

Organizations plan Earth Day activities

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Ecology Now and other Earth Day organizers Sunday set a big task ahead of them for April 22 -- saving the planet.

About 40 environmentally-concerned people met to continue planning for the Earth Day celebration.

On April 21, a rally and march to the State Capitol is planned to show support for the environment.

On Earth Day, April 22, the celebration will kick off at Pioneers Park in the Pinewood Bowl at 1 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., poetry readings and local music groups are scheduled. The Chet Ager Nature Center will hold nature hikes, bird-banding demonstrations

and interpretive displays presented by Nature Center staff and volunteers from 2 to 5 p.m.

An Earth Fair with booths and exhibits about environmental issues also is planned for April 22. A street dance, poetry readings, tree plantings, interactive games, folklore and story telling, a bake sale and art fairs are planned for the evening.

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and though it has improved and is functional, it lacks key components for future demands.

He said the new system would operate through a central database, as opposed to the two that control the current system. With the new system, additional software and service benefits would be available.

"I view automation as the key to personalization," Griesen said. "With this computer system, we can provide 24,000 students with the personal information they deserve."

According to the proposal, the goal of the system is to integrate "core" student data, including registration, records, admissions, financial aid, student accounts and

student recruitment data.

Director of Registration and Records Ted Pfeifer, chairman of the project task force, said he looks forward to more computer services but also realizes that the change will take time and money.

"It's not an overnight thing, and few realize how complex student systems are," Pfeifer said. "Nearly all data on campus funnels through our database."

Officials at Colorado State University took four years to establish a comparable system, Pfeifer said.

Griesen said the project needs broad representation, including advisers, department heads, students and financial representatives.

The next review board meeting to discuss the new system's requirements will be at 3 p.m. today in the Nebraska Union.

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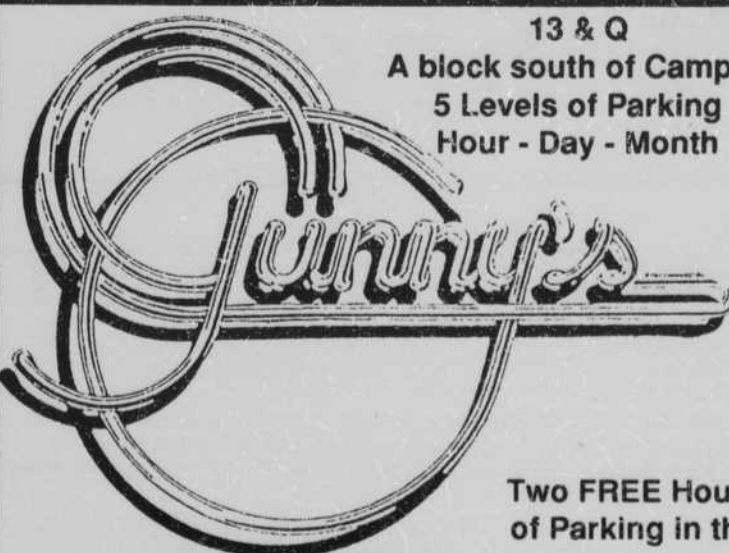
priority to installing lights in the Area 20 lot at 19th and Vine streets. University of Nebraska-Lincoln students said in September that the dark lot was not safe, he said.

The lighting project underwent research and revisions after the parking officials' emergency sessions last semester. Final plans were announced during semester break, Burke said.

The \$34,500 lighting project is \$4,500 less than the first estimate, Burke said. According to Burke, the project will begin in spring when the ground isn't frozen.

In addition to installing lights, the Parking Advisory Committee will survey 1,250 commuter students about the number of hours they stay on campus.

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