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Residence halls won't get condom machines

By Larry Peirce
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Despite overwhelming student support for condom machines in the residence halls, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln isn't planning to install them, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Griesen said he asked the University Health Center to find ways to make condoms more readily available at UNL, but that the results of the ASUN elections did not affect those plans.

Results of the ASUN survey question showed that 69 percent of student voters favor "installation of condom machines in university buildings," while 28.2 percent opposed it.

Griesen said his decision to involve the health center was in response to contact he had with students last fall.

The health center staff is working on several plans, he said. Those plans won't be announced until after spring break because details remain to be worked out, Griesen said. One of the center's plans should be implemented this semester, he said.

"They won't be dealing with residence halls," he said. "I have not asked them to pursue that idea."

Griesen said he was surprised that 28.2 percent opposed the condom machines.

"I would have thought it would have been 90 to 10, or 80 to 20 (percent)," he said.

Griesen said he hasn't heard much from people who think UNL shouldn't provide condoms at all.

"Everybody understands this is a fact of life," he said. "Some students on this campus are sexually active, and we don't want them to catch

sexually-transmitted diseases."

Condoms are available 24 hours a day at the health center, but students must contact a duty nurse to get them after hours, he said. While they wait they may be standing in front of a security video camera.

"Several students suggested that's not ready access," he said.

Griesen said one of the health center's tasks is to reduce the amount of personal embarrassment associated with getting condoms.

Griesen said condoms currently are sold also at Q 4 Quik, 17th and Vine streets, and at U Stop, 17th and

Q streets.

"We don't feel it's necessarily our obligation to provide the condoms," he said. "However, I do feel this is a health-related issue. We should do more to make them available."

There are other times when someone needs something that isn't readily available, he said.

Any plans to make condoms more available will be done partly to educate students that they shouldn't engage in sex casually, Griesen said.

"They should think in advance about what they are doing," he said.

Monday

CLARIFICATION: Cather 10 became the Class C intramural basketball champions when the team defeated Cather 4 40-37. A run-off election will occur Wednesday for secretary of Abel/Sandoz between Ian Roehrich and Brenda Thompson.

WEATHER:

Monday, windy with light snow in morning, decreasing cloudiness in afternoon, high 30-35, NE winds 15-30 mph. Monday night, cloudy and cold, low upper teens. Tuesday, high 40.

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Very interesting . . .

Stephen Grinfalcon and Katherine Penwick watch Floyd McGillihan feather a flu-flu arrow during the Royal University of Schir Hafoc seminar held in the Nebraska Union Saturday. Grinfalcon said at least four seminars are held each year in conjunction with the Society for Creative Anachronism. Members of the society participate to learn about the various tools and customs of medieval society.

Semiautomatic sales increasing in Lincoln

By Larry Peirce
Senior Reporter

Following bans last week on semiautomatic rifles, local gun enthusiasts and collectors are rushing to buy the remaining weapons at inflated prices, but one gun dealer said the shortage of the rifles is only temporary.

Larry Gulbranson, owner of All Seasons Shooting Range, 4713 Hartley St., said he has sold all but two of his semiautomatic rifles.

However, he said, it's unwise to buy the rifles at inflated prices fueled by shortages.

"It's stupid to buy them up," he said. "It's not going to be a permanent thing."

According to gun dealers, three events increased sales of the rifles:

- An assault rifle was used in a January massacre of five school children in California, causing public protest and tempting local and state governments to ban their sales.

- The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency banned imports of assault rifles this week.

- Colt Industries of Hartford, Conn., suspended public sales of its AR-15, a shortened civilian version of the military's standard M-16 rifle.

Gulbranson said he has heard from his contacts in the weapons industry that Colt probably will change its policy Monday or Tuesday.

The Colt official who suspended sales may not have had the authority, he said, and the company's executives could resume sales.

Colt lost a contract with the U.S. government in February, he said, and hasn't been making AR-15s. The company also has labor problems, he said.

