

# GLC launches letter-writing campaign

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Student lobbyists will launch a letter-writing campaign this week in opposition to the formation of a separate engineering college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Shawntell Hurtgen, chairwoman of the Government Liaison Committee, said committee members would ask presidents of UNL student organizations to write the University of Nebraska Board of Regents in opposition to the separate college.

Hurtgen said students in University of Nebraska-Lincoln residence halls and greek houses also would be contacted to participate in the letter-

writing campaign. She said she thought many of the 5,000 students living on campus would write letters.

She said she would try reach off-campus students through student organizations.

The letter-writing campaign will make a difference in the outcome of the debate, she said.

"If anything, our efforts will help educate people," Hurtgen said. "We just want students to know what's going on because (a separate engineering college) will affect them."

GLC lobbyist Bill Snyder said the campaign would be effective because letters from constituents have affected regents' decisions in the past.

"It has been proven that (letters) have put some pressure on them," he

said. "When we write letters to them, we will make sure they represent us."

Snyder said Andrew Loudon, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, would assist GLC in the campaign.

In other GLC business, Hurtgen said the committee would try to improve student voting turnout through a three-part plan.

The first part, registration, was completed in a registration drive earlier this month in the Nebraska Union. More than 100 students registered to vote during the drive.

Hurtgen said GLC also would distribute a newsletter to students published by Project Vote Smart, a non-partisan organization that promotes voting and educates voters.

## Police

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Cauble said Veskrna was on administrative leave so she would be available to talk to investigators on the case. The FBI recently talked to Veskrna, he said.

"I don't know at what point we will bring her back," Cauble said.

The loss of Soflin and Veskrna brings the university police force to 10 commissioned officers, Cauble

said. The force also has 15 community service officers, five corporals and three sergeants.

"Officers are used to things like this occurring," Cauble said. "They know they'll have to pick up some extra loads."

Cauble said the department would have to prioritize calls more than usual because of the shortage of officers.

For example, he said, it may take

police 20 to 30 minutes to respond to lower priority calls instead of the usual five to 10 minutes. Police will respond to urgent calls first, he said.

However, Cauble said the situation bothered him because the department would have to cut back on extra services, such as bicycle and foot patrols.

Cauble said it was impossible to hire temporary replacements for Soflin and Veskrna.

However, he said, two new officers will join the staff in December.

## Delay

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"At Subway you can get bread, ham, cheese and all that fresh stuff," he said.

Larmon said he figured Subway's construction was behind.

"When they open up, they're going to make a hell of a lot of money," he said. "If I were Subway, I'd open up as soon as I could. I'd be thinking dollar signs."

Melanie McQuatters, a senior music education major, waited in line at Burger King Thursday. She said she was waiting for Subway because

she "wanted something a little healthier."

She said she'd rather have a Subway turkey sandwich than "grease."

But not all students were concerned about Subway's arrival.

Kate Flaherty, an English graduate student, said she did not care when Subway arrived.

"I rarely buy fast food," she said, while standing in line at Amigos. "I do wish they had a Runza, though."

Jake Mortvedt, a senior geology major, waited his turn at Burger King. Mortvedt said that he would like a "regular sandwich" now and then, but he was indifferent to Subway's delay.

"It doesn't bother me any," he said. "I'd just have to walk somewhere else."

Korinek said the arrival of equipment meant Subway was "darn near ready."

"We are anxious to get there and anxious to open," she said.

Though Subway is about two months behind schedule, Swanson said the wait was worth it.

"When the plywood is taken away, you'll see a total remodel of that area of the union."

Senior Reporter Paula Lavigne and Staff Reporter John Fulwider contributed to this report.

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