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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunder showers. Tonight, cloudy with chance of showers. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, high in the mid 60s.

Student designer tied up in work Plants, toys trim neckwear

By Trevor Meers
Staff Reporter

Students looking for the right paisley tie to spice up their wardrobes should talk to David Lincoln.

Lincoln could make them a customized tie decorated with old socks or foam insulation sure to attract attention.

Lincoln, a 22-year-old junior majoring in interior design at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has taken it upon himself to combat the authority of traditional neckties.

He has been designing his two- and three-dimensional neckties for about two years.

Lincoln got his start as a freshman architecture major, which was when he grew tired of the neckties most businessmen wore, he said.

"I decided to take on tie design as a rebellion against red power ties," he said. "I started taking materials from my (architecture) models and applying them to my ties."

Lincoln said he chose the tie as his medium of rebellion because it was the centerpiece of male dress. Other pieces of clothing might seem too radical if he used his talents on them, he said.

"The tie can be rather overpowering and still be acceptable," he said.

Neckties also are good for his designs, Lincoln said, because they are more practical to work with than pants or shirts. Ties do not require frequent cleaning, unlike other pieces of clothing.

Starting with ties he usually buys at thrift stores, Lincoln applies acrylic paint to create the two-dimensional neckwear. When it comes to the three-dimensional models, anything that isn't nailed down is likely to appear on one of his ties.



Jeff Haller/DN

David Lincoln, a junior interior design major, escapes the normalcy of traditional neckties by designing his own.

Lincoln has created ties using "Star Wars" action figures, toilet paper and underwear, he said. His current projects include an aluminum model and a Chia Pet tie.

Lincoln said the ties were more than novelty clothing items to him — they were his own form of art.

"Basically I don't reproduce any of them," he said. "Each one is pretty much one of a kind. I sign and date and number each one of them. I think I'm on about 50 now."

The ties would be suitable for framing or displaying in a person's home, Lincoln said.

However, his art is not purely for display.

Lincoln said all his ties were designed for wearing and could be tied in basic knots.

"Some of the 3-D ties can get a little bit tricky," he said. "I'm working on one that would be a

Chia Pet tie that would be a clip-on because if you tied it, you would kill it."

As a designer, Lincoln said he was not afraid to display his creations. He estimated that he wore one of his ties 75 to 80 percent of the time.

"I guess if the guy that made it won't wear it, then you don't have anything," he said.

Lincoln said his creations could be given as gifts, worn to parties and even sold at fund-raising auctions for charities.

Word of the unique ties is spreading, and Lincoln said he was working on a deal with McClendon's Hat Shop in Kansas City, Mo., which would market his ties.

"It (his business) is in the process of spreading," he said. "That's why I'm building a portfolio. I'm looking for places that sell them

for under \$50 and preferably around \$30."

The ties weren't designed to be status symbols, he said, but rather as works of art or novelty items people enjoyed wearing.

Lincoln said he had no plans to branch out into designing unique clothing for women. His ties can be worn with the business suits many women now wear, he said.

Men's clothing always has been inferior to women's in the area of creativity, Lincoln said, and women have more options in their ensembles.

"I think there's a need in male dress to put in more creativity," he said. "Women's dress has always been more creative."

So, if someone tries to show off his bow tie with blinking lights, go to David Lincoln and get a tie that sprouts living plants and show everyone what really is in style.

Bills pass requiring diversity education

By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

After a motion Tuesday to reconsider the defeat of a bill that would incorporate multicultural education in Nebraska's classrooms, state legislators voted again and passed the bill 29-10.

During the first vote Tuesday, LB922 received 21 votes, four short of the majority vote needed to pass.

LB922, chiefly sponsored by Sen. Eric Chambers of Omaha, would require Nebraska secondary and elementary schools to develop and implement multicultural programs by the 1993-94 school year.

The programs are not designed to add new classes or teachers to the schools, but instead would require schools to integrate multicultural education into existing programs.

The bill also would require school districts to prove to the State Department of Education that they were complying with the plan.

Sen. Merton Dierks of Ewing, a proponent of the bill, made a motion to reconsider it.

He appealed to the senators to reconsider their positions and vote for the bill. Under reconsideration, it would require more votes to pass — three-fifths of those senators voting, or 26 votes.

Several other senators also rose in support of reconsidering the bill, including Sen. Spencer Morrissey of Tecumseh.

Morrissey said he had received calls from administrators at many schools within his district who had concerns or problems with the bill. But Morrissey said he thought their problems were not substantial enough to override his concern for multicultural education.

"We need to do everything we can to smooth the road to integration for minorities into communities and keeping their own identity," he said.

Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion agreed and said the Legislature should send the message to schools that it expected them to deal with multicultural issues and put their resources toward those issues.

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ASUN proposes permit option

Plan to spread cost over 4 years

By Sarah Scalet
Staff Reporter

An ASUN proposal would spread parking fee increases at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln over four years, instead of a one-time \$20 increase proposed by the Parking Advisory Committee last week.

At a press conference Tuesday, ASUN President Andrew Sigerson announced the proposal, which was developed by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska and the Academic Senate.

The proposal would increase permits that are \$20 or less by \$2, permits that are \$30 or less by \$3 and those that are \$50 or less by \$4. Permits more than \$100 would increase by \$5.

Priority items in the proposal — including 12 light poles, nine courtesy/emergency phones and a parking lot security patrol — would not increase fees, Sigerson said, because the necessary \$104,900 already exists in the budget.

The parking fee increases, which would be in effect for four years, would pay for additional safety and parking needs recently presented to Chancellor Graham Spanier, Sigerson said.

Spreading the increase over four years would not force students to pay for safety changes in one year, he said, since changes would be in effect for years to come.

In the proposal, UNL would purchase a four-year bond to raise the necessary \$175,000. Many university projects are funded by bonds, Sigerson said.

The proposed increase would make an extra \$58,421 available each of the four years, according to the proposal. The total bond price would be \$181,660, or \$51,668 per year.

The Academic Senate's Executive Committee voted Monday to endorse ASUN's proposal.

Royce Ballinger, president-elect of the Academic Senate, said the proposal was a reasonable and effective alternative to the Parking Advisory Committee's proposal.

Ballinger said he hoped the committee would take the proposal into consideration.

Matt Hammons, president of the Residence Hall Association, also said he supported the plan.

ASUN's proposal is more fair, he said, and he hopes the administration will consider it.

The proposals will be discussed at an open forum at the regularly scheduled Parking Advisory Committee meeting Thursday at 2 p.m.

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