

# Bars

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Richard Lutz, executive vice president of the Nebraska Restaurant Association, said several Nebraska bars had been losing business because of the 1 a.m. closing time.

"Bar owners say that customers have told them that they go over to Iowa... or some other state where the closing time is later," Lutz said.

However, according to Jody Luth, an owner of Iguana's at 14th and O streets, the problem of customers in Lincoln traveling to surrounding states is not that prevalent.

"I think Omaha has a bigger problem since it's closer to the Iowa border," Luth said.

Robert Jergensen, general manager of P.O. Pears, 322 S. 9th St., agreed with Luth.

"Lincoln's not close enough to any

borders for customers to want to travel out-of-state for an extra hour of drinking," Jergensen said.

Both Luth and Jergensen agreed that LB287 was a good idea.

"It offers Nebraska bars a chance to make more money," Jergensen said.

The bill also found support among students.

"I think it's a great idea," said Renee Arends, a UNL senior sociology major.

"People are either going to be responsible or irresponsible, no matter what time the bars close," Arends said, "but at least the people who are responsible and take precautions can enjoy themselves for another hour."

Leslie Dayd, a UNL senior business administration/accounting major, said, "It would give people, who normally don't get to the bars until around 11 or 11:30 (p.m.), an extra hour for their bodies to disperse the alcohol."

# Limits

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"The voters have already made (us) accountable by the fact they can vote us out of office."

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk said she wouldn't mind the four-year term.

"I don't think it's that significant. I really don't," she said. "After all, the president of the United States is elected for four-year terms too."

Regent Don Blank of McCook said he was pleased with the system now.

"I don't think it's that big of a deal. I personally like six years. It does take

a little time to get to know the university and get acclimated with the university system."

Regent Robert Allen of Hastings agreed.

"I think it would be better to leave (terms) at six years," he said. "It gets it out of the sequence with other elections — there is a benefit there."

Allen said if the board had to change, he would like to see the board appointed by the governor or Legislature.

"That would be something to consider now that the elections are getting so expensive," he said. "It eliminates some of the people who would get involved."

# Regents

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The regents must lobby the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee in 1993, as it does every year.

The board also must prepare to select the new president of the University of Nebraska, he said. NU President Martin Massengale announced that he would not seek renewal of his contract, which expires Jan. 1, 1994.

Determining tougher admissions standards will also be on the board's agenda.

Rosemary Skrupa said changing admissions standards would have a significant effect on students just beginning high school.

"It affects every high school student who wants to be admitted to the university," she said.

Other topics to be discussed at Saturday's meeting include the addition of a Masters of Arts in Art History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the poor building maintenance at all four universities — UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University Medical Center.

# UNL may become smoke free

## Passive smoke is health risk, manager says

By Corey Russman  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln may see a change in its smoking policy, an official said Monday.

Del Weed, manager of environmental health and safety at UNL, said a ban on smoking in all UNL buildings could be in the future.

Smoking is becoming "more than just a nuisance," Weed said. "It's a health factor."

A report on the effects of passive smoking released by the Environmental Protection Agency has reinforced the idea that a change in UNL's smoking policy is needed, Weed said.

UNL's policy limits smoking to designated areas, said Doug Zatechka, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and director of housing. The

policy allows smoking in closed offices as long as the office has an air filtration device, he said.

Weed said about five buildings on UNL's campuses were smoke free, including the health center, Business Services and the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

The smoking policy has been in effect for three years, but it isn't enough, Zatechka said. Although he is a smoker, Zatechka said he believed smokers were stepping on non-smoker's rights.

"It's no longer the right of smokers to smoke," he said.

The EPA reported that exposure to secondhand smoke was responsible for about 3,000 lung cancer deaths each year. The report also said tobacco smoking resulted in about 434,000 deaths per year.

Studies performed by the EPA ranked indoor air pollution among the top five environmental risks to public health, the report said. However, Sandra Eberle, special assistant to the director of the indoor air division, said the EPA had made no plans to lobby for anti-smoking legislation on the federal level.

Changes in UNL's smoking policy may be made within the next few months, Zatechka said, with more changes in store for next fall.

Weed said students and employees were an important factor in influencing policy changes and should express their concerns. Any final decision will be made by the chancellor after he consults with other administrators.

Banning cigarettes, alcohol and other drugs in certain areas and buildings could be part of the new policy, Zatechka said.

Residence halls also may see some changes in their smoking policies, Zatechka said. Currently, residence halls do not mix smokers with non-smokers when making room arrangements, he said.

Residence halls are looking toward creating substance-free floors or halls, in which smoking would be banned entirely, he said.

Zatechka said he thought eventually smoking in all UNL buildings would be banned. But he said some campus buildings, such as the Union, might have problems banning smoking entirely.

## POLICE REPORT

### Beginning midnight Wednesday

- 8:12 a.m. — Bike stolen, Harper-Schramm-Smith, \$200.
- 10:29 a.m. — Book stolen, Temple Building, \$40.
- 11:16 a.m. — Non-injury accident, East Campus Loop, \$700.
- 11:35 a.m. — Backpack stolen,

- Nebraska Union, \$47.
- 2:52 p.m. — Car collided with sign, 17th between Q and R streets, \$200.
- 2:55 p.m. — Purse stolen, Andrews Hall, \$43.
- 9:28 p.m. — Alcohol-related illness, Nebraska Union, transported to Lincoln General Hospital.

## Budget

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something needs to be done," he said. "I wonder whether the governor lacks the political courage needed to get that money to the university."

Because of the relatively small increased funding for NU under Nelson's plan, increases in NU employees' salaries would be minimal.

Nelson's plan also would appropriate about \$400,000 during the biennium for the Medical Center's Rural Health Opportunity Program, which would pay tuition costs for rural students to complete medical school, provided they return to their community to practice.

## UNL professor to have 2 books published

From Staff Reports

Two new books by Paul Johnsgard, a biology professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be added to his long list of publications this spring.

Johnsgard has published 30 books in his 30 years at UNL, not including his two latest ornithological books.

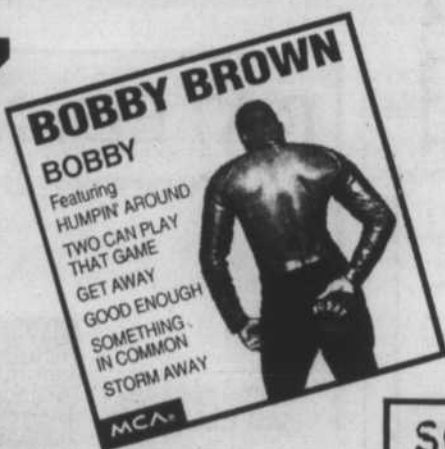
Johnsgard is the most-published author in UNL's history and has published more non-fiction books than any other Nebraskan.

The books are entitled "Ducks in the Wild: Conserving Waterfowl and their Habitats" and "Cormorants, Darters, and Pelicans of the World."

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