

# IRIS replaces card catalogs

*The technology fee finances a new computer lab*

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A small change in Love Library has given students a big new computer lab this semester.

During the holiday break, the library’s aging card catalogs were replaced by 18 new computers and five new printers, all paid for by the student technology fee.

The new computers form the library’s \$120,000 Integrated Computer Area, where students can look up library material, work on class assignments or check their e-mail during the library’s operating hours.

“They set it up nicely,” said sophomore Martin Tallinger, who used the lab last week.

Dean of Libraries Joan Giesecke said students using the lab can fetch library materials and use the Internet to conduct research, then write their paper without leaving Love Library.

“And we have the people available to help them,” she said.

As for the card catalogs, Giesecke said, they likely will not be missed.

About 96 percent of all library material is cataloged in the Innovative Research Information

System, the library’s computerized card-catalogs system, she said.

Most students used IRIS to research library materials before the catalogs were removed because the catalogs had not been updated since 1990.

The old card catalogs, which will be recycled, were the last of the library’s large author/title catalogs to be replaced. One small catalog remains in the special collections area of Love Library.

IRIS offers more ways to search for a document than the traditional card catalog, which limited searches to exact spellings, last names, and specific subject headings, Giesecke said.

For example, IRIS users can search for a book by a combination of its author and title, she said. IRIS will show alternative spellings if no exact matches are found.

“It’s much more flexible,” she

said. IRIS can also be accessed through most UNL e-mail account services.

Student use of the new lab has been steady, Giesecke said, and is also likely to increase as the semester progresses.

Students using the lab last week said they also believe the lab will become popular.

“It’s really easy for a newcomer to figure out,” freshman communications major Stephanie Serio said. “We need more of these around campus.”

Before the lab was installed, a lack of computer stations for students was evident, said Beth McNeil, executive assistant to the dean of Libraries.

“We’re very pleased that the students supported this through the student technology fee funds,” Giesecke said. “We hope they will like it.”

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## Law & Order

### Woman linked to murder

The state patrol arrested Laura McKinney in connection with the death of her boyfriend who was found in his Seward County cabin.

McKinney, 24, of Lincoln, was taken into custody on Friday in Milford. However, she was not arrested for first-degree murder, said Nebraska State Patrol Lt. Gale Griess.

Griess said the investigation was continuing, and he hoped more arrests would follow in the case.

McKinney is expected to be charged today by the Seward County attorney.

The bullet-riddled body of Harold L. Kuenning, a 56-year-old Lincoln plumber, was found in his cabin along the Big Blue River on the south edge of Seward.

He had been shot twice in the chest and once in the head with a handgun.

Kuenning had been living in the cabin, named “Jeremiah’s Wilderness,” while he was looking for an apartment in Lincoln.

The case is the first murder in Seward County in 78 years.

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## Nebraska motorists see gas prices drop

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Whitehead Oil in Lincoln.

“When the low wholesale filters down to us we have to take advantage of it,” Perdev said.

The average Nebraskan now saves about \$2 on a 10-gallon fill-up compared to last year’s prices.

The Midwest is enjoying the lowest gas prices in the nation with an average of \$1.04 per gallon.

In other regions of the country, gas prices are much higher.

In the Northwest, gas averages \$1.29 per gallon, while in the Southwest it costs \$1.20. In the Northeast and Southeast, prices are more reasonable at \$1.19 and \$1.06 respectively.

Taxes make up nearly half of the cost of each gallon of gasoline sold in Nebraska.

“Reap the benefits ... while you can.”

ROSE WHITE  
AAA Nebraska spokeswoman

Forty-three cents on every gallon of gas goes to state and federal taxes, White said, and Nebraska has the 10<sup>th</sup>-highest gas tax rate in the nation.

The high state taxes are because of weather extremes that cause road disrepair on the many miles of highways and the low number of taxpayers who pay for it, White said.

Prices will likely increase as summer approaches, so these savings are fleeting, White said.

“Reap the benefits and the savings while you can.”

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### CORRECTION

John Payne was incorrectly identified in a page 1 story in Monday's Daily Nebraskan. Payne is an NU Regent from Kearney.