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"We're leaving them (landfills) as our monument to future generations," he said.

But one university is attempting to get rid of Styrofoam from its unions.

Jim Long, student union president at the University of Kansas, said the KU Committee for Student Union Operation conducted a study beginning last spring that has resulted in some changes in the unions' policy.

One change is the phasing out of Styrofoam food containers in the unions, Long said.

The committee issued a statement saying that "unions have a responsibility to promote a healthy local, state and national environment," Long said.

Before the committee issued the statement, he said, it had a series of hearings at which different organizations gave their views on Styrofoam use.

Since the statement was issued, he said, the union has discontinued use of unrecyclable products like Styrofoam "when it was both practical and

economical."

Styrofoam should be eliminated from the unions by Jan. 1, he said.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the main use of Styrofoam in the union is for coffee cups.

Both offices and dining facilities in the unions use Styrofoam cups for hot drinks, Swanson said.

The Harvest Room also uses Styrofoam containers for takeout items, he said.

But, he said, Burger King uses paper boxes for takeout food.

About two years ago in response to environmental concerns, the unions discontinued using Styrofoam cups for cold drinks, Swanson said.

But because there was no economical alternative for hot items, he said, Styrofoam containers still are being used.

"What the food service industry is really looking for is an alternative," he said. "I think if a viable alternative came along, we'd go for it."

But, Hanlon said, there are few alternatives to Styrofoam.

"Offices could use paper cups or -- the obvious one -- have people bring their own cups to work," he said.

One alternative that is being researched at UNL is injecting corn starch into Styrofoam products to increase biodegradability, Hanlon said.

But even if injecting corn starch into Styrofoam does work, he said, a lack of water and oxygen in landfills may lessen the significance of faster degradability.

Incineration, another alternative for Styrofoam disposal, also could work if properly designed incinerators are used, he said.

But the incinerators must have special emissions regulators and acid gas cleaners which are very expensive, he said.

If those precautions aren't taken, he said, incinerating Styrofoam can produce dioxin and other unhealthy emissions.

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Because of changes in technology, Wiltse said, the items listed in the Jan. 10, 1953, regents' legislation have been expanded through the years to include items such as calculators and computer supplies.

Wiltse also said he thinks regents and administration officials intended for the bookstore to carry items related to campus life.

Whether a bookstore operator enters the Reunion does not depend on a favorable decision by the regents, Hunter said.

However, he said, a regents' decision allowing the University Book-

store to sell only those items that are essentially related to the classroom would make it more attractive for a bookstore to enter the Reunion.

If a bookstore is opened in the Reunion, Hunter said, it would not be as big as its most likely competitors -- the University Bookstore and the Nebraska Bookstore. But the store would offer similar items, he said.

The Lincoln developer said he is not trying to eliminate the University Bookstore, but hopes to limit the items the bookstore can sell to textbooks and classroom supplies.

Hunter declined to release the names of which bookstores are con-

sidering setting up shop in the Reunion.

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rates for different sports.

Olson said the increase in the athletes' graduation rate from one year to the next also is affected by a smaller number of students.

Because only a little more than 100 athletes enter UNL each year, she said, a difference of four or five graduates can be significant on the athletic graduation rate.

But the rate for all students is made from about 3,000 students' records, she said.

As a result, she said, a significant

change in the rate for all students requires a much greater number of graduates than for the athlete average.

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The United States must pursue a "continued nurturing of a constructive relationship with both China and Japan," Oksenberg said.

The United States also should not put itself in a position where its relations with China are deteriorating when U.S./Soviet relations and Soviet/Chinese relations are improving.

Oksenberg said student demonstrations and the government's crackdown in China resulted from three simultaneous occurrences there -- increasing modernization, the transition from revolutionary to post-revolutionary ideals and the transformation from a totalitarian system to something "unknown."

Because of increasing modernization, he said, China's leaders now find it harder to control the flow of information into their country.

This is occurring at the same time most of the old revolutionary leaders are nearing the ends of their lives, he said. The old leaders wonder if the new leaders will be committed to the same ideals.


"The answer in the streets of Beijing was one big, roaring 'No,'" Oksenberg said.

China also is in the process of transforming itself from a totalitarian regime into something else, he said. The population of China has enjoyed greater freedom in the last two to three years, he said. This freedom caused the Chinese people to realize their discontent, he said.

Oksenberg said the events in China have had a "traumatic effect" on Chinese universities and research. However, most of the colleagues he left in China want U.S. scholars back, he said.

The University of Nebraska should continue its research programs in China, he said.

"Why cease contact when that does more damage to the Chinese people than the Chinese government?"



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