

Anti-smoking push continues without stir

Booth, display among activities set for smokeout

By Melissa Dunne
Staff Reporter

Several activities will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Thursday to encourage cigarette and tobacco users to "kick the habit" and urge others to remain tobacco-free as part of the 14th-annual Great American Smokeout.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Association, the Great American Smokeout was created to encourage tobacco users to quit for 24 hours and to educate the public about the dangers of smoking.

Businesses, schools, hospitals, shopping malls and military installations across the country will join UNL in the nationally observed event.

Scheduled events at UNL include a booth at the Nebraska Union, a display at the University Health Center, discussions of smoking in health classes and promotion of the smokeout by the Dental College.

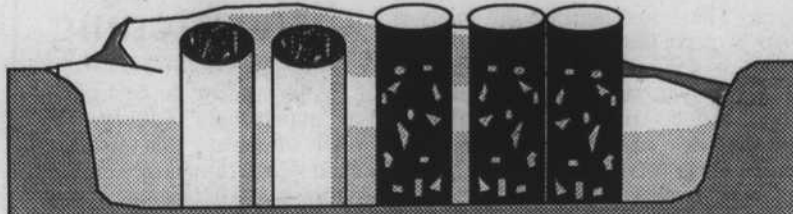
"This is my fifth year (as chairman), and UNL has had some level of participation every year," said Terry Dougherty, chairman of the Great American Smokeout Committee for Lancaster County. "However, this year is the most active that we've been."

Dougherty said a major event this year would be the participation of all of UNL fraternities in a challenge issued by Brian Pendley, a senior pre-med major, to "adopt-a-smoker."

"Throughout the fraternity system, we have asked that non-smoking members adopt a smoking member and encourage them to quit for the day," Dougherty said.

The challenge also includes tobacco chewers, Pendley said.

"I wanted to get people to see what it's like," Pendley said. "They have done it before in offices, and it's always been pretty successful, so I



Who smokes*

AGE	MEN	WOMEN
20-24	31.1%	28.1%
25-34	34.8%	31.8%
35-44	36.6%	29.5%
45-64	33.5%	28.6%
65 and older	17.2%	13.7%

*From a 1987 National Health Interview survey.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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thought I’d try it here.”

Pendley, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, said he had asked members to pledge money for each hour their adoptee goes without smoking and donate that money to the American Cancer Society. The house that raises the most money per capita will receive \$100 from the National Bank of Commerce.

"There should be 20 houses involved," Pendley said. "Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$50 from each house for a total of at least \$1,000."

"From what I've heard, there's been a big response. Some houses have shown a little more interest than others, but in these next few days, we will be making a big push."

Sororities have not been included officially in the challenge, but individual houses will be participating in the smokeout.

Dougherty said students at UNL had been "generally receptive," to the smokeout, but he did not know how many people had quit on campus in the past.

"A lot of people here have the idea they're immortal," he said. "Whenever we deal with high school, junior high or university students, we have to appeal to something besides long-term health."

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However, according to a 1990 nationwide Gallup survey of 1,205 people age 18 and over, 14.9 percent of the smokers who participated in the smokeout quit for at least 24 hours, and 4.9 percent have remained tobacco-free.

In the future, Dougherty said he would like to see the "adopt-a-smoker" program expanded to include sororities and residence halls more actively.

Dougherty also said the smokeout would be placing a greater emphasis on tobacco chewers.

Pendley said he has seen a problem on campus with chewing.

"Tobacco chewing is more of a problem with the people I know (than smoking)," he said.

University's smoke-free policy not red-hot issue, officials say

By Melissa Dunne
Staff Reporter

The designation of most university buildings as smoke-free is a mildly smoldering — although not a burning — issue at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, officials said.

"There's probably more interest today than when we started designating buildings as smoke-free. That may also be a function of the fact we've been in operation for a few years," said Kim Phelps, assistant vice chancellor of business and finance.

"People think, 'This is nice. Why don't we join the other smoke-free institutions?'" he said. "It's not really isolated to attitudes at UNL."

"However, right now, I don't sense an urgent message to look at the policy."

The policy, implemented in 1988, prohibits smoking in all indoor areas of UNL except those specifically designated for smoking.

"We're trying to make sure that the environment for students and employees of the university is as clean in terms of quality of air as possible," Phelps said.

Areas that may be designated as smoking by department heads include single-occupant offices and portions of auditoriums, dining areas, vending machine areas, meeting rooms, indoor sports facilities and other indoor assembly areas.

The policy also provides common areas for smoking in residence halls, off-campus facilities owned or rented by UNL and the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

"As a public university, we have to keep in mind that there are people who smoke," Phelps said. "We should be a middle ground between the two extremes."

Phelps said any university policy that limits a person's behavior or freedom of choice receives some complaints, and the smoking policy is no exception.

"On the other side, there are always going to be a number of people who aren't smoking who feel the policy is antiquated and out of date," he said. "If there were no complaints, we would wonder what is wrong. However, there

is certainly not a constant complaint process. We take things pretty much as they come up or if things need to change."

