

ASUN seeks to broaden homecoming involvement

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ASUN hopes its attempt to broaden homecoming involvement will also boost the senate's visibility on campus, President Eric Marintzer said Tuesday.

The Association of the Students of the University of Nebraska will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

The senate will discuss supporting an "all-university dance" that would take place after the homecoming game.

Marintzer said he hoped the dance would bring people together.

"We want to involve a lot more people and especially those in different groups and organizations," Marintzer said, "the all-university dance is an excellent way to do this."

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Marintzer said the dance would be at the Lancaster building in the State Fair Park and would feature free pizza, a cash bar and music from the band Lie Awake.

Also on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting is an attempt to increase ASUN's visibility through the president's roundtable and "meet your senator" days in the Nebraska Union.

The president's roundtable was originally formed by last year's President Shawntell Hurtgen. Its purpose was to bring together presidents of student organizations and give each one an equal voice. Marintzer said the roundtable's first meeting would be Sept. 24.

"Meet your senator" days will be Sept. 18 and 25 and Oct. 2. ASUN senators will be at booths in the Nebraska Union, and will give students information on how to get involved with ASUN.

Moeyer stresses excellence

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Academic Senate

The Academic Senate focused on the future Tuesday, discussing such issues as academic excellence and lobbying the Nebraska Legislature.

UNL Chancellor James Moeyer spoke at the meeting, which was at the Clifford Hardin Nebraska Center for Continuing Education. Moeyer told senate members of his goals for education.

"One of my points of emphasis is on academic rigidity," Moeyer said. "Yet I think at the same time we need to be very caring to students."

Moeyer said educators needed to be there for students to help them outside class and provide them with the "informational and technical support they need to be self-learning."

Among Moeyer's other goals for education were increasing the graduation and retention rates of students. He said incoming classes already were "becoming smarter and smarter each year," and he hopes that trend will continue.

Senate members also looked ahead, making it a point to discuss the future of faculty compensation and lobbying in the Legislature.

The issue of retirement benefits also arose.

UNL's benefits lag behind peer retirement benefits by 3 percent. Yet state law dictates that UNL educators' benefits cannot exceed 8.5 percent, making the desired 11 percent more difficult to achieve.

"If we want to make it to the level of our peers, we'll literally have to change the law," said Peter Bleed, president of the UNL Academic Senate.

Bleed said the senate does have a lobbyist and that hopefully he could be used in coming months.

The senate also had an election to fill a seat in its executive committee that was vacated this summer.

Phyllis Japp, an associate professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, won a majority of the vote to take the executive committee seat.

Also at the senate meeting, Moeyer unveiled two new UNL television commercials that would air on ABC during Nebraska football games.

Moeyer also made a surprise announcement that the University of Nebraska would now have an alma mater — or school anthem — which would be revealed at halftime of the Oct. 12 homecoming football game against Baylor.

Ethernet card gives students direct access to Internet

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Residence hall students may have awhile to wait for UNL's faster connection to the Internet.

To take advantage of the direct Internet access offered in the residence halls, which were rewired last semester, students have to purchase an Ethernet card.

An Ethernet card is part of a communications package that provides better quality and faster access to the Internet for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

Since last summer, almost 800 students have applied for Ethernet cards and software programs, and the list continues to grow, said Andy Conklin,

a technician with Information Technology Support, which is an office within UNL's Information Services.

"We were thinking there wouldn't be a whole lot of people," she said.

While waiting for the direct connection, students can still access the Internet by using a modem to dial in to the university's server, but the modem pool is crowded at peak times and students may end up with a busy signal.

For the direct connection, Conklin said, students must complete a contract with the UNL Housing Department, which says that they agree to pay for the necessary software and hardware and will allow Information Services to enter their dormitory room to install it.

The card's cost depends on the age and make of the computer. The average cost is about \$35, but the cost could

more than triple.

For older Macintosh computers, she said, the card could be \$85. Some very old computers and most laptop computers require cards that cost over \$200.

If students do not want to buy an Ethernet card, they may request a terminal server connection, which is a slower connection that does not support graphics, she said, but she does not recommend it because it could freeze up the computer. The option is available only in certain residence halls.

Netscape software and the required programs to access e-mail are installed in every Macintosh and personal computer serviced through the Internet Connection Agreement. So far, Information Services has completed work

on more than 70 computers in Neihardt, Selleck, Cather and Pound Residence Halls, Conklin said. Five student technicians and 10 full-time employees are working on the connection in Abel Hall, UNL's largest residence hall. They will then work on the remaining halls on City Campus.

About 30 students in Burr and Fedde Halls on East Campus will have to wait until January, when the fiber optics wiring is done.

Conklin said Information Services planned to have the rewiring completed before the fall semester began, but the project was delayed because of landscaping concerns.

Computers that will receive priority service are 486 or Pentium personal computers with Windows '95 and Macintoshes with built-in Ethernet

cards, she said.

After these computers have been completed, Information Services will work on the remaining students' computers.

Conklin said residents who already had been visited by Information Services and students who did not properly prepare their computers for the technicians must wait until the technicians return to their residence hall. Common problems have been computers that are not fully set up or computers with password-only access, she said.

To set up an Internet Connection Agreement, students must complete forms available at the front desk of the residence halls and mail them to the housing department office, 1100 Seaton Hall.

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