

# NU turns 125 years old

## Celebrations to last throughout the year

By Rebecca Oltmans  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska will turn 125 years old Tuesday, the anniversary of the formal approval of the university's charter by the Nebraska Legislature in 1869.

Birthdays will be served in the Nebraska Unions on Tuesday for faculty, staff and students. Chancellor Graham Spanier will cut the first pieces of cake at the Nebraska Union at 2 p.m. and at the Nebraska East Union at 3 p.m.

Gov. Ben Nelson will attend the cake-cutting ceremony in the Nebraska Union.

The birthday celebration will continue throughout the year. The next event is a public symposium on April 12 involving many former chancellors.

A new quarterly magazine also will pay tribute to the university's anniversary with a special commemorative issue.

The new magazine, Nebraska, combines the former Nebraska Alumnus magazine and Visions magazine, magazine co-editor Bob Sheldon said.

The first edition features a decade-by-decade chronicle of the university's history, Sheldon said, detailing what times have been like for the university and its students since it opened for classes in 1871.

The magazine also features 125 famous facts about the university and its alumni, Sheldon said.

The first edition includes articles about the arrival of football and the university's part in World War II, Sheldon said, when Love Library served as an army barracks.

Future issues will be published quarterly and will address topics related to the university's missions of teaching, public service and research.

## Smoking bill may affect students

### Legislature proposal could include halls

By Stacie Hakel  
Staff Reporter

Students living in the residence halls may need to kick the habit if a smoking bill is passed by the Nebraska Legislature.

Andrea Casart, a resident of Neihardt Residence Center, addressed LB1064 at the Residence Hall Association's weekly meeting Sunday.

Casart said the bill, which is sponsored by Sen. Don Preister of Omaha, would ban smoking in all state owned or leased buildings.

The bill includes prisons and veterans' homes, but does not specifically include residence halls, Casart said.

Raquel Wright, RHA president, said she would check with a student legal assistant on

whether the bill included the University of Nebraska-Lincoln residence halls.

"There are pros and cons either way," Wright said. "It discriminates against students that smoke because they pay \$3,000 for their room."

Wright said if the bill, which is currently on general file, applied to residence halls, the NU Board of Regents would make the final decision on whether to implement it or not.

Neihardt Sen. Joscelyne Brinster said the bill would be useless and people would find a way to smoke anyway.

"Drinking is not allowed in the residence halls, but people find a way around it," Brinster said. "With smoking, you can just open a window."

In other business, Troy Fedderson, advertising and marketing chairman, said residence hall students would receive "Hallways," a monthly newsletter.

The newsletter, which started last Friday, will keep the residents informed on programs and government activities in the UNL residence halls, Fedderson said.

The newsletter can be found in residents' mailboxes or at the RHA office, Fedderson said.





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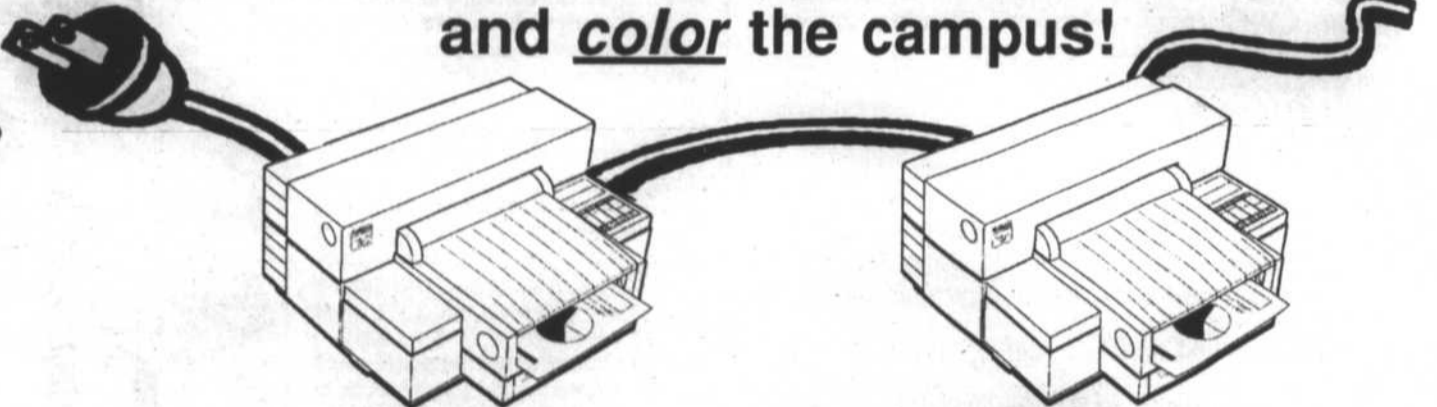
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