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UNL officials plan new smoking policy

By Ryan Steeves
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University of Nebraska-Lincoln officials plan to implement a smoking policy that would prohibit smoking in most areas of UNL buildings, but they are awaiting campus input on the issue.

A memo, released by John Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance, stated that smoking would be prohibited in halls, classrooms, labs, elevators and emergency shelter areas. The right to smoke in other areas will be granted by individual department chairpersons and will cover only that department's jurisdiction. The areas left to chairpersons' discretion

include single-occupant offices, auditoriums, dining rooms and "other indoor assembly areas."

UNL is scheduled to implement the policy on July 1, 1988. Goebel said he released the memo to get reaction from UNL students, staff and faculty members.

"There was no intent to keep this under wrap," Goebel said. "What we want is discussion."

The policy also would:

- require smokers who smoke in their office to buy and maintain a smoke filter.
- require signs that say "Smoking Allowed" and "No Smoking" in rooms with both areas.
- prohibit smoking in areas with no signs.

• require deans, directors, department chairpersons, managers and other supervisory personnel to enforce the policy and punish those who don't comply.

Goebel sent the memo to several administrators and groups, including all deans and directors, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Executive Committee. If responses are against the policy, it may be revised, he said.

Shawn Boldt, first-vice president of ASUN, said the ASUN Senate will vote tonight on a bill that would allow ASUN to survey students about their opinions on the policy. If passed, surveys would be available at the Student Infor-

mation Center, Nebraska Union 116.

Boldt said ASUN will take a position on the policy after students have been surveyed. Boldt said he agreed with the policy's concept, but found the policy itself "a little too restrictive."

"I think as soon as students see all the places they can't smoke," Boldt said, "they'll really be upset."

Goebel said administrators and faculty members developed the policy after some UNL faculty members and students asked about UNL's smoking policy. The new policy would give UNL a reasonable set of guidelines that are consistent with the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act passed by the Legislature in 1935, Goebel said.



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George Carter and other inmates at the Nebraska State Penitentiary speak with University of Nebraska-Lincoln students Tuesday.

UNL students go to prison for class

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

The bars slid back at the Nebraska State Penitentiary Tuesday morning to admit 25 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

The students went to the penitentiary as a part of Personality and

Social Structure and Sociology of Deviants, a course taught by Suzanne Ortega, assistant professor of sociology.

The students were taken on a tour of the penitentiary and had a discussion with members of The Seventh Step Foundation, a self-help group for inmates.

The purpose of the trip was to give students a real-life view of what they are studying, Ortega said.

Coming in the penitentiary, students had to show picture identification while security checked their names. Several students forgot their

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ASUN candidates given pop quiz

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska presidential candidates were surprised but reacted differently when given a test Tuesday in place of a scheduled debate.

Action Party candidates took the test, sponsored by The Innocents Society, while Voice candidates did not complete the test and protested the exam, calling it "an Innocents' trivia contest."

Results of the test are scheduled to be released Friday.

The Innocents Society has given the test to candidates before. It asked the candidates questions about university officials and ASUN procedures.

Questions ranged from naming the president of the university and the members of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to the Nebraska Union Food Service Director and the Daily Nebraskan Business

Manager.

Voice presidential candidate Christopher Stream and Action presidential candidate Jeff Petersen said they had not been told about the test beforehand.

"We walked in expecting to have a debate," Petersen said. "I think there should have been some prior notification."

Jeff Dillow, Innocents Society president, said it was decided at the last minute to give a test instead of having the open-forum debate.

"We didn't mean to throw anyone off, but things happened," he said.

The Innocents had scheduling problems and were unable to organize the debate in time, said ASUN President Andy Pollock.

"It just never came off the ground," Pollock said.

Stream said he was upset about having to take a test and was not prepared.

"I think the whole thing was set up unfairly," Stream said.

Stream said the test was biased,

but Petersen said he thought the test was a good idea.

"Someone seeking the magnitude of office we are seeking needs to have a good understanding of the people you're going to be working with," Petersen said.

