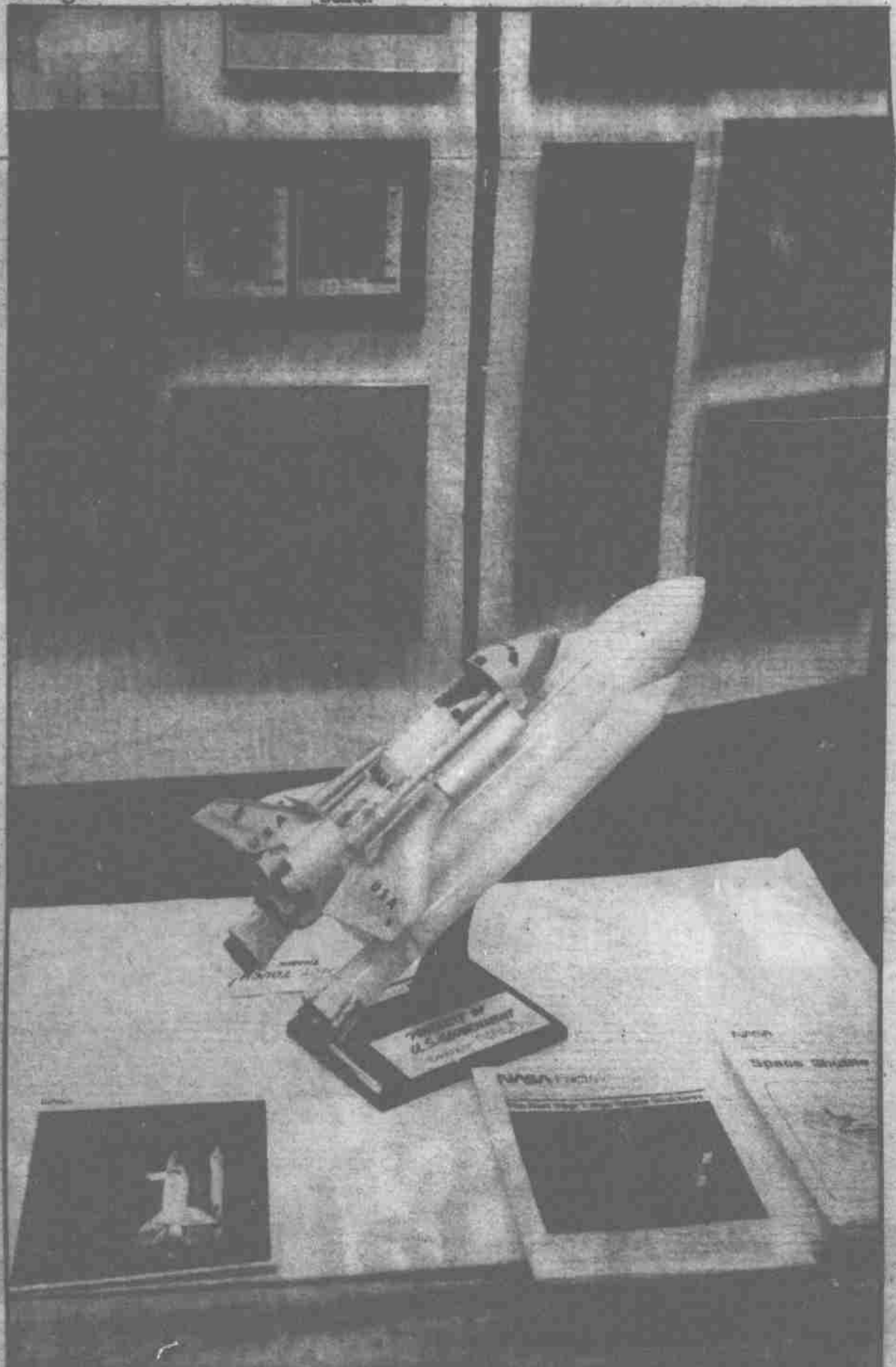
Sen. Vard Johnson, chairman of the Legislature's Executive Board, said he wanted to form a special committee to consider several items in connection with Commonwealth, including the possible impeachment of Douglas.

Nov. 23 — The State Auditor's Office released a report which said accountants for the State Department of Banking could not be sure that money actually was received for every securities registration issued.

Nov. 23 — U.S. Attorney Ron Lahners said a special prosecutor would be assigned in December to take his place in the ongoing federal investigation of Commonwealth. Lahners said there may be the appearance of a conflict of interest due to his association with Douglas as a friend and former employee.

John Stevens Barry, S.E. Copple's lawyer, said Copple will return to Nebraska voluntarily to plead innocent to the charge that he received an improper loan from Commonwealth.

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Staff photo by Craig Anderson

Space Voyager

This scale model of America's Voyager spacecraft is part of the Smithsonian exhibit, "Jupiter and Its Moons" on display at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, 33rd and Holdrege streets. The exhibit, sponsored by the University Learning Center, includes more than 70 color and black and white photos of Jupiter and its five principal moons. The show runs through Dec. 18 in the Fremont and Beatrice rooms of the center. Admission is free and the display is open to the public.

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