

# Daily Nebraskan

Wednesday

**Weather:** Wednesday, partly cloudy becoming mostly sunny, high near 70 with S winds at 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of showers, low in the mid to upper 40s. Thursday, increasing cloudiness with a 30 percent chance of showers, high near 70.

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## ASUN considering book exchange system

By Victoria Ayotte  
Senior Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will possibly consider a bill to create a book exchange system at tonight's meeting, as well as consider a bill to try to get the parking meters on R Street changed to two hours, said Jeff Petersen, ASUN president.

Under the proposal, ASUN would keep a card file of students wanting to sell books and what books they are trying to sell, Petersen said. The card file would be accessible to all students.

All buying and selling of books would be solely between students and not managed by ASUN, Petersen said.

"Most students feel neglected in their returns from reselling books back to the University bookstore," states the bill, introduced by Sen. James Correll of the College of Business Administration.

"It's something we could do without a great deal of difficulty to students," he said.

The bill is currently in Communication Committee, but might come up

tonight on emergency status, he said. A bill to get the parking meters on R Street changed from one hour to two hours is on the agenda for tonight's meeting, Petersen said.

Many daytime classes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last more than an hour, and R Street is a high demand parking area, the bill says.

Two bills introduced by Sen. Brian Svoboda of the College of Arts and Sciences that are currently in ASUN's Special Topics Committee seek to address the minority faculty issue and

the University of Nebraska Medical Center tenure policy change.

The ASUN President would express the Senate's dismay for the departure of minority faculty and support for an affirmative action program to UNL administration under the bill.

"This is an issue of crisis proportions the university needs to deal with," Svoboda said. "It would put student government squarely on the side of minority faculty." The bill addressing the UNMC tenure issue would have the ASUN declare its opposition to the tenure revision policy proposed by UNMC, which would have tenure granted at an indeterminate time.

Svoboda said he is worried that if passed, the UNMC proposal would be seen as a precedent by a future UNL administration.

The proposed tenure change "could endanger the quality of all of our educations. Tenure is a guaranteed force of academic freedom," he said. "It could bode ill for the university."

Petersen said he didn't want to comment on the minority faculty bill or the UNMC tenure bill at this time.

## Senators say Petersen gave gag order

By Victoria Ayotte  
Senior Reporter

An alleged issuing of a gag order by Jeff Petersen, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, has two members of ASUN's Executive Committee upset.

Petersen allegedly issued the gag order at Sunday night's Executive Committee meeting, telling senators not to comment on bills before they come out of committee, according to the two senators, who asked not to be identified.

The first senator said Petersen issued the gag order Sunday night when he didn't want senators to comment on an amendment concerning the appointments board.

The senator said he thought the gag was "unprofessional and an overreaction to the situation."

"The committee process of students is a public process, or should be," he said.

The second senator agreed that Petersen issued a gag order Sunday night.

The senator said Petersen told Executive Committee members that commenting on a bill before it came through committee wasn't being a "team player."

Petersen denied having issued a gag order.

"I expressed my opinion that I didn't think it would be fair to discuss the bill before it comes to

committee," he said. "I wasn't trying to suppress anyone."

"Obviously, every senator has the right to do what they want."

Petersen said the sponsor should be free to talk about the bill at any stage, but other senators' comments are "best heard in the debate."

"I was just concerned that we give the legislative process a fair run," Petersen said. "Perhaps I was wrong in the first place to say they should or shouldn't talk."

Andy Pollock, former ASUN president, said he never had a policy of not commenting on a bill before it came through committee and never issued a gag order.

"I kind of felt like it sometimes, but I never did," he said.

## Downtown redevelopment moves ahead

By Dan Dwinell  
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Selection Research Inc. has made a proposal to move downtown, Mayor Bill Harris announced in a press conference Tuesday.

"I consider it a very positive announcement," he said.

The proposal must be presented and reviewed by the downtown redevelopment selection committee and be passed by the City Council.

SRI has proposed moving its Lincoln operations to half the block of 12th and Q streets. The space now is occupied by a parking lot.

