

# IRS deadline brings tax rush

By Julie Sobczyk  
Staff Reporter

As the deadline to file taxes approaches, preparations are being made to ensure that things run smoothly.

The Internal Revenue Service has extended the filing deadline to Monday because April 15 falls on Saturday.

To prepare for the rush of getting tax forms in the mail on time, the Main Post Office is extending its hours on Monday.

Susan Frink, spokeswoman for the Main Post Office, 700 R St., said she expected a rush on Monday.

"There is always a rush every year," Frink said. "We get several people who wait and mail their forms on the last day."

Frink said window service at the Main Post Office would be available until 10 p.m., and curbside collections would be taken until midnight.

The post office isn't the only place in Lincoln that feels rushed at tax deadline time. Tax preparation services also are experiencing a rush.

Leota Janousek, who works for Associated Tax, said business had picked up in recent weeks.

"We've been very busy and rushed," Janousek said. "We've been booked up solid on appointments, and we're busy waiting on people to get their tax information back to us."

Bob McKitterick, quality control supervisor at H & R Block, said his office had been busy, too.

McKitterick said some of his clients were students, but most were not.

"A lot of people we see are just people who don't like to do taxes themselves," he said. "Some don't understand how to do them."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students also are preparing for the tax deadline.

James Vanderloop, a senior biology major, said he felt pressured to get his taxes done before the deadline. But, he said, he was relieved he finished earlier this week.

"I'm getting back about \$384," Vanderloop said. "But I thought I was

going to get about \$500."

Vanderloop said he was going to use his refund to pay for summer classes.

But not all students waited until the week before the deadline. Dave Howe, a senior business major, did his taxes in February.

"I did them early because I wanted my refund," Howe said.

Jodi Hammer, a sophomore business administration and English major, also said her taxes were finished. "My mom did them for me," Hammer said. "She usually does."

But Hammer said she was disappointed because she made too much money and had to pay taxes. She expected a \$500 refund.

Hammer said she had planned to use the refund to go to Mexico for spring break. Instead, she spent spring break reviewing her tax forms to see if her mom made a mistake.

"I called tax help centers to see if my mom did them wrong," she said. "But they said she did them right. At least I get \$44 back from the state."

## Tax Time

POST OFFICE	LOCATION	SERVICE
Main Post Office	700 R St.	Retail Window Service Collection Service
Station A	110 N 35th	Collection Service
Gateway Sta	5945 R St	Collection Service
College View Sta	5100 Van Dorn	Collection Service
Indian Village Sta	1201 Calvert St	Collection Service
Havelock Sta	6240 Platte Ave	Collection Service
Uni Place Sta	2427 N 48th St	Collection Service
Hy-Vee	3800 Old Cheney	Retail Window Service Collection Service
Hy-Vee	1401 Superior	Retail Window Service Collection Service

## Graduates must fill out loan exit forms

From Staff Reports

Students receiving degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May who have federal student loans must fulfill exit requirements with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

If students fail to attend, holds

will be placed on their academic transcripts, diplomas and any future registration at UNL.

Federal regulations require all graduating students to attend an exit presentation if they received one of the following forms of assistance: Federal Stafford Loan, unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan, Federal Perkins Loan or Fed-

eral Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS).

Sessions will be held at the East Union April 17 at 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. They will be held in the City Union on the following days: April 18 at 12:30 p.m., April 19-21 at 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. at 4 p.m. Room locations will be posted.

## Fall class to feature prominent speakers

By Catherine Blalock  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will introduce a new course this fall that features U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Coles.

The English Department will offer English 298, special topics — stories and human experience, as a pilot course. The department will offer two sections that will combine into one when guest speakers visit.

"The purpose of this class is to really get students to feel that creative expression of language, present and past, offers useful information to their lives now and indefinitely," said Stephen Buhler, associate professor of English.

Kerrey and Coles, depending on

their availability, are scheduled to speak throughout the semester about their experiences. They will relate how fiction stories helped them cope with real-life situations.

