

# Paper helps students connect

By Jeff Randall  
Staff Reporter

For many students, finding friends, study groups and dates can be a difficult experience. Campus Connections is designed to make this a little easier.

Founded by Chi Phi Fraternity's house mother, C.J. Hanson, Campus Connections is a personal advertisement paper written by and for students. Hanson is the paper's editor-in-chief.

"We really want to help people connect," she said, "and we think we can accomplish this through our publication."

Hanson graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last year, and she said her time on campus taught her a lot about what students want.

"I kept hearing people complaining because they couldn't find friends with similar interests, they couldn't get work experience and they couldn't find jobs," she said.

"With Campus Connections, we can hopefully provide all of these things."

A regular staff of five students puts the paper together, and several others work on smaller tasks or fill in for regular staffers who are too busy, Hanson said.

"The students really are working together well," she said, "and they're learning at the same time."

Campus Connections is published every six weeks and is handed out by students around campus,

Hanson said.

In the future, Hanson foresees expansion in the benefits the paper will provide.

"I'll be gone in three years, but I hope our paper can keep going under someone else," she said. "I also want to see a scholarship set up in the paper's name, so we can help students on even more levels."

Students can place ads at a cost of \$5 by calling Hanson at the Campus Connections offices in the Chi Phi house.

# UNL libraries to brief senate on cutbacks

By Brian Sharp  
Senior Reporter

The Academic Senate will be briefed today on a "losing battle" being fought by the UNL libraries.

Fred Choobineh, president of the senate, said the senate asked Kent Hendrickson, dean of libraries, to present a battle plan because the library might have to eliminate 1,500 periodical titles totaling \$350,000.

"The people in the libraries are doing the best they can with the resources they have," Choobineh said.

"Unfortunately, they don't have the resources. Inflation is basically eating them up."

Hendrickson said inflation on journals, newspapers and other periodicals had been around 13 percent for the past eight years. The library budget has only been increasing by five percent during that time.

This will be the fourth time in the seven years that libraries have had to cut titles, Hendrickson said. The last cut came in 1992. Hendrickson said the other three cuts had totaled \$550,000.

"It's not a budget cut, nobody is taking anything away from us. ... It's just we can't keep up."

Hendrickson said library officials would work with departments and faculty on campus over the next seven months to determine what titles would be eliminated. The university would not cancel the subscriptions until 1996, he said.

"There's going to be a lot of disagreement on what should go and what shouldn't go," he said. "With what we've cut already ... it becomes very difficult. There's nothing left that isn't important to somebody."

Hendrickson said UNL was not alone; libraries across the country faced the same problem. UNL will try to ease the effects of the cuts by improving access to materials at other off-campus locations and libraries.

Choobineh said UNL libraries should be better. Faculty members know the importance of the library, he said, and need to show their support for the library in future budget requests.

"(Library officials) are fighting a losing battle," Choobineh said. "How long can they continue to lose the battle before it's a lost cause?"

Hendrickson said this year's cut should be the last for at least another three years — then again, the ax could swing again in two years.

In other business, the senate will hear from Del Weed, manager of environmental health and safety, about complying with Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards on waste disposal.

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Babsubramanian, an electoral committee member, to discuss voter verification.

At that meeting, Park said he asked what kind of identification should be used at the election to verify voters whose names were on the checklist.

But, he said, Wendorff confirmed the checklist was the only official identification necessary to prove voter authorization.

Shahin took the case to the student court. Earlier this semester, he resigned his membership in ASUN for reasons unrelated to the case.

ISO President Boon Lee Lim, who retained his position as a result of the court's decision, also was an ASUN member. Lim currently is an ASUN graduate senator and chairman of the international student's committee.

Lim would not comment on Park's allegations that the court was biased.

Griesen said the court was not biased because it acted independently of ASUN. Except for appointing the justices, ASUN has no control over the court, he said.

# School's grads catch primary care bug

By Laura King  
Staff Reporter

UNMC consistently graduates a larger percentage of primary care doctors compared to other medical schools, said a UNMC program director.

Dr. David O'Dell, director of the primary care and family medicine residency program, said in general 75 percent of all medical students become specialists. However, he said, about half of the University of Nebraska Medical Center graduates will become general practitioners.

A recent national survey of medical schools indicated the schools have the power to influence doctors to become general practitioners. Many politicians cite the large number of specialists as a factor driving up the cost of health care.

O'Dell credited the high number of

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Director of UNMC's primary care and residency program

general practitioner graduates to UNMC's history of emphasizing primary care and a new program that puts first-year students into primary care clinics. The program is part of a major curriculum reform that went into effect in 1992.

The reform contributed to the effort to familiarize students with primary care and family medicine, he

said. Although UNMC students see mostly specialty cases, the students are exposed to more general procedures.

But Nebraska's sparse population also encourages students to become primary care providers, he said. More family medicine and general practitioners are needed in Nebraska because smaller communities need general practitioners and may not be able to support full-time specialists, he said.

The recent overload of specialists have put general practitioners in demand around the country, O'Dell said. Some areas provide primary care doctors with lucrative packages to entice more medical students to the field, he said.

But O'Dell said many factors lured students to specialize.

General practitioners are paid fees for their services, whereas specialists are paid a set salary. General practi-

tioners also have an unstructured lifestyle, compared to the normality of a specialist's schedule, O'Dell said.

Another reason for the interest in specialty medicine is that students focus on only one area. General practitioners need to be knowledgeable in all areas of medicine.

"Students are more attracted to an area they can get their hands around," O'Dell said.

One of the keys to fostering more primary care doctors is exposing students early to primary care role models, O'Dell said.

To train general practitioners, O'Dell said UNMC taught students to deal with uncertainty and to develop problem-solving skills.

"If students are trained to be problem solvers rather than focusing on one technical area, they will be more well-rounded, more personable doctors," O'Dell said.

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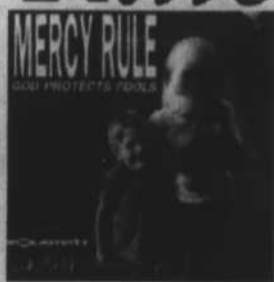
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