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Officers reflect on ASUN term

By Ryan Steeves
Staff Reporter

Despite an apathetic student body and senate, the three ASUN executive officers said the student government was productive during the last term.

The executives said they upheld a campaign promise by appointing diverse students to ASUN positions and gained credibility with the NU Board of Regents.

But the executives said they were angry with UNL's students.

The executives said the students take time to complain about such things as high tuition and greek dominance in ASUN, but do nothing to rectify such problems.

First Vice President Nate Geisert admitted that it is hard for ASUN to interest students in student government. But, he said, low turnouts at ASUN elections are just symptoms of the real disease: Student apathy.

"There's really nothing you can say or do to get people out and vote," he said.

ASUN President Jeff Petersen and Kim Beavers, ASUN second vice president, said students are all talk and no action. Petersen said those who don't get involved in student government forfeit their right to "bitch."

"Students are two-faced to them-

selves because they're willing to gripe and complain, but they don't do anything about it," Petersen said.

The fact that UNL students avoid voting and attending ASUN meetings proves they are not interested in student issues and student government, Petersen said.

"Deep in my heart, I really don't think students care," he said.

Beavers said she also hears many students complain about such things as greek dominance in ASUN. Students who see problems at UNL should express them to student leaders, she said.

"Quit bitching and start bringing your ideas to us so we can do something about it," Beavers said.

Petersen said many students say they don't get involved because ASUN has no power. Petersen said he thinks this is an excuse for student apathy.

He said ASUN's accomplishments during the last year prove that the body can act on student concerns.

Petersen, who also is the UNL student regent, said two resolutions recently passed by regents and the winning of the unofficial student regent vote on the board demonstrate that student leaders have influence.

The unofficial vote eliminates the "second-class" position student regents have had with the board, he said. Although the vote has no effect

on board decisions, it forces student regents to be heard, Petersen said.

Two resolutions that regents passed at their last meeting mark other student successes, Petersen said.

By passing the resolutions, regents promised to try to limit tuition increases, avoid using surcharges and visit NU students yearly.

Despite frustrations about student apathy, the executives said the term was pretty good.

"I'm very happy with our term in ASUN," Beavers said. "I think everything we were going to do we did . . . or at least touched on."

Beavers said she was especially pleased with ASUN's ability to appoint non-greeks and minorities to student government positions.

In the past, she said, greek groups, such as Panhellenic, and the Residence Hall Association didn't interact and thus worked against each other. In 1988-89, she said, ASUN integrated members of such groups into student government to eliminate some contradictions.

"We pledged during our campaign that we would go out and make a more representative student government and we did it," Beavers said.

Petersen said UNL students think ASUN is a greek "country club" run

Faculty Senate will ponder dead week policy changes

By Brad Rundquist
Staff Reporter

The dead week policy may be changed if a recommendation by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is passed by the Faculty Senate.

ASUN passed a recommendation in early March that classes be held the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of dead week and that they be cancelled Thursday and Friday to give students personal "catch-up" and "reading" days.

According to a survey conducted by the ASUN Dead Week Policy Committee, many students are dissatisfied with the way the current dead week policy is enforced.

The current dead week policy states that final examinations for full semester classes are to be given only at the scheduled time during finals week or at a time that is agreed upon by everyone involved.

Lab practical, make-up, repeat and self-paced examinations are excluded and may be given during dead week. All projects, papers and speeches scheduled for finals

week must have been assigned, in writing, by the end of the eighth week of the semester.

The study showed that 58.4 percent of 485 students surveyed said they've had professors violate part of the dead week policy. Only 29.2 percent said they had not. The remaining 12.4 percent gave no answer or said they did not remember.

Eighty-five percent of the students said they would favor a policy in which class would be held only during the first three days of dead week. About 12 percent said they would not favor such a policy and 3 percent did not respond.

The recommendation was first approved by the Interfraternity Council and the Residence Hall Association before moving to the Faculty Senate.

Larry Koubsky, president of RHA, said the new policy "most definitely would help."

"Even if new material were introduced," he said, "the extra two days would give students more time to review. It will be a good change if it goes through."

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