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she said, cannot be made accessible for the visually impaired.

Hoisington asked task force members if they had contacted other universities to find out how they made services available for disabled students.

Daniels said that they had and found that most universities were about at the same point as UNL.

Because the ADA is so new, she said, universities are "going through

a process where we don't know what to do next."

Hoisington said that if administrators listened to suggestions, such forums could be useful.

"I'd like to see more of them," she said. "But there has to be follow-through."

A second public forum will be today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the East Campus Union's Great Plains Center. Anyone who wants to comment on services for the disabled at UNL but cannot come to the forum can call the affirmative action office or write Daniels at 127 Administration Building.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Wednesday

9:43 a.m. — Person trespassing, Ruth Staples Building.

10:31 a.m. — Two-vehicle accident, Nebraska ETV parking lot, 1800 N. 33rd St., \$1,000.

10:36 a.m. — Wallet stolen, C.Y. Thompson Library, \$30.

1:13 p.m. — Jacket stolen, park-

ing lot north of Administration Building, \$300.

6:01 p.m. — Arson, Cather Residence Hall, \$50.

6:09 p.m. — Golf clubs stolen last Sunday, East Campus Recreation Field, \$70.

8:44 p.m. — Wallet stolen, Plant Science Building, \$35.

With great joy, The Palestinian Students

Organization at UNL would like to congratulate all Palestinians, and our friends around the world for the safe return of the leader of the Palestinian people, and the president of the state of Palestine.

Chairman Yasser Arafat

We take this opportunity to participate in the celebration with our brothers and sisters in occupied Palestine, looking forward to the day when we are a nation free on its own soil, safe in its own home, and liberated from the chains of occupation.



Mentoring project inaugurated

Faculty pair up for development

By Susie Arth
Staff Reporter

The Department of Human Resources has started a program intended to help UNL faculty members advance in their fields, a department official said.

Faye Moulton, employee relations coordinator in the Department of Human Resources, said the Mentoring Project was created especially to help women and minorities.

The program, she said, was designed so each faculty member who signed up would be matched up with a mentor to learn about his or her profession.

"Mentoring is a good way to learn about a field and advance in it," she said. "It creates a trusting relationship where interaction and learning can take place."

Moulton said the program was started two or three years ago by the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women. That program eventually died, but the

Department of Human Resources decided to start it again.

The main difference between the two programs, she said, was that the Department of Human Resources made the new program available to all faculty members, not just women.

"Our job at the Department of Human Resources is to provide personal and professional opportunities to all faculty," she said. "This program is one way to do this."

Moulton said the program would first match women and minorities with mentors if more faculty members desiring mentors than mentor volunteers came forward.

She said the program had received a favorable response, although it was too early to give exact figures.

Announcements went out to the faculty last week, and Moulton said she had received a "fair number" of responses from faculty. Administrators also have shown interest in being mentors.

Moulton said she was unsure how many of the respondents were women and minorities.

The program, she said, had little structure and would only include two or three meetings for the entire

group each year.

The group would be brought together to hear speakers on mentoring and to evaluate the progress each set of partners was making, Moulton said.

"We would find out what changes would be necessary and see if the two partners were clicking," she said.

The Department of Human Resources, she said, also would send out periodic mailings about mentoring to the partners.

The decision of how often the partners would meet would be up to the individuals, she said.

"I would imagine some would decide just to have lunch two or three times a week," she said. "Others would want to function inside the office or attend staff meetings with each other."

Moulton said the program was designed to last about one year, but she would not be surprised if some partners continued their interaction longer.

"Some of the things the mentors are talking about may be personal development, rather than professional development," she said. "In some instances I could see the interaction lasting longer than a year."

Cigarette

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be unavailable to the university in the future.

Lee Rupp, vice president for university relations, said he was concerned because increased taxes on cigarettes could limit an already declining source of income. Cigarette taxes were declining about 3 or 4 percent a year, and could decline even more if cigarette taxes were raised, he said.

If the tax is passed, Rupp said, Nebraska would have one of the highest cigarette taxes in the United States.

Moul said that was a misconception, because many states were considering equal or higher increases.

Rupp previously had said that there was no danger to current bonds and construction programs, Moul said. Only potential plans may be at risk, he said. These plans are uncertain

with or without the proposed clean environment act, he said.

Tory Kort, Ecology Now project coordinator, said that in any situation such as this, university officials would be concerned with what effect it would have on the university.

Not enough research has been done on what could happen, he said, and whether Nebraskans want to support a tax increase or not.

