

Circle K devotes time for services

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The UNL chapter of Circle K will dedicate a week's worth of service to Lincoln starting Feb. 2.

The 20 members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will complete one project a day until Feb. 8.

Circle K will begin its service by decorating for Valentine's day at the Lancaster Manor.

On Monday, Feb. 3 the members will wash dishes and clean at the Matt Talbot Kitchen. They will fold and sort clothing donations at the Asian Community and Cultural Center on Feb. 5.

On Feb. 7, the group will work at the Children's Museum guiding tours for school children. On Feb. 8, the Circle K members will join with United Way big brothers and sisters and their little brothers and sisters to tour the Lee and Helene Sapp Recreation Center.

Two other philanthropies will be scheduled for the other two days.

Circle K, a worldwide collegiate service organization, aims to benefit children, especially through fund raising to fight the iodine deficiency disorder. The group is affiliated with Kiwanis and Key Club service groups.

Students who want to get involved with the group or suggest service project ideas should call Kendra Liedle at 436-9467.

New shuttle accommodates more people

Students seem to like older bus's roomy replacement.

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The only thing they don't like is the paint job.

Aside from that, students seem to love the new shuttle bus that started running the perimeter route this semester.

Tad McDowell, parking and transit services manager, said the new diesel-powered shuttle bus replaced one of the standard shuttles that had begun to break down.

"One of our older buses was just about done," McDowell said.

Although the older shuttles have only been used for five to six years, their inefficient gasoline engines cause them to wear out quickly, he said.

The new shuttle bus's diesel engine will keep it on the road longer and require less repair, McDowell said.

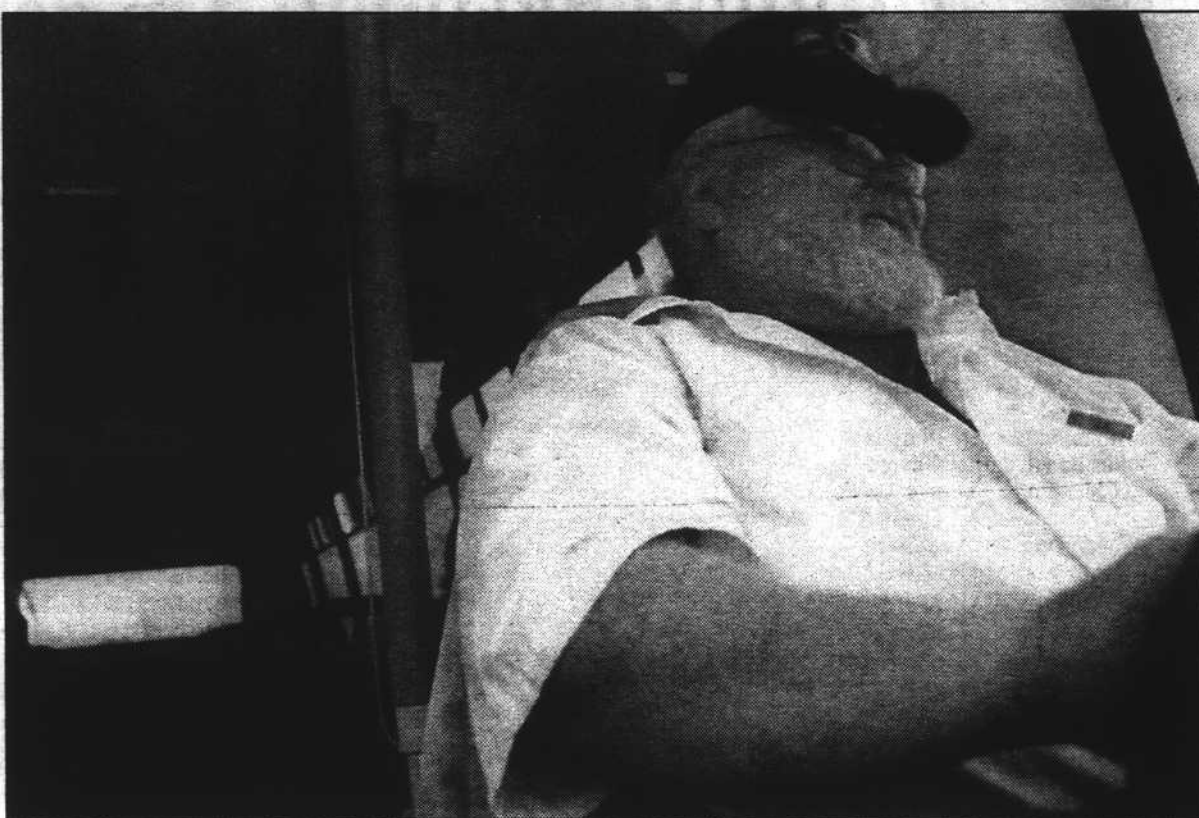
Michael Cacak, director of transportation services, said the diesel engine will keep the bus running smoothly.

