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Committee to study SAFS student group banking fees Campus organizations bank illegally off campus

By Michael Hooper and James M. Lillis Senior Reporters

The Nebraska Union Board set up a subcommittee Sunday to study whether the Student Activities/Financial Services Office can continue to assess student organizations fees for banking with it.

Recognized student organizations must bank with SAFS at a charge of 50 cents per month and 10 cents for each transaction, which generates nearly \$2,500 each year.

Jerry Roemer, ASUN chairman of special topics, said the fees keep some organizations from banking with SAFS because they can bank for free off campus.

"Right now there are organizations that bank (illegally) off campus," he said.

Roemer said student organiza-

tions should not be charged for banking with SAFS because it would not only be less expensive, but it would also "entice them to come back to the union" to bank.

Student organizations do not collect interest for banking with SAFS. It is used to pay for the service, Roemer said.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union, said SAFS must assess the fees in order to generate the funds necessary to provide the banking service.

Roemer said that because the UNL Board of Regents cut out \$2,500 from the union's budget for SAFS, the fees can be eliminated. SAFS can continue assessing fees to student organizations for banking, Swanson said.

Section 3.11 in UNL Bylaws says fees have to be assessed for banking services.

Swanson said that if the subcommittee studying this issue decides to drop the user fees and make up the difference in student fees, the Union will abide by the decision.

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Roemer said the fees should be eliminated because SAFS generated more than enough money to pay for the banking service. SAFS expenses are \$28,894 a year. It collected \$32,726 last year from student fees, interest collected on student organizations' banking and user fees, he said.

"It sounds like the implementation of these fees has been delayed pending the results of the subcommittee," Roemer said.

The subcommittee will have its first meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the union. As soon as school starts the subcommittee will report back to the Union Board.

Union Board may franchise **Union Square**

By Kim Schawrtz Staff Reporter

Vice Chancellor Rudy Lewis has given Union Board Director Daryl Swanson and a subcommittee permission to work with the UNL Purchasing Office franchise in the Union Square.

"The subcommittee I've worked with and national franchisers," Swanson said. "We plan to send our proposal to a wide variety of franchisers."

College of Business Administration Chairman Robert Justis, Kim Phelps, assistant to the vice chancellor for business and finance, Ronald Pushcar, Nebraska union director of food servi-Chancellor Lewis, Francis Lotterle, chairman of the franchise industry advisory council, and Cheryl Babcock,

son said.

Swanson said a franchise could bring national marketing and name recognition, attracting new customers that the Union Square cannot.

According to Swanson, UNL food services grossed \$2.3 million last year, to draft bid proposals for a food service but lost \$100,000 due to costs and price considerations.

"We cannot operate as effectively as has worked up a list of Nebraska-based a private operator. We run all of the university's food services, and that kind of diversity is no longer cost effective," Swanson said.

Union food service is required to offer larger salaries and benefit packages to employees than private operators, and the academic calendar makes food service operation difficult because ces, Peg Johnson, representing Vice of the slow summer periods, Swanson said. The Colonial Room has been closed for the summer to cut costs.

"We think there is an advantage in coordinator of the franchise studies leasing out 10 percent of our food ser-

Bereuter initiates grain storage plan

By Scott Thien Staff Reporter

Midwestern farmers, including Nebraskans, may have some of their grain storage problems eased thanks to implementation of a new program last Friday by Congressman Doug Bereuter.

At a press conference at the UNL East Union Friday, Bereuter said the nationwide program is called Storagelist, an Agnet computer network program that lists both grain producers with storage needs and farmers that have available storage facilities.

Bereuter said the program was developed at his request for the UNL Agnet computer network under the direction of Dr. James Kendrick, a professor of agricultural economics at UNL.

Bereuter said he got the idea for the program, which took about a week to complete, after visiting with several Nebraska farmers and following discussions in Washington with Agriculture Secretary Lyng and other Department of Agriculture officials.

Bumper harvest expectations and the possible shortage in available grain storage facilities served as an impetus for developing the program, he said. Since commercial grain elevators will generally be filled to capacity, Storagelist, which lists the names, addresses, phone numbers and storage facility specifications, will feature mainly onfarm storage.

"... It is entirely possible for a farmer with storage facility needs or space to live near a producer or elevator that has available storage and just not know it," he said.

Bereuter said Storagelist will provide farmers in whatever county they live in "the opportunity to seek out potential, unused or partially filled grain storage facilities" in any Nebraska, South Dakota or North Dakota county.

In addition to the location of the storage facility, other information such as the type of storage (ex., metal bin,

flat storage or upright silo), aeration including traditional grain customers. available is also listed.

gram is available through any agricultural county extension office or directly to Agnet clients, he said.

Great Plains as well.

steps have been taken in an effort to ease the upcoming storage problem, Bereuter said. Bereuter recently urged U.S.D.A. officials to expand the Export grams, contact the UNL Central Agnet Enhancement Program to all countries, office at 472-1892.

method, rent and the amount of storage He said Nigeria would be an ideal client, as well as the Soviet Union, in In Nebraska, the Storagelist pro- most years the largest U.S. grain customer.

agelist called Feedlist, which matches Bereuter said he is not only confi- sellers and buyers for feeds such as hay dent that the program will work for and ear corn. Other listing services Nebraska, but for the midwest and the include programs for horticultural crops like fruit, vegetables, flowers and trees, In addition to Storagelist, other feedlot space, seed stocks and sheep. For more information about Agnet, or to request an input form for Agnet to make an entry in any of the listed pro-

and things we think a franchise should consider, and have them tell us what's chisers feel they can triple that figure," feasible," Swanson said.

The final draft of the bid proposal Agnet has a program similar to Stor- must be approved by the Board of involved in bringing a franchise into Regents before it can be sent to prospective franchisers.

> the franchise to work with UNL's International Center for Franchise Studies Union Square, the plan is to renovate in providing jobs and an internship for the Harvest Room, and offer even more franchising studies, but Swanson said variety in menu selections, and operate that all items are negotiable.

"We will sit down with each company and modify proposals until we come up with a working plan," Swan- Room may permanently close.

program, make up the subcommittee. vice business. Union Square brings in a "We'll send an outline of our needs quarter of Union food services yearly gross. It made \$235,000 last year. Fran-Swanson said.

> He said that there is some risk the Union.

"A franchise could run the Harvest The subcommittee's draft requires Room right out of business," he said.

"After getting a private operator in it ourselves. If we cannot operate successfully, we may lease out that space."

Under the proposal the Colonial



Sailing away

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Three sailboats race by as a pint-sized spectator watches from the shore during last weekend's Cornhusker State Games. See stories on Page 6.