

## ASUN meeting to focus on board member vote

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At its final meeting tonight, the 1991-92 ASUN senate will elect two of the three members of its Appointments Board and vote on



the issues it wants ASUN to address in the next five years. The ASUN Speaker of the Senate is the third member of the board. Speaker Steve Thomlison said it was likely that the board would be composed entirely of students in fraternities and sororities. Thomlison said the nominees were qualified. If they are elected, he said, it would be the first time in about four or five years that the

board had only greek members. "A concern (about the make-up of the board) would be a lack of perspective of residence hall or off-campus students," Thomlison said.

In other business, the senate will vote on its Five-Year Projection Committee's bill, which highlights ways the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska could increase campus safety and provide better student services.

If passed, the bill will die April 1 when the senate's term is over. But Business Sen. Shannon Bradley said it would give next year's committee something to work on. Thomlison said he hoped that in the next five years, ASUN also would address racial relations, human rights, parking and the creation of a recycling program.

# University Stores goes private

## Contract allows faster delivery of office supplies

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University Stores hopes to streamline its operations and save money by contracting with a vendor who will deliver office supplies to campus, an official said.

James Main, assistant vice chancellor of business and finance and director of business services, said the contract would allow University Stores to offer its products faster at the same cost.

"Under the new system, if you place an order at 5 p.m., we could have it for you tomorrow afternoon — if the item is in stock," Main said.

University Stores is an internal operation of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln that provides departments with necessary supplies.

The contract will let a vending company fill office supply orders from its warehouses and deliver them to campus, Main said. He declined to name the vendor, because the contract had not yet been signed.

Main said the technology of private companies, such as computers, and the number of businesses they served made "privatization" of their services an efficient choice.

"The technology that (University Stores has), will not support as large of an operation," he said. "Private companies do this for a lot of people, whereas we just do this for ourselves."

Main said 60 percent of the stores' business dealt with office supplies.

A "stockless office-supply system" will allow the stores to save money by eliminating the need to keep inventory, he said.

The stores have about \$250,000 to \$500,000 worth of inventory sitting on shelves waiting for someone to order it at any given time, Main said.

"We can hold onto that money, and it won't be tied up," he said. "Someone else's will."

Positions will be eliminated because of the new system, Main said, but University Stores will strive to place those people in other jobs on campus.

"I don't know how many people will be eliminated," he said. "We'll try out the process and begin (the stockless office supply system) and see how many staff we need to implement the program."

Main said the new system would be cheaper for the consumer because it would decrease price markups that are incurred when the stores handle inventory.

He said the stores added a percentage onto the price of an item to cover administrative costs.

With no warehouse costs or billing and no people to manage the operation, the price drops, he said.

Markups on items have been a cause for complaint in the past, Main said.

"It's a comparison between apples and apples," he said. "I have heard in my four years here, 'Why does this item cost \$2.00 when I can buy this at Latch's for \$1.80?'"

He said he had solved this problem

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Main, assistant vice chancellor of business and finance

by allowing UNL departments to purchase from other stores.

Still, Main said he would like university stores to be able to offer supplies at a competitive price — part of the reason why the stores began a competitive bid process to find a vendor.

"The point is to allow staff to maximize its spending," he said. "If you give a department \$100, chances are they will spend that \$100. I don't know of departments that turn in money at the end of the fiscal year."

"We are trying to make it possible for them to buy more with their \$100 and get more mileage out of their dollar," he said.

The stores' one objective is to stock items and deliver them in a timely manner, Main said.

"When you are not doing this, it is time to rethink your business practices," he said.

"When the markup becomes too large, it's time to analyze what you are doing" with office supplies and try to do away with excess costs.

Main said the stores would test the program with several departments to work out the "quirks" before the entire university went on line.

"We'll work on refining and developing this," he said. "I hope we'll be able to adjust to it, and if it doesn't work, we'll try something else."

## Fraud

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police to assist with a credit-card fraud. "After some investigation we found that she was a student," Duckworth said. "We then contacted Investigator Lundy."

After being contacted by the Lincoln Police Department, Lundy said he proceeded with a routine vehicle investigation. He also looked up the student under all of her aliases until he found her address, he said.

UNL police impounded her car and contacted her, Lundy said.

