

# Students, legislators can meet, eat, talk

By Dan Dwinell  
Staff Reporter

State Sens. Chris Abboud of Ralston and Bernice Labeledz of Omaha will "brown-bag it" with University of Nebraska-Lincoln students today.

The lunches are part of Senators on Campus, a program sponsored by the Government Liaison Committee that gives students a chance to meet their state senators over a sack lunch.

The lunches will take place each Wednesday after the Legislature adjourns. After eating with students, the senators will tour UNL.

Today's lunch begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Nebraska Union's Regency Suite.

A different group of senators will visit the campus each week until the end of February.

Senators will tour the Animal Science Building, Architectural Hall and Love Library's computer system, and will observe a chemistry laboratory experiment.

The senators will be on campus about an hour and will have a chance to talk with students and faculty members after the tour.

Jackie Bjorn, coordinator of the Government Liaison Committee, said it's important for students to know who their senators are.

"It's a very important year with the faculty salaries," Bjorn said. "The potential (for students) to make something happen is there."

Abboud said he is looking forward to today's event.

"It's important for me to find out what the concerns of the students are since some of them are from my district," he said.

Bjorn urges students to speak to the senators from their district.

"Any elected official needs to listen to their constituents," she said.

Bjorn said a third of the senators have agreed to participate in the program, and more

are expected to agree soon.

Tara Twedt and Doug Rugsy, organizers of the new program and "Adopt a Senator," said they wanted an original way for students to voice their ideas to senators.

"We needed a different approach instead of lobbying," Twedt said. "We want them enthused with what we're doing here. Show them the rewards of their investment."

A schedule listing the times senators will visit the campus will be posted in the glass case in front of the ASUN office, or students may call GLC for more information.

## Money to come from appropriations fund

# Bill would give loans to UNMC nursing students

By Mary Nell Westbrook  
Senior Reporter

Nursing students could receive loans if they agreed to practice nursing in an area where a shortage exists if LB1185 is approved.

The bill would apply to students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and any other state nursing programs that offer a registered nurse degree.

The bill would be equivalent to the Medical Student Assistance Act that gives loans to medical students with the same stipulations after graduation.

It would give a maximum of \$3,000 each to 50 students each year, said Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island, a sponsor of the bill.

Ken Winston, aide to Sen. Stan Schellpeper of Stanton, said major hurdles need to be overcome. The legislative session is very short and the bill may not make it through in

time, he said.

Also, the money would come from the general appropriations fund, which will be tight, he said. The bill would pull about \$600,000 from the appropriations fund, Winston said.

The bill is partly intended to relieve the shortage of nurses in western

Nebraska, he said.

Winston said fewer students are going into nursing. This bill would help some students financially, he said.

The idea for the bill came from a rural health-care task force study that showed a shortage of medical workers

in rural Nebraska, Winston said.

The bill is supported by nursing homes, hospital associations and nurses, Winston said.

Other sponsors of the bill include Schellpeper and Sens. Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth, Jacklyn Smith of Hastings and Brad Ashford of Omaha.

## UNL student faces trial for attempted robbery

From Staff Reports

Glenn J. Evans, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student, was arraigned Monday on a charge of attempted robbery.

Evans was arrested Sunday afternoon in connection with an incident at a party earlier that morning.

Evans' trial will be at 9 a.m. Feb. 8 in Courtroom 11 of the County-City Building.

Lt. Lee Wagner of the Lincoln Police Department said an 18-year-old woman, also a UNL student, arranged for a ride home from the party in the 600 block of North 24th Street. When she got into the back seat of the car, a man put a gun to her side and asked for money.

The victim ran from the car and escaped after a brief chase.

After a police investigation it was discovered that the weapon, found in Harper Hall, was a pellet gun.

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