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UNL Field School students 'dig' looking for artifacts

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

As the mid-morning sun parches the earth below, 12 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students sift

through the dry soil, digging history from a central Nebraska cornfield.

For hundreds of years, this farmland seven miles southeast of Lexington teamed with Woodland Indians.

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New smoking policy already taking some heat

By Larry Peirce
Staff Reporter

Less than two weeks before the Nebraska Union's Clean Air Policy goes into effect, the Union Advisory Board voted Tuesday night to alter the policy and allow smoking in recreation rooms in both unions.

The change came in response to a complaint from union staff members, who argue that not allowing smoking in these rooms might cause smoking customers to go elsewhere to bowl and play pool and video games.

A memo from Marv Buysman, Nebraska Union recreation manager, and Ray Koziol, assistant director of operations at the East Union, said that despite the decline in smoking, a large percentage of recreation room cus-

tomers were smokers.

The memo, written to Nebraska unions director Daryl Swanson, said "This is to say that the type of person who frequently plays pool, bowls and/or plays video/pinball is more apt to smoke than others."

The advisory board, made up of student and faculty members, voted 3-2 to allow smoking in the East Union recreation room, the video game room in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union and the east side of the Nebraska Union's recreation room.

The plan already allowed smoking in the video game area in the basement of the union.

There was disagreement among members whether allowing smoking would help or hurt business. Union

Problems in Financial Aid Office result in director's resignation

By Curt Wagner
Senior Editor

Problems in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid caused the June 15 resignation of director William McFarland, according to his letter of resignation.

McFarland, director since January 1987, has agreed to stay on through December as a special consultant, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

This position will be full time, Griesen said.

McFarland could not be reached for comment, but according to his letter, four main discrepancies caused his resignation. In his letter, McFarland said he resigned because he had "to assign too many of my scarce professional staff members to the FAM (financial aid management) project and still try to provide excellent service to students."

Griesen said the computer-based FAM project, has given the financial aid office problems since it was installed two years ago. It is not yet fully operational, he said.

McFarland also stated in the letter that the office did not have adequate technical assistance to install the FAM system properly.

Griesen said that during the 1987-88 school year, the administration supported the financial aid office with temporary and permanent funds.

"We provided as much resources as they could consume the past year," Griesen said.

He said over \$115,000 has been distributed to the office. The money was used to hire a larger and better accommodated graduate assistant

FAM system's effectiveness questioned by UNL officials

By Curt Wagner
Senior Editor

The recent resignation of William McFarland as director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid has raised questions about the effectiveness of a computer system that office uses.

In a letter McFarland gave four main points for his resignation. A computer-based financial aid management system was mentioned in two of those four reasons.

McFarland's letter said too many members of his staff were being used to operate the system, taking away manpower from the office. It also pointed out that the office didn't have adequate technical assistance to operate the system properly.

The FAM system can keep track of all information about students seeking financial aid, can generate award letters and model

the awarding and disbursement process, among other capabilities, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The system, purchased in April 1987 for \$175,000, is not yet fully operational, Griesen said.

He said the financial aid office has been bothered by problems with the FAM system, which has two parts, since it was installed.

The year it was installed, problems arose in interfacing the commercial-made Information Associates data system to a computer system custom-made for the financial aid office by university computer experts, Griesen said.

This year, he said, federal laws were changed requiring new mandates for financial aid eligibility. The university had to wait for Information Associates to update their existing computer software, then had to reinterface that soft-

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staff, and to expand office space, Griesen said.

McFarland's letter also expressed the existence of additional problems due to "the pressing need to revise the freshman and upperclass scholarship programs."

Griesen said he ordered the revisions in application and processing procedures. When implemented on schedule, they "worked fine," he said.

The final problem McFarland

identified in the letter was the change in federal regulations for financial aid in 1988-89.

Griesen said these changes not only affected the FAM system, which was already troubling the office, but also office procedure.

Staff members in the financial aid office had to be taught the new federal system, and new internal office pro-

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great deal of time."

Swanson said the current smoking areas in Burger King will stay the same.

The union policy is in accordance with the clean air policy adopted by the NU Board of Regents in February. UNL's policy for all other campus buildings and vehicles goes into effect Aug. 8.

Swanson expects a few complaints and some confusion about the policy. He said there will probably be a few people who will be defiant and smoke, but that peer pressure will help enforce the policy.

The policy provides no sanctions or penalties for smoking in non-smoking areas, but smokers will be told that they are breaking the rules. Enforcement of the policy in offices

will be left up to office managers, he said.

Swanson said that the board had to be careful not to designate an area where non-smokers walk as a smoking area.

"You almost have to set up an area in a corner," he said. "Otherwise you're going to set yourself up for complaints."

Swanson said the union was taking a chance by designating the south corridor on the second floor as a smoking area, since non-smokers may have to walk through that area.

One of the more difficult areas in which to enforce the policy will be the restrooms, he said, because smokers assume the restroom is one place where they can smoke.

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