"When she identified herself, we arrested her," he said. "Later, we in-

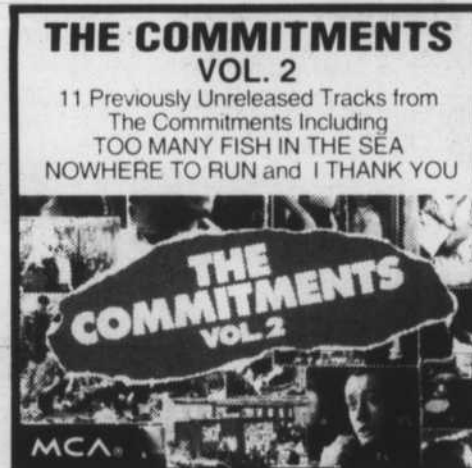
terviewed her, and she admitted to the other offenses. The Lincoln Police Department then questioned her."

The student, who has no previous record, was arrested by the UNL Police Department March 11 on charges of theft, possession of stolen property, writing bad checks and two student-loan frauds, Lundy said.

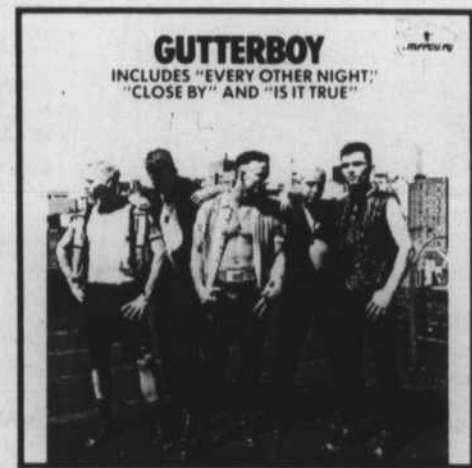
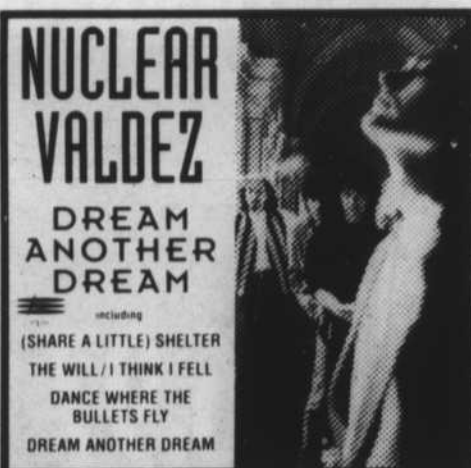
She also was arrested by the Lincoln Police Department March 11 on charges of criminal impersonation, issuing a false financial statement for obtaining a financial transaction device (credit card) and unauthorized use of a transaction device.

Her arraignment is set for March 25, Lundy said.

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## Endowment

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year — the foundation's total income was \$39.2 million, of which \$26.3 million was from gifts and bequests, Klein said. The rest of the income came from investments, she said.

In 1980, the total income was only \$17.1 million, she said.

Klein said these statistics reflected the combined endowments for UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. UNL received the bulk of the endowments, she said.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney has its own foundation, she said, and these statistics do not reflect UNK's income. A merger of the two foundations will be discussed in July.

"It looks positive that we will merge with UNK," Klein said.

The foundation continually tries to solicit private donations, she said. For example, the foundation started the Five-Year Initiative in 1988 with a goal to solicit \$30 million in donations.

As of Dec. 31, the foundation already had raised \$35 million, Klein said.

"We're still going to continue," she said.

The five-year mission includes funds for new chairmen and professorships, graduate, postdoctoral and research assistants, student support and funds for research, equipment funds and innovation, she said.

The student-support funds, for example, are used to attract potential students to the university, Klein said.

The funds for innovation allow chancellors or deans to take advantage of an opportunity that would not be financed through existing funds, she said.

Klein said individual colleges also were working to solicit funds.

"Once you become an alum, you will go on our database and start getting letters from the dean," she said.

"The alumni support is tremendous for each college."

The foundation receives donations from alumni with undergraduate and graduate degrees, Klein said, as well as people with no connection to UNL.

"People will donate if they know the money they donate will go to people," she said. "We are hopefully motivating current students to donate in 20 years."

"The mission of the foundation is not to provide education, but the best education."