Kerrey will speak about his time in office as well as about his experiences in Vietnam, said English department chairman Stephen Hilliard.

Coles was chosen to speak because part of the idea for the course was taken from his book, "The Call of Stories: Teaching and the Moral Imagination." Kerrey was chosen because he was involved in a similar class that Coles teaches at Harvard University, Buhler said.

Next month, Coles and Kerrey will visit UNL to help plan the course. About 30 students have registered, and each section allows 35 students.

## Federal grant will fund local mentoring program

By Erin Schulte  
Staff Reporter

The Lincoln Action Program has been chosen to receive a \$180,000 federal grant to sponsor a youth mentoring program.

And the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be one of the main recruiting sites for the mentors.

Lincoln Action Program was one of more than 500 applicants for the grant. LAP provides support services to about 150 "at-risk" youths, who are usually referred by school counselors.

LAP will use the grant to hire a mentoring coordinator and to sponsor activities for junior high and high school students and their mentors, said Holly Buckendahl, the education outreach program director for LAP.

LAP expects to choose around 60

mentors from UNL, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Doane and Southeast Community College and some local businesses and service organizations.

Mentors will be given interviews and background checks. After mentors are hired, the program will match them with compatible students.

LAP will hire a mentor coordinator to do final planning, but Buckendahl expects to work with certain classes at UNL.

The money will be used over three years, Buckendahl said. Mentors will help with schoolwork and take students out for fun social activities. Buckendahl said the program's main objective was to prevent drop-outs and enhance academic performance.

"I am very excited," Buckendahl said.

## Settlement

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counsel, said neither shop owner had a legal leg to stand on.

Nebraska law states that if a person buys stolen property, he or she has no right to demand money from the rightful owner, Wiltse said.

Bartu bought the instrument Feb. 3 from a woman who was arrested on a charge of stealing the property from UNL that same day. He checked the serial number to see if it was stolen, he said, but no record showed up until three weeks later.

John Gill, UNL instrument technician, checked out the instrument to Gale Tvrdy, along with two tenor saxophones. Gill believed Tvrdy, a former UNL student, was a student. Tvrdy has since entered a pre-trial diversions program.

Gill would not comment on the school's instrument check-out policy. Generally, students sign their name and student number and pay \$10 to receive an instrument and a locker. Gill would not comment if the policy had changed.

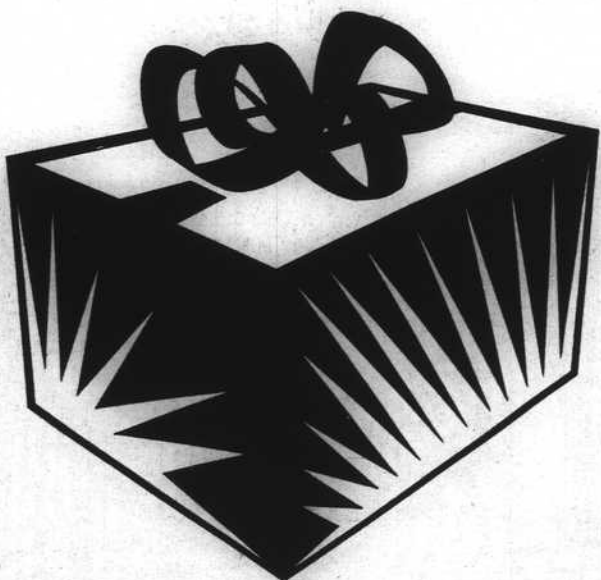
Bartu said he paid Tvrdy \$110 for the saxophone. He now says he will file a lawsuit against her to get the money.

Bartu said the lawsuit was a slap in the face. He had offered police the instrument from the start, he said, but no one, including UNL Police who came to take a report on the property, would take it.

UNL Police Sgt. Bill Manning said that if Bartu would have offered to return the property, the officers would have taken it. But there was never an offer to return the instrument without condition, he said. Manning would not comment further.

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