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WEATHER:

Tuesday, partly cloudy and cool, high 55 to 60, winds east at 5 to 10 miles per hour. Partly cloudy Tuesday night, low around 40. Wednesday, partly cloudy and warmer, high 60 to 65. Thursday, chance of showers, high in low 70s, low in mid-40s. Highs in 60s Friday and Saturday, lows in 30s to 40s.

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Reunion to request license to serve beer, need

By Jerry Guenther
Senior Reporter

A Lincoln developer said Monday he has yet to hear of any opposition from UNL administrative officials about his plan to file a request for a beer license for the Reunion, 905 N. 16th St.

David Hunter, president of the Hardy Building Corp., said he plans to apply for the beer license early next week, after he finishes contacting vendors interested in selling beer at the privately-owned student union.

Hunter said he interprets state statutes to mean that an outlet selling beer must be located at least 150 feet from the university.

If the license is approved, Hunter said, the vendor will operate from one of the food courts in the Reunion, and the entire food court will be licensed for beer sales and consumption.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and other customers 21 or older then could purchase beer from the licensed vendor to drink with their meals, he said.

Hunter said he measured the distance from the exterior edge of the Reunion dining area to the nearest university building, Nebraska Hall, and the distance is about 170 feet.

Richard Wood, NU vice president and general counsel, said the issue would be reviewed by administrative officials if a request for a beer license is filed.

Until such a request is filed, Wood said, it would be hypothetical to comment on the university's position.

Wood said the State Liquor Control Act generally prohibits granting a beer license within 150 feet of a school, university, church or home for the aged.

For a permit to sell other liquors, Wood said, state regulations require the outlet to be at least 300 feet from a school, university, church or home for the aged.

In a case involving a church, Wood said, the State Supreme Court ruled that the distance for a beer license must be at least 150 feet from the two closest exterior walls of both buildings.

Although the distance from the exterior edge of the Reunion's dining area and Nebraska Hall is about 170 feet, the distance between the two closest exterior walls of the buildings is about 82 feet.

Hunter said he also plans to include a permit for off-sale beer in his formal application, though he said customers would be unable to consume the beer inside the premises if they purchased it for off-sale consumption.

If approved, the license also would designate the conference and meetings room, which holds about 85 people, as a special permit room for alcohol consumption, he said.

Student groups and organizations would be allowed to rent the room for parties, he said.

Hunter said he cannot operate a bar in the Reunion because state statutes require bars to be at least 300 feet from the university.

Although Hunter said he suspects administrative officials might be opposed to having beer on campus, he cautions them about being "too critical."

Hunter said alcohol is allowed to be consumed in the Nebraska Union and Wick Alumni Center during certain occasions through special permits.

"If you don't want liquor at the campus," Hunter said, "then don't have it at the student union or Wick."

He said if administrative officials oppose the special permit beer license in the conference and meeting room, they would be acting on two different sets of standards because they allow special permits for alcohol consumption in the Nebraska Union and Wick Alumni Center.

Hunter said he got the idea for the beer license after UNL faculty members, staff members and students told him it would serve a need.

"It makes sense to have students walk instead of driving (to buy beer)," he said.

Professor brings books to life

Complaints acted on by UNL parking officials

By Lisa Bolin
Staff Reporter

Members of the Parking Advisory Committee of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln took action at their meeting Monday on some of the student complaints voiced recently.

Kyle Hanberg, an Association of Students of the University of Nebraska representative to the committee, proposed that part of the Area 10 faculty lot located on 19th and R streets be changed to an Area 20 commuter lot.

Lt. John Burke of the UNL Police Department said the lot has not been used to its fullest potential. The proposal called for leaving about 25 spaces for faculty members and giving students around 75 spaces, he said.

Burke said he hopes to make the appropriate changes and have the plan implemented by next week.

Faculty representative James Brandle proposed opening the Area 3 lot near New Hampshire Street to students holding Area 20 permits during the day. The committee passed the proposal.

Committee members also discussed reopening the parking lot on the north side of the UNL Power Plant to all permit holders.

Gary Thalken, committee representative for the University Association for Administration Development, said the lot, previously an Area 10 lot, was closed this fall because of several complaints of the effect water spray from the cooling towers had on cars' paint. The hard water from the towers left water spots on vehicles parked in the lot, he said.

Committee members may open this lot after asking legal counsel if the committee is liable for damage done to cars if a proper warning is posted.

Burke proposed that the committee implement some form of transportation system for students who park in lots located far from campus.

The proposal was postponed until an ad hoc committee could determine the costs of possible forms of transportation.

During the open session of the meeting, students asked the committee to look into problems surrounding metered parking spaces and permit overselling.

Jerry Chab, a senior criminal justice major, asked why UNL meters cost twice as much as city meters. City meters cost 10 cents an hour while UNL meters cost 20 cents an hour, Chab said.

Faculty representative Franz Blaha said UNL meters were designed to be used by visitors to the university instead of local businesses. Blaha said the higher meter price discourages non-visitors from using the metered spaces and promotes a high parking turnover, allowing more people to use the spaces.

Chad Fetherston, a junior international business major, said it is unfair that faculty lots are oversold by 4 to 5 percent while commuter lots are oversold by 35 percent, especially because some faculty lots are never full.

Blaha said many of the lots are not yet utilized by the faculty because they are not fully aware of the lots available to them. Faculty lots are oversold by a smaller percentage because faculty members tend to use their lots more consistently than students, he said.

More bicycle thefts reported; mountain bikes most popular

By Amie DeFrain
Staff Reporter

New or old, expensive or cheap, bicycles have been a popular item for local thieves this semester, said a University of Nebraska-Lincoln police officer.

Sgt. Mylo Bushing said that since Aug. 28, 22 bikes have been stolen on campus, 14 of which were mountain bikes.

Bushing said the number of bike thefts in the last five weeks is almost half the total number of bikes that were stolen last year. From January to December 1988, 53 bikes were reported stolen, he said.

He said newer styles of bikes, such as mountain bikes, are more likely to be stolen because they can be re-sold easily.

This semester's bike thefts were done by cutting the padlocks, he said. Bikes with padlocks are easier to steal than those locked with a U-lock, a D-shaped lock made of steel, he said.