Phelps said UNL officials need to be sensitive to employees or students who feel the policy isn't being executed in an equitable manner.

While buildings such as the University Health Center and Campus Recreation Center have been designated as smoke-free, other buildings are predominantly smoke-free because they lack acceptable smoking areas, Phelps said.

The College of Journalism adopted a no-smoking policy this summer. Although smoking is allowed within faculty offices if a filter is used and the door is closed, it is prohibited in the hallway previously used as Avery Hall's designated smoking area.

"I'm sure a lot of folks who used to come here to smoke aren't happy," said Will Norton, dean of the College of Journalism. "But what people were doing was smoking in the designated area, which was a hallway, and that smoke was essentially going throughout the building."

"I don't think it's an understatement to say that's not good."

Davis Clements, professor and chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering, applauded the no-smoking policy.

"Since the whole building has gone smoke-free, I have noticed a distinct difference," he said.

The chemical engineering department, located in Avery, has always been smoke-free because of the chemicals it uses, Clements said.

"As an ardent non-smoker, if I don't have to encounter smoke, I would rather not do so," he said.

James O'Hanlon, dean of the Teachers College, said the university policy has worked well at Henzlik Hall, which has been designated as smoke-free.

"We don't get complaints from smokers or non-smokers," he said.

Sam Treves, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said no strong move has been made to eliminate Oldfather Hall's designated smoking area, which would be necessary to make Oldfather a clean-air facility.

Bill would give GLC voice in new committee

By Adeana Leftin
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An ASUN compromise will allow members of the senate's Government Liaison Committee to have some say in the proposed five-year planning committee if the legislation passes tonight.



Last Wednesday, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska tabled the planning committee that would research different areas of the university and would submit a report to the senate describing a vision for the area in five years.

Military

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the Air Force has announced that it won't close any ROTC detachments. The program will be here as long as people want to join and the university wants us here."

For students at UNL who might be considering joining the UNL Air Force ROTC program, there is good news, Anderson said, because reduced numbers allow him to be more selective in giving out scholarships and other offerings.

Anderson said he probably will

The compromise would not allow GLC to have members on the committee but would allow it to act in an advisory capacity.

Speaker of the Senate Steve Thomlison said many senators expressed concern that GLC, as ASUN's lobby-

ing force, would have the power to decide its own lobbying issues.

GLC Chairman Andrew Sigerson said GLC members, with their lobbying experience, could give committee members an inside perspective on the Legislature, the NU Board of Regents and administration.

"GLC would bring in the government perspective," he said, "and not the student government, the state government."

Thomlison said he recognizes GLC's knowledge base but said the

group should be involved only in the implementation of the plan.

"I don't see what role they play in planning our five-year plan," Thomlison said.

Thomlison said he approves of the compromise.

With GLC members as advisers instead of members of the committee, he said, the committee's integrity would be protected.

"If they want to be involved," he said, "then I think this is a good place for them to be."

guidelines.

In the future, he said, he may have to go to two officers to stay in proportion with the number of officers the program produces.

However, he said these cuts are not restricted to ROTC programs or just to the Air Force.

While these cuts will hurt those who are forced to resign, Anderson likened them to personnel cuts that corporations are making every day in the private sector.

"When you have to reduce the budget, cutting personnel is the most cost-effective way to do it, and the university has chosen that route," he said.

commission five to 10 cadets.

After the end of their sophomore year, the top students in Anderson's detachment travel to Montgomery, Ala., to compete against cadets from across the nation to become Air Force officers. Unless they choose otherwise, juniors and seniors in the program are guaranteed a place in the U.S. Air Force, he said. But advancing to that level has become a more difficult task, he said.

"It's going to be tougher to get in and stay in," Anderson said. "The Air Force will be a thinner and leaner organization but it will have higher standards."

Apollo

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"We can stop it at its present point, but we can't reverse it until we get funding," Ary said.

When the center finds someone to finance the restoration, the yearlong repair mission will pick up again, trying to fight damage caused by Nebraska rain, wind, snow and van-

dals.

The corrosion is like cancer, Ary said. If one tiny spot of rust is overlooked, corrosion could spread throughout the entire capsule again.

In order to avoid this spread, technicians must disassemble the nearly 2,000 pieces of the capsule. Even tiny switches in the control panel must be broken down into about 16 pieces and cleaned under a microscope.

Because the Apollo is gutted in-

side, missing parts will be reconstructed or replaced with parts from similar crafts found in the cosmosphere's collection.

The black nose cone will also be removed, he said. The cone is not part of the original craft and probably was placed on the Apollo to protect docking devices from rain.

When completely restored, technicians will build a display that has air conditioning, heating and dehu-

midifying systems to house the capsule.

Ary said he hopes the craft will be displayed in museums throughout the world. If no museums are interested, he said, the capsule will be displayed at the cosmosphere.

If the capsule had been in a similar display at UNL, Ary said, repairs wouldn't be necessary.

"The whole loser in this thing has been the spacecraft."

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