The new building will include offices for SRI employees, a child-care center and two floors for retail. A parking ramp with 500 to 700 stalls also will be built.

"It is very positive to have 700 new people employed in the downtown area with child care," Harris said. "I defy anyone to tell me that this can be negative."

Harris said the SRI proposal would help achieve the goal of downtown redevelopment.

"We need to have people in the downtown area to make things successful," he said. "I believe the SRI proposal will achieve that."

James Krieger, executive vice president of SRI, said the project will cost about \$19 million.

"We believe a vital component is to fill downtown with well-paid people," he said.

SRI is the largest employer of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in the city. Krieger said the business employs about 700 students. The move will create more opportunities for UNL and SRI to work together, he said.

"Lincoln is a great community," he said. "We believe that downtown redevelopment is important, and we'd like to play a role in it."

Krieger said he would like to see the project completed by the end of 1990, but wasn't sure it would be possible.

"There are a lot of things that need to get done," he said. "We need to move fast and there's a lot of coordinating that has to be done."

Krieger said he submitted a rough-draft drawing to the select committee three weeks ago, but has not received a response.

"They (select committee) have done a commendable job," Harris said.

The mayor said he will accept development proposals until May 23. He added that he has contacted developers who showed an interest in the redevelopment project and told them of the proposal.

"We will talk to anyone that has a proposal that is positive to downtown Lincoln," he said.

Harris said Jacobs, Visconti and Jacobs, owners of Gateway Mall, had contacted him about a possible expansion project in the downtown area.

Harris said he wasn't sure how the Urban Development Action Grant would apply to the project.

"If I thought it was threatening UDAG," he said, "which I have worked so hard for, I wouldn't approve it."

Krieger said the building SRI now occupies, at 301 S. 68th St., will be sold or leased.



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Mayor Bill Harris announces plans for SRI to move to downtown Lincoln. About 700 people will be transferred to a proposed downtown office complex, company officials say.

## Language requirements may allow free credit

By Eve Nations  
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Students who have studied higher-level languages in high school may receive free college credit due to a change in curriculum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



A student with three years of high school language courses in one language who completes a 202 level or above class in the same language will be given three credits for 201, said Joan Buhlmann, associate professor of

modern languages and literature.

Students must earn a B grade or better the first time they are enrolled in the 202 course to get the 201 credit, she said.

Students who have four years of high school language courses and complete 203 with a B grade or better will be given six credits for 201 and 202, Buhlmann said.

Before, students could receive free credits only if they tested out of a course, but could not automatically receive college credits for high school courses, she said.

The UNL department of modern languages and literature made the changes to encourage high school students with a high level of language proficiency to continue their studies, she said.

Buhlmann said she hopes the program will encourage students to take languages before they get to college.

"This program will give them an incentive to get a strong background before they come to the

university," Buhlmann said.

Students in college are taking languages because they hope it will help in their majors, she said.

"Students are using languages much more because they think they might need them in their futures," Buhlmann said. "This is very apparent in the business and journalism fields. The students take minors in a language to get more proficient in their other major."

It has taken a long time to get the changes for the modern languages department approved, she said.

The modern languages department had to approve the changes first; then executive committees in the department had to approve them, she said. The final steps were approval by the modern languages dean and the office of undergraduate admissions, Buhlmann said.

The changes will begin this summer for 202 students. The 203 course is not offered in the summer sessions, so changes will not affect that

course until fall.

Buhlmann said students from Omaha and Lincoln high schools will benefit most from the new changes because these school systems have strong language departments.

The changes affect any student who has a strong background in a language, Buhlmann said. The languages that are affected most will be French, German, Spanish and Russian.

While the changes in the department may affect students enrolling in many different UNL colleges, the new plan is not part of the campuswide curriculum changes, Buhlmann said.

Buhlmann said she hopes the changes will be an incentive for some students to attend UNL.

"UNO and Kansas already have this program. Now that we have it, I hope it will be an incentive for some students who were considering the other schools to look at UNL," Buhlmann said.