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UNL student directories to go on sale Saturday

Buzz Books, the student directories sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, will be distributed Saturday, said Buzz Book editor Brett Dennis.

University bookstores will sell the directories for \$1.25 each. Discounts will be given to residence hall students and members of fraternity and sorority houses if a minimum of 30 residents purchase a Buzz Book.

Dennis said the fraternity's only expenditure for the publication of the directories is \$600 to the university for the right to print the student listings. William Ebert Enterprises, of Jonesboro, Ark., publishes the directories and collect advertisements to pay for the printing costs, Dennis said.

Although Ebert Enterprises has published the directories for the past three years, Dennis said he foresees a change in publishing companies next year because delays by the present company caused the late arrival of the publications this year, he said.

TKE members began working on the publication in June and kept the format and design of the books similar to past publications. UNL junior Amy Nelson designed the Buzz Book cover which, Dennis said, is "a lot more graphic" than past covers.

Ennio Quevedo, adviser of the publication, played an important role in the production of the Buzz Books, Dennis said.

"He cut through a lot of red tape with the university for us," Dennis said, and helped by getting other university information included in the directory.

Off The Wire

National and international news from the Reuter News Report

Battleship opens fire on Syrian positions

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The battleship USS New Jersey opened fire off Lebanon Wednesday, joining two other U.S. warships in pounding Syrian anti-aircraft batteries. It was the second time in as many days that U.S. naval forces had shelled Syrian positions in the Lebanese mountains.

Israeli gunboats also went into battle, shelling both supporters and opponents of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the northern port of Tripoli, Lebanese security sources said.

Firing its 16-inch guns for the first time since the Vietnam War, the New Jersey hurled 11 high-explosive shells at two Syrian anti-aircraft batteries that fired on U.S. reconnaissance planes, a spokesman said.

In Washington, President Reagan told reporters Wednesday that he would not allow election-year political considerations to influence his commitment to the U.S. peacekeeping role in Lebanon. He dismissed press speculation that growing pressure to bring home the 1,800 Marines in Beirut would force his hand in the election year in view of widespread criticism that the troops are vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

Meanwhile, U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld arrived in Damascus Wednesday on his first visit to Syria.

Reagan to announce plans

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will announce in late January whether he will seek re-election. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Wednesday. Although Reagan so far has refused to commit himself, Speakes said he "would be willing to put big money" on bets that the president will declare his candidacy when he makes a speech from the White House Jan. 29. Reagan authorized formation of an official re-election committee in October, a step that made him a candidate in the eyes of the law. Reagan, the oldest man ever to serve as president, will be 73 Feb. 6.

Bribery scandal in Chicago

CHICAGO — Ten people, including three judges and four lawyers, have been indicted in a bribery probe that featured the bugging of a judge's chambers and spying by a country judge who kept a microphone hidden in his cowboy boots, the government announced Wednesday. The Justice Department and the FBI said the three-and-one-half-year investigation of the Cook County court system was one of the most comprehensive undercover investigations ever conducted.

Charges including racketeering, extortion and mail fraud were made in the indictments, which alleged the men variously promised to influence court decisions or to make favorable rulings in exchange for money. FBI agents acted as crooks, lawyers and victims to gather some of the evidence. U.S. Attorney Dan Webb said more indictments are likely to follow.

Enzyme injection saves lives

BOSTON — Patients whose hearts are injected with a special chemical during a heart attack are nearly four times likely to survive than people who do not receive the treatment, Washington state researchers have concluded. The study, reported Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, involved 250 people and was the first large-scale examination of the technique's effectiveness.

Bolivian Cabinet resigns

LA PAZ, Bolivia — The entire Bolivian Cabinet Wednesday handed its collective resignation to President Hernan Siles Zuazo, Foreign Minister Jose Ortiz Mercado said. The minister said at a press conference that the cabinet decided to resign in order to facilitate the formation of a cabinet of national unity. The resignations were announced at the end of a 48-hour general strike organized by the powerful Communist-led Workers Union to try to force the left-wing government to grant major wage increases.

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