

New business offers textbook exchange

By Anita Parker
Staff Reporter

Buying textbooks could drive a person into bankruptcy. A month ago, however, it drove Randy Ware and Roger German to launch their own business.

Ware and German came up with the idea of starting the business after Ware's first book-buying experience.

"I was talking about how my daughter was starting college and I had to pay for her books," Ware said.

German, a graduate student, identified with the problem, Ware said.

After talking for a while, they came up with the idea of starting a service, he said. They began the Bookfinder Service, a business that lists textbooks students want to sell.

"We wanted to find a way to get the people who wanted to buy books and the people who wanted to sell books together," German said.

Ware said the process is simple. The students send in a list of books they want to sell and the titles are entered into a computer, he said. When students write in requesting books, the titles are matched with books for sale.

Then a list of the names and phone numbers of the students who have the books to sell are sent to the students who want to buy them, Ware said.

"I think the students may see us as someone else trying to gouge them," Ware said. "But if they look at the prices, they can't think that's what it is."

The service costs the student wanting to buy books \$1 for postage and 50 cents for each book requested, German said. The 50-cent-per-book

fee is refunded for any book the service doesn't find.

The price of the book is decided between the two students.

"If we don't find any books for the student, it will only cost them a dollar," German said.

There is no fee for students wanting to sell books.

"We just want to provide a service," Ware said. "We're not really in it for the money."

What their business needs is exposure, German said. He and Ware have advertised and put posters up around campus, he said.

"We need people to send in the books they know they are going to want to sell at the end of the semester right now," he said. "We want to get the word out, so that when the end of the semester comes and kids want books, we'll already have a listing of books to work from."

Ware said they are worried about confusion resulting from an influx of people trying to buy and sell at the end of the semester.

Although the service now serves only the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, German said, it possibly could expand to include Omaha and Kearney.

"The ideal situation would be an office at the (Nebraska) union," Ware said.

For the moment, though, their aspirations are small, Ware said.

"This is not our major business; it's just a sideline job. We want to keep it going for a year or two until we find out whether it will work or not," he said. Both Ware and German are carpenters in Lincoln.

"We figure all students have to get through this book thing," German said. "Anything we can do to decrease the cost a little would be worth it."

Speed bumps installed near Selleck

By Kelly Ann Kennedy
Staff Reporter

Motorists have been hitting the brakes in front of Selleck Quadrangle.

Two speed bumps were installed on 15th Street in front of Selleck on Aug. 31 to prevent accidents in the high-traffic area, said Lt. John Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln parking administrator.

The narrow street, parked vehicles on the east side of the street, pedestrians, and the high number of handicapped students living in Selleck make the street more dangerous, Burke said.

Lt. Ken Cauble of the UNL Police Department said the street had been a problem area. He recalled no specific incidents, but said the speed bumps could help prevent future accidents.

Burke said he hasn't received any complaints about the speed bumps and believes that once people realize the bumps were installed as a preventive step, they would understand.

The Parking Advisory Committee and Ray Coffey, business manager for business and finance, approved the idea last spring after police suggested it.

"One of our suggestions was to close the street down, period, but we

realized that couldn't be done," Cauble said.

The speed bumps were put in by Cather & Sons Construction Company of Lincoln. The cost was \$75 per bump.

Along with the speed bumps, two signs have been put up on 15th Street to warn drivers of the bumps and that it is an area where handicapped people cross.

New curb cuts for wheelchair access and a new entrance to the parking area in front of Selleck also are a part of the plan to reduce the chances of an accident or injury on 15th Street, Burke said.

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most of the recent increases, Boettcher said, since two-thirds of UNL students transfer from colleges within Nebraska.

Many students transfer from the Southeast Community College-Lincoln campus and Southeast Community College-Beatrice campus, Boettcher said.

Other colleges with high numbers of students transferring to UNL are Northeast Community College-

Norfolk campus, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Kearney State College and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Many freshmen who go to out-of-state colleges return to Nebraska after their freshman year and are counted as out-of-state transfer students, Boettcher said.

Transfer students make up one-fourth of the undergraduate population at UNL. The number of new transfer students at UNL was 1,136 in 1989. This compares to 1,138 in the fall of 1988, 980 in the fall of 1987 and 1,050 in the fall of 1986.

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lution thanking Beyke for her devotion during 13 years working for ASUN.

Arneson, Arts and Sciences Sen. Chris Potter and Sigerson co-sponsored the bill.

"With everything that's gone on, people should realize we are behind Marlene and this is a good way of

saying it," Arneson said.

Potter said the resolution updates a similar one passed a few years ago.

"I imagine that anyone who knows Marlene knows she is all of these things..." Potter said.

In other action, senators voted to amend their bylaws to keep ASUN members serving on the Committee for Fees Allocation from voting on ASUN's budget. In case of a tie among CFA members-at-large, ASUN members each would have a vote.

New Reunion store offers food, tanning

From Staff Reports

Munchies and more are available at the Popcorn King and Ice-Cream Avalanche that opened Labor Day weekend in The Reunion.

Owner Al Schulter said, "We are the only place on campus where you can walk in and purchase notebooks, No-doz, snacks and stop at a tanning bed on the way out."

The store offers a selection of gourmet popcorn, hard pack frozen yogurt, drugstore items and tanning beds at the Suntanna Cabana.

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REPORT

Beginning midnight Tuesday, Sept. 11

- 1:32 a.m. -- Window broken, screen damaged, Platte Valley building, 820 R St., \$50.
- 7:25 a.m. -- Shrubbery torn up, north side of Cather Residence Hall, \$25.
- 10:57 a.m. -- Follow up on theft, Military and Naval Science Building.
- 1:11 p.m. -- Follow up on burglary, Hamilton Hall.
- 2:12 p.m. -- Follow up on hit-and-run accident.
- 2:24 p.m. -- Bicycle stolen, Cather Residence Hall bike rack, \$300.
- 2:34 p.m. -- Bicycle stolen, Love Memorial Hall, \$150.
- 2:47 p.m. -- Bicycle stolen, Harper-Schramm-Smith complex bike rack.
- 3:16 p.m. -- Burglary, 1601 R St., \$35 damage.
- 3:24 p.m. -- Bicycle stolen, Architecture Hall bike rack, \$700.
- 3:29 p.m. -- Hit-and-run accident, Harper-Schramm-Smith complex parking lot, \$100.
- 6:09 p.m. -- Man hit in head with ball, Triangle fraternity, 1235 N. 16th St., treated at the University Health Center.
- 11:40 p.m. -- Door glass broken, Love Library, \$200.