

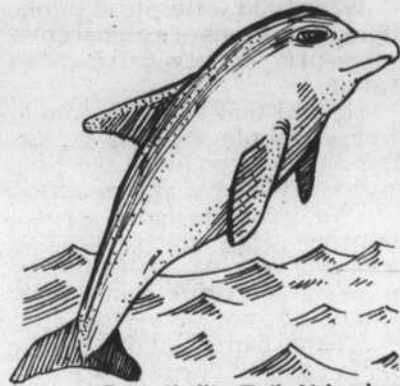
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Business world offers options



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By Ami Elgert
Staff Reporter

By simply investing money in a stock or bond or purchasing certain checks, a person can support national socially conscious organizations.

The Pax World Fund is a mutual fund that invests in companies that produce life-supportive goods and services, according to Ben Lovell, contract administrator of Pax World Fund, Inc.

Monies put into the Fund are invested in industries dealing with health care, pollution control, food and similar items, Lovell said.

The Fund does not invest in war-related or weapon-related industries, Lovell added. Pax also avoids the liquor, tobacco and gambling industries.

A mutual fund is a corporation formed to invest in diversified securities, Lovell said. The Pax World Fund is a no-load diversified mutual fund.

"A no-load mutual fund is a mutual fund with no sales charge," Lovell continued.

A transaction fee may be charged to the investors if they go through a broker, dealer or financial planner, Lovell said. But with Pax, all monies are fully credited to the

shareholder's account.

Stocks that have appreciated, either through buying or selling, have made it possible to pay shareholders a dividend as well as an additional capital gains payment, Lovell said.

"A minimum of \$250 is needed to invest in the Fund," Lovell said. Additional shares can be added any time in increments of \$50 or more.

Since 1971, the company has grown popular and continues to grow every year, he said.

Lovell said the company started in 1991 with total assets of \$120 million, and within three months, had reached \$150 million.

However, the Pax World Fund is not yet available in three states because of lack of interest, he said. Those states are Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

"The Fund is doing extremely well in most states," he said, "and more interest in the other three states will lead us to pursue them."

Another alternative for showing enthusiasm in support of a better world is by buying Message! Checks, according to Priscilla Beard, principal of Message! Checks Corp.

The printed checks carry the

same banking information as regular checks except for the specially designed background, Beard said.

Individuals can choose which organization they would like to support and pick the appropriate logo or design for their checks, she said.

Message! Checks make it possible for individuals to make a statement in support of Greenpeace, National Audubon Society, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals or the National Organization for Women, she explained.

"A minimum of \$1 from each order is given to the endorsing group," Beard said. This money can translate into thousands of dollars annually for the continuation of work done by these four organizations.

"Every time you write a check, it starts a conversation," Beard said.

The cost of the checks is comparable to the price of regular checks, she said. They range from \$14 to \$16.95 for 200 checks.

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Jeff Riggert, a junior biology major, arranges Ecology Now T-shirts Friday, April 19th, during the Peace Fair on the Union Plaza.

Group pursues ecological goals

By Mary Overholt
Staff Reporter

Law senior Dave Regan, co-founder of Ecology Now, wishes more people would get involved in the group to make a bigger environmental difference.

But overall Regan said he is satisfied with the group's accomplishments since its 1989 beginning.

About 200 members are registered with the group, he said, and about 50 members form an active core.

Regan said the group's objective has been to educate the public and teach individuals ways to make a positive change in the environment.

That philosophy has spread to the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Kearney State, he said, where affiliated groups have been founded.

At UNL, Ecology Now is affiliated with the Student Educational Awareness Coalition, SEAC, a national organization that provides information, support and advice, Regan said.

The group looked into affiliating with Greenpeace, Regan added, but the national group's projects were considered too long-term and the dues were expensive.

Ecology Now is involved in enough projects without

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