

On-campus distribution of grade reports may become regular attraction at UNL

UNL's new policy of distributing grade report sheets on campus instead of mailing them is expected to become permanent but only for fall semesters, said Ted Pfeifer, director of registration and records.

"It was inconvenient for some students, but, on the whole, the benefit of having grades available on the spot overrides that," Pfeifer said.

Pfeifer said most complaints came from parents who wanted to pick up students' grades and could not without written permission.

Students, however, seem to prefer picking up their own grades.

Amy Tiehen, a sophomore market-

ing major, said she likes the new policy because, "we make sure and get them and they don't go home." Gregg Heffelfinger, a sophomore accounting major, said "it's great," since parents can't get them and it's an excuse to return to Lincoln earlier.

It isn't an inconvenience to pick up grades, said Roger Aden, a senior broadcasting and political science major. He said, however, the change was not well publicized and this could create a problem for some students.

Grades can be picked up until Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in the basement of the 5200 building in Selleck Quadrangle.

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Nichol also said a Reagan administration task-force report recommended a national drinking age of 21.

Peterson said 77 percent of Americans polled by a national polling firm favored a drinking age of 21. He also said that last year, a Daily Nebraskan editorial endorsed the higher drinking age.

Opposition to the bill was led by Sens. Don Wesely of Lincoln and Gary Hannibal of Omaha. They argued that raising the drinking age would cause more traffic deaths by forcing 20-year-olds to travel to neighboring states where they can drink legally.

In Iowa and Wyoming, the current legal drinking age is 19. Colorado, South Dakota and Kansas allow anyone over 18 to purchase beer with 3.2 percent alcohol. Missouri is the only bordering state with a 21-year-old drinking age for all types of alcohol.

Wesely and Hannibal proposed an amendment to LB56 which would raise the drinking age to 21 on Jan. 1, 1986, only if surrounding states raised theirs. The amendment failed 26-22.

Nichol said the amendment was a typical delaying tactic designed to weaken the bill.

"Here's a chance for Nebraska to be a leader again," Nichol said.

Nichol said statistics clearly show "the higher the drinking age, the fewer the accidents."

Sen. Dave Newell of Omaha said raising the drinking age served no purpose other than to take away a right of 20-year-olds. He said 21 is not the "magic age" for saving lives. Referring to statistics that show persons 19 to 24 have the highest incidence of drunk driving, he said, the Legislature should raise the age to 25 if reducing traffic deaths is its goal.

Gov. Kerrey was not available for comment, but last year he said he did not believe raising the drinking age would reduce the number of drunk-driving deaths.

If passed, the bill would return the drinking age to the 1968 limit. In 1969, the age was dropped to 20 and then to 19 in 1972. It was returned to 20 in 1980.

Student Watch arranges additional teams, changes

More patrol teams and shifts in patrol times and places head the list of changes planned for UNL's Student Watch Group this semester.

Troy Lair, president of the group that works with the UNL Police Department to prevent sexual assault, said teams of two students will patrol high risk areas from dark until approximately 1 a.m. The teams will again be composed of one male and one female student.

Unlike last semester, Lair said, the group will patrol daily instead of Sundays through Thursdays only. Police needed the group's rented two-way radios at football games last semester, so the group could not patrol every day, Lair said.

Because of cold winter temperatures, the group will shift patrol emphasis to inside campus buildings. When student activities move indoors, more crime occurs there, Lair said.

One team will be added to both City Campus and East Campus, he said. The group did not patrol East Campus last semester. However, the number of patrols on both campuses will depend on the number of new student volunteers.


The students who do volunteer to patrol this semester will find a change in the policy. Instead of following the four-week training session format used last semester, volunteers will go through a one-weekend session on Jan. 28-29 in the Nebraska Union.

The format was condensed to prevent volunteers from missing any training.

The sessions will include cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, first aid and police training and work with the Lincoln Rape-Spouse Abuse Crisis Center.

Patrols will begin Jan. 30 in two hour shifts and run until the end of Dead Week.

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