

Event-full kiosk maps out city

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Staff Reporter

Students won't have to carry maps this fall if they find their way to the kiosk in the Nebraska Union.

A computerized information center, the LT&T Information Kiosk, added to the Union last spring, contains information about UNL and Lincoln. The computer displays maps, union services and floor plans, an events calendar, a guide to Lincoln entertainment and businesses, and advertisements.

Five kiosks are located in downtown Lincoln. A sixth will be installed at East Park Plaza sometime this week, said Terry Walkenhorst, information kiosk account representative for LT&T. The Nebraska Union kiosk was LT&T's second in Lincoln. The Cornhusker Hotel Atrium was the first site and was used by LT&T to measure public response to the machines.

Bob Bruce, university information director, said a kiosk is a computerized version of the Yellow Pages. At the touch of a button, it lists events on campus and in Lincoln and gives numbers and addresses of businesses, restaurants, hotels and transportation services.

Each kiosk costs about \$6,500. Mark Dahmke, an LT&T computer consultant, said it takes him about three months to create an entire kiosk system. After that, frequent updates are necessary to keep the information current. Dahmke said he can update the kiosk from his office at LT&T through a computer network.

Daryl Swanson, Nebraska Union director, said the kiosk was placed at the north entrance of the union because many students walk through it.

The kiosk includes directions on how to use it.

To announce events on the kiosk's calendar, call the University Information Office, Administration Building, 472-2167.

GLC parent group adds support to UNL lobbying efforts

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terests instead of member-specific issues.

Along with a stronger lobbying force, ASUN seems committed to rallying student support for crucial votes in the Legislature. And the newly formed UNL Parents Association could add an extra dimension of support when the administration asks for increased funding.

There is more than just optimistic talk. A quick tour around campus shows promise in the new buildings under construction. The Lied Center for Performing Arts and the controversial recreation center should benefit the cultural and athletic interests of all students. On East Campus, the expanded animal science building and the expected Food Industry Complex should vault to the top in agricultural research.

Services for students also have improved. A night bus service between campuses should help students without cars. The new Burge King in the Nebraska Union will please fast-food enthusiasts, but those neon lights just have to go. If I want a burger and fries in a disco, there are plenty of meat markets downtown.

The university also has made strides to become more personal for students. New Student Orientation was expanded to bring more freshmen to campus during the summer. Freshman Friday appeared to be successful in its second year. Transition to college life was not this organized when I first arrived in Lincoln.

After reviewing UNL's direction, one can feel only positive about its future. However, I don't see life only through rose-colored glasses. There always will be some dissension among the ranks.

Nonetheless, many of us should look forward to a good year at UNL. Such a statement on the first day is easy to make. I hope I don't have to eat my words, especially not under those neon lights at the new Burger King.

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Sophomores Keri Wellendorf and Lisa Konopik consult the new video kiosk in the Nebraska Union for campus events.

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