

# Instructors confer on literary politics

By Lisa Twiestmeyer  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln English department and the Nebraska Council of Teachers of English will sponsor a conference on the roles of literature instruction and school curriculum in maintaining a democratic culture.

The conference, "Literacy, Culture and the Shaping of a Democracy," is scheduled for Thursday and Friday at the East Union.

UNL English professor Robert Haller said the idea for the conference came from the English department's 1985 conference on the politics of

writing instruction. Recent controversy over school curriculum and the publication of several books about cultural literacy inspired the idea for a conference on the politics of literature instruction, he said.

Five speakers scheduled to appear at the conference will address issues such as the function of education in a democratic society, the role of teachers in maintaining democratic culture and the idea of a core set of texts which should be studied in all schools in a democratic society.

On Thursday, Eva Brann, author of "Paradoxes of Education in a Republic" and classics scholar at St. Johns College, will speak at 9 a.m. At 11 a.m., Henry Giroux of Miami Univer-

sity in Ohio, an author and education theorist, will appear, followed by June Jordan, a poet, political activist and professor of English at the State University of New York-Stony Brook.

On Friday, William Everett of Emory University's Candler School of Theology will speak at 9 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. by Harold Kolb, author and director of the Center for the Liberal Arts at the University of Virginia.

In addition to the speakers, June Jordan and Adrienne Torf will perform excerpts from their musical, "Bang Bang Uber Alles," at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The conference is open to the public and admission is free. The Thursday evening performance has a suggested donation price of \$1.

# Union Board studies booth policy

By Bob Nelson  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Union Board appointed an ad hoc committee Monday to investigate changing Union booth policy to allow non-student groups to rent booths in Nebraska and East Unions.

The present policy states that only ASUN-recognized student organizations may rent booth space for promotional activities. Booth use by non-student organizations get with permission from Union Director Daryl Swanson. Only one non-student group per week may be in the booth area.

If Swanson doesn't grant permission, the commercial organizations must be sponsored by a student organization and no representatives of the business may be present in the booth.

Businesses have been reluctant about having students selling their product, Swanson said.

Swanson said there would be no commitment by student group members if professionals were allowed to sell products for the students.

The present policy was adopted to keep the union a sanctuary from commercial enterprises, Swanson

said. Because of changing student views it may be time to reconsider the policy, he said.

Union Board member Pat Wyatt said he is worried about bringing commercial organizations into the union.

"I'd hate to see the union be turned into the yellow pages," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said the first priority of the booths should be for student groups rather than for businesses.

Swanson agreed with Wyatt but said that giving student groups priority would be difficult.

"Commercial groups make reservations a month in advance," Swanson said. "Students make them a day

in advance."

Swanson questioned the policy because representatives of commercial groups were selling products in the booths without permission. Swanson also cited a recent incident in which a student representative of AT&T wanted to promote AT&T credit cards in a union booth. Because he was an individual student he could not rent a booth, Swanson said. He has no opportunity to promote the credit cards unless he is sponsored by a student organization, Swanson said.

Bruce Lear, Union Board vice president, will lead the investigation committee.

## Athletic funds may be used

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raise \$200,000 to fulfill its \$3.5 million commitment to the project.

"We're hoping to get this money by dedication, which is Nov. 21," he said.

Hirsch said if the rest of the money is not pledged, the founda-

tion may have to find other fund sources.

The foundation may have to use athletic funds to complete the center, he said. But Hirsch said he hopes to get the rest of money by Nov. 21.

"We're going to try as hard as we can," he said.

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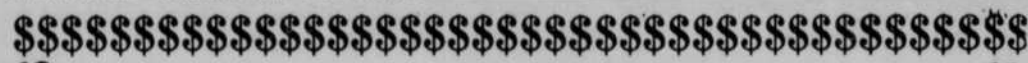
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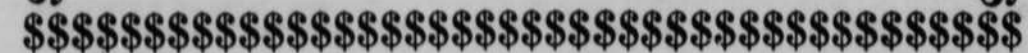
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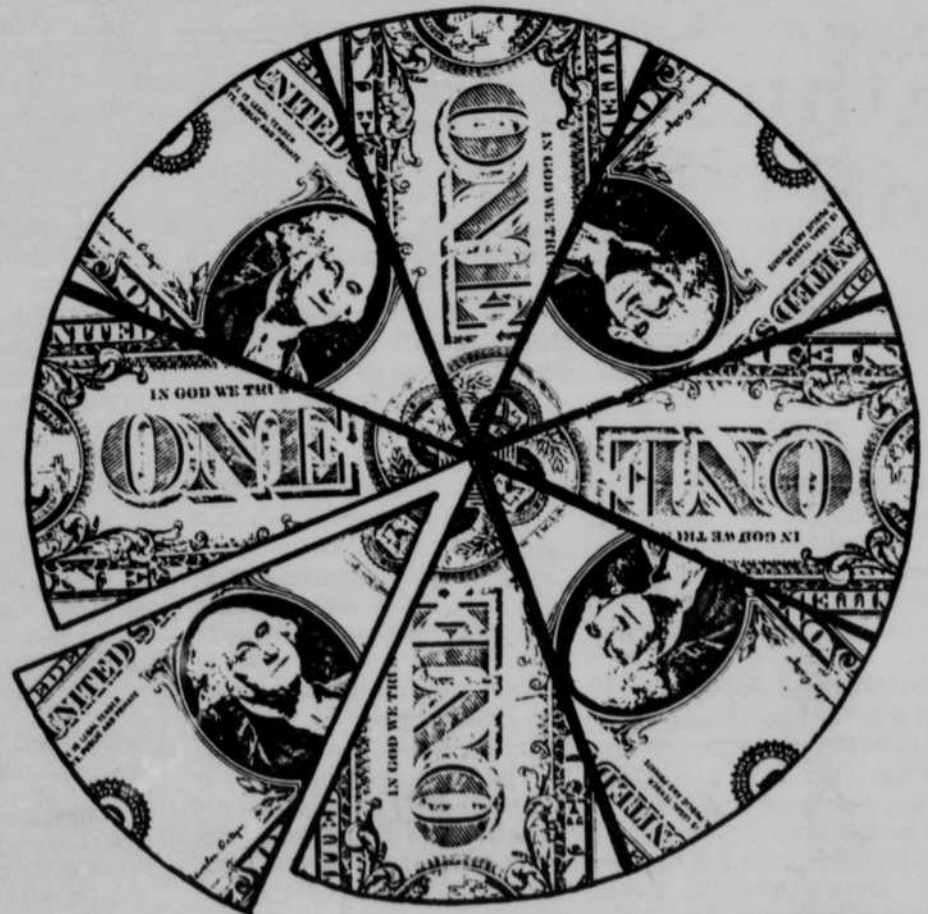
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