"Over the life of it, it's going to have a better ride," Cacak said.

But to students, the best feature is additional space. The new shuttle bus seats 32, whereas the old shuttle seated 28.

Four seats may not seem like many, but commuter students on a below-freezing January afternoon may be grateful they can pack in a few more. Besides, room for four more seats means room for eight more standing passengers.

The new shuttle bus's box-shaped design, which makes it look more like a bus, also allows more space per person. The older shuttles, which look more like big, modified vans, were a tight fit.



JIM AKIN, a UNL shuttle bus driver, drives the perimeter route in the university's new shuttle bus. Akin said the bus was louder than the old one the bus replaced, but was still a good bus.

James Ferrante, a junior international business major, said the new shuttle bus offered more head room, leg room and elbow room.

"In the other one you're hitting people in the head when you stand up," he said. "This one you have room to stand and move."

Ryan Junck, a freshman political science major, said he liked the smooth ride and the new, classy interior.

Jennifer Fritzing, a junior consumer science major, said she appreciated a more practical convenience—the handles on top of the aisle seats for standees.

"I'm so short, I can't reach the hand rail up there," she said.

Cacak dispelled the myths that the new shuttle bus was larger than the older ones. The new bus has the same size wheel-base—distance from front to back wheels—as the older version.

The new shuttle bus looks bigger because of its cab-over design where the top extends all the way to the front, he said. On the van-shaped shuttles, the engine juts in front of the cab, under the hood.

That's a plus for driver Jim Akin. The square, glass-enclosed cab gives him a clearer, safer view, he said. The cab also rides high, so Akin can look down at obstacles on the road. Other drivers have to peer out of standardized windshields and battle blind

spots. Despite the shuttle bus' slightly bigger size, Akin said the bus was easier to maneuver because of a shorter turn radius.

"I can get in and out of places the other buses couldn't," Akin said.

The controls are more convenient for Akin too, he said. The control for the flashing lights is on the floor, next to the brake pedal. The electric door-opener saves Akin from having to tug on a lever every stop.

Akin said the only complaint students had so far was the outer aesthetics—a red strip on the bottom fading to white on top.

"I've heard they don't like the paint."

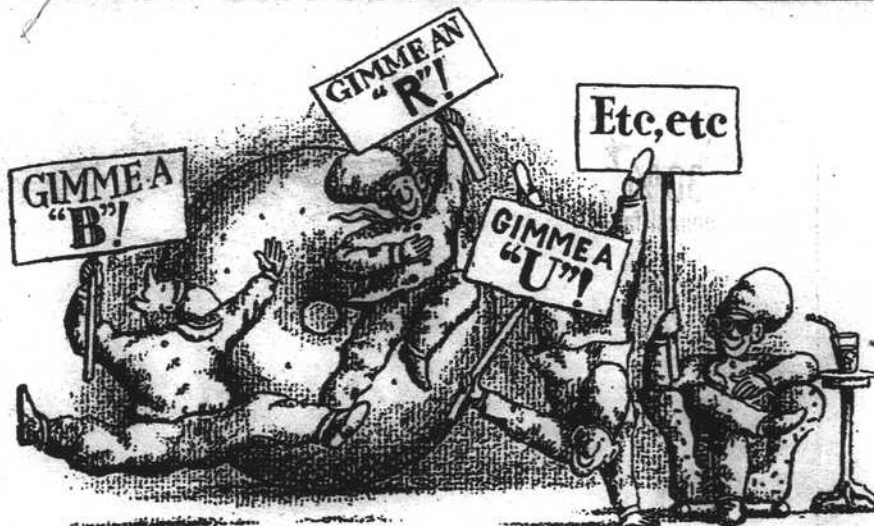
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