But Petersen thought some questions on the test were unfair.

Stream thought the test favored the Action party because members of the party have already worked with a lot of the people listed on the test, and would score higher.

"All it (running ASUN) takes is a desire to work hard. I do not think that it is a qualification," Stream said.

"They're (The Innocents Society) already excluding me because I don't know enough of the right people," Stream said.

Dillow said the test is fair and was not intended to be biased against anyone.

"The test covered important areas that any person running for office should know," he said.

Curtis bill put on hold

By Mary Nell Westbrook
Senior Reporter

Members of the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee voted 5-4 Tuesday not to advance a bill to finance the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, but the bill's sponsor expects the measure to advance today.

Sen. Owen Elmer of Indianola, who made LB1042 his priority, said he spoke to one committee member who voted against it and that member said he would ask for reconsideration of the bill. Elmer would not identify the committee member.

Elmer said he was surprised the bill wasn't advanced to the floor.

He said he spoke to committee members earlier in the day and thought they would pass it.

After Gov. Kay Orr decided to support the college and others showed additional support, Elmer said he thought the bill was home free.

Under LB1042 the school would get \$700,000 for the current fiscal year and 1.4 million for 1988-89.

Sen. Chris Abboud of Omaha, who voted against the bill, said he also was surprised the bill didn't get

the five votes it needed to advance.

Sens. Scott Moore of Stromsburg, Gary Hannibal of Omaha, Lowell Johnson of North Bend and Jerome Warner of Waverly, chairman of the committee, also voted against sending the bill to the floor for debate.

Abboud said he didn't think the budget could handle the expense of keeping Curtis open. He said if the University of Nebraska Board of Regents had made the bill a higher priority it might have passed.

Moore said after giving so much money to the university he thought the state "just couldn't afford to do it." When it came to Curtis or soil and water conservation, Moore said he thought the money would be better spent on conservation.

Bob Cochrane, Orr's communications director, said the governor was disappointed that the bill didn't get out of committee, but she will continue to work hard on the bill.

Orr met with Elmer Tuesday afternoon and she is confident the committee will reconsider the vote, Cochrane said.

And Warner agrees the issue is not dead.

"It's not over until it's over," he said.

Panel confronts prejudice

Speakers say pride in background needed

By Dan Dwinell
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Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha told University of Nebraska-Lincoln students Tuesday that he tells his children to be proud to be black and fight prejudice.

"I told my kids if they ever hear the 'N' word I don't give you permission to fight, I want you to fight," Chambers said.

Chambers was part of panel discussion entitled "I am. We are" to expose students to different ethnic and cultural views in the Sandoz Hall main lounge.

The organizers of the event, Sandoz Student Assistants Lisa Ramirez and Mary Pat Mallam, said the discussion was an extension of Black History month.

Chambers said there are several ways to solve the problem of black prejudice.

"If you want to talk we'll talk it out, if you want to walk we'll walk it out, if you want to fight we'll fight it out," he said.

"White people think that they are the standard for everything," Chambers said.

Vaughn Robertson, counselor for Multi-Cultural Affairs at the Student

Center, said the only two black people his daughter sees are her parents.

"That bothers me," he said, "it really bothers me."

Kit Boesch, administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services of Lancaster County agreed with Chambers that there are many ways to deal with discrimination.

Boesch, former cross country, track and fencing coach at Ohio State said she wasn't treated equally with the men coaches.

"Ranting and raving doesn't get you anywhere," she said. "There's a lot of different ways of doing it. You have to work the system."

After Boesch finished speaking, a member of the audience, Shawn Bordeaux, said he was angry that there wasn't a Native American on the panel.

"I'm a Native American and I'm proud of it," he said. The panel members invited him to sit with them, but he declined.

Marty Ramirez, psychologist at the UNL Counseling Center, said there is a great confusion about Chicanos in the United States.

He said the Chicanos' standard of living has improved, but there is room for improvement.