All that is known about the proposal, Kort said, is that it will not hurt any current capital construction projects.

James Zank, an office manager at the Environmental Resource Center and a petitioner for the environmental committee, said he did not see a problem with the increased tax for the university.

Zank said he thought the tax would have little or no effect on funding NU's capital construction.

"Their fears are pretty much ground-

less," he said.

Bryan Mikkelsen, another petitioner for the committee, said the provision also had a sunset clause, allowing it to end in the year 2000.

The program will be discontinued if the university is worrying about future projects, he said.

Another clear benefit, Moul said, was that many NU students would stop smoking because of the higher cost of cigarettes.

"All major scientific studies show that nicotine is addictive and smoking is bad for your health," he said. "Cigarettes should not be cheap, because they are poison to the human body."

"Supporting the proposed act will start to bring solutions to Nebraska's environmental problems, while providing millions of dollars for cancer research to the university and helping NU students stop smoking, thus living longer," he said.

Tax

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will not decrease a great deal.

When considering whether to implement such a tax, Anderson said, several factors need to be kept in mind.

A 1989 study headed by William Manning, a professor at the University of Michigan with the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, Calif., found that if cigarette taxes were measured on whether they made up for health or environmental problems associated with smoking, the current level of federal and state excise taxes on cigarettes was adequate.

But if cigarette taxes are to be examined according to the possible revenue they create, more money can be made off cigarettes.

The reason goes back to the unresponsiveness, or inelasticity to a change in price, he said. Smokers still will buy cigarettes if they are addicted to them.

The issue then is fairness, he said. If the tax will support programs that will benefit the general population, is

it fair to impose a tax on just smokers?

"The cigarette tax is an easy target," he said. "In fact, all sin taxes are easy targets."

But in proposing cigarette tax increases, Nebraska is not alone, he said. A number of other states have proposed increasing cigarette and liquor taxes to pay for improving the environment and health care, Anderson said.

The percentage of a tax on the items, relative to the actual price, has shrunk over time because of inflation.

One way that states could avoid frequently changing their rate of excise taxation would be to set aside a percentage of the wholesale price of cigarettes for taxes, he said.

Although the 25-cent tax would be a substantial increase, Anderson said, it still would be low compared to how other industrial countries tax such items. In some countries, the tax can be up to 50 percent of the actual price of a pack of cigarettes, he said.

But there are other ways to look at the benefits of increasing a tax.

Some people might want the tax to alter people's behavior, he said.

If people are looking to change behavior or to help smokers stop smoking, the choice to raise the tax, and therefore the price, is not the best way to go.

This is because buyers of cigarettes are so unresponsive to a price change, he said.

But some studies, including Manning's, indicate that some groups may be more responsive to a change in price.

For example, he said, the studies show teenagers are more responsive. The higher prices discourage them from buying cigarettes.

Anderson said university officials were being put in a difficult position on the tax increase because of the positive and negative effects it could have.

Because the university relies on the taxes for funding capital construction, it is natural for officials to be reluctant to support an increase, he said.

"But it could cut both ways," he said.

BEACH BLAST '92
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Thursday, April 9

- Noon Post & Nickel Style Show
- 7:00 pm Twister Nite

Friday, April 10

- 2-7 pm Happy Hour-FAC!
- 4:30-6:30 LIVE-Diet Pepsi 'Uh-Huh' Girls
- 6:30 pm 9pm-Mid. Greek Sing Competition

Saturday, April 11

- 3:00 pm Luau & Pig Roast!
- 7-10 pm Q102 Live Remote & Giveaways
- 6-10 pm Karaoke Contests

Sunday, April 12

- 4:00-10:00 Starving On Sunday

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Regents

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Board members probably will delay voting on the new peer group until administrators and regents can discuss the recommendation, Rowson said.

Regents also will hear a report on the reorganization of the master's of architecture degree at UNL.

The regents' agenda stated that the proposal would separate the master of architecture degree program from the University of Nebraska Graduate College to designate it as a first-professional degree of the College of Architecture.

Rowson said the regents also would vote on the approval of an increase in tuition rates for high school inde-

pendent study courses offered by the Division of Continuing Studies. The rate would increase by \$3.

UNL offers one of the largest high school independent study programs in the United States, he said.

Regents also will vote on the approval of the joint administration of the doctor of education in educational administration by UNL and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The doctorate would be given by UNL's Department of Educational Administration and the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Department of Administration and Supervision.

Construction approvals also are on the regents' agenda, Rowson said.

NU regents will vote on the approval of a \$805,250 bid to replace the artificial turf at Memorial Stadium.