

Bin symbols may change

Group discusses environmental ideas

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Some UNL students may not take advantage of the bins on campus showing three small black arrows in a triangle as a reminder to recycle.

So the symbols may be replaced with a louder image emblazoned on them as part of one group's plans to make the University of Nebraska-Lincoln more environmentally friendly.

The Association of Students for the University of Nebraska last semester created the environmental issues subcommittee to help find

environmental problems and solutions at UNL.

Graham Johnson, co-chairman of the subcommittee, said another project the group already is working on is surveys for students and faculties about UNL's policies.

About 170 of the surveys have been completed, Johnson said, mainly at booths the group has had in the Nebraska Union.

One of the questions asks if recycled products should be used in offices and classrooms. Another asks if paper towels should be replaced with reusable cloth towels.

"We hope to use the survey results as hard data on what students are interested in," Johnson said.

Johnson said he hoped the results would be brought before ASUN to show the positions of students on environmental issues at UNL.

Tony White, co-chairman of the subcommittee, said another idea discussed at Wednesday's meeting was a way to make recycling bins on campus more visible.

The small, plain signs on the recycling bins now, White said, do not attract attention. Students need something larger and brighter to draw their eyes to the separate aluminum and plastic recycling bins.

The design of a white background with a red "N" inside the recycling arrows was proposed at the meeting.

The group wants the university to use less-wasteful supplies and buy products from environmentally conscious businesses, White said. UNL also should set up recycling in greek houses, he said.

"We have so much energy and

pages of ideas of things we'd like to do," White said.

Soon after the 16-member subcommittee started last October, eight of those members got some hands-on experience cleaning up campus.

Ryan Felton, communications chairman for the subcommittee, said along with other ASUN leaders, the group helped clean tree debris from East Campus after the October snowstorm. The trees were chipped and will be used as mulch to landscape both campuses.

Felton said the subcommittee members hope to work with other organizations such as Ecology Now, but few student groups have approached them.

White said Habitat for Humanity wanted to work with the subcommittee about a project to recycle copy cartridges from photocopiers.

And Michelle Haddix, a subcommittee member, will bring student concerns to monthly UNL Recycling Committee meetings.

UNL students will be seeing more "awareness booths" in the Nebraska and East Campus unions from the subcommittee this semester.

White said the subcommittee had one booth last week to educate students about reusing products, and it plans on having such booths once a month. The next two booths will focus on reusing, then recycling.

Although no specific work was done with campus groups last semester, White said he hoped people would come to the subcommittee with concerns.

"We are here to provide support for student groups and be a middle man between them and ASUN," he said. "We are a sounding board."



From Staff Reports

Police seize drugs

Four men were arrested on drug charges Thursday afternoon after Lincoln Police, the Lancaster County Sheriff's department and the Nebraska State Patrol used search warrants to find crack cocaine at two Lincoln houses.

The warrants served at 2337 N. Main St. and 6540 Garland St. were issued during part of an ongoing investigation.

The SWAT team seized an undisclosed amount of crack cocaine and illegal firearms from the houses.

"We were pleased with the results of the search," said Lincoln Police Capt. Duane Bullock of the narcotics division.

Jeremy Washington, 18, from Wichita, Kan., was charged with possession of crack cocaine and possession with the intent to deliver at the North Main address.

Three other men were arrested at the house on Garland Street.

Pedro Pegan, 24, from New York, was charged with possession of crack cocaine with the intent to deliver.

Victor Ramirez, 26, from Bronx, N.Y., and Jose Tapia, 31, of 4717 Baldwin Ave. in Lincoln were charged with the possession of a controlled substance and possession with the intent to deliver.



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Web site to list Lincoln jobs

The Chamber of Commerce wants to show that Lincoln is a great place to work with a new Web site listing jobs.

The site <http://www.Lincolnjobs.com> can be searched by job type or company.

Job listings will come from businesses in the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Partnership for Economic Development.

"We want to expand the work force to meet the expanding business community," said Wendy Birdsall, Chamber of Commerce vice president.

The site will be advertised

nationally beginning in February to attract workers to Lincoln.

Claiming property easier

It will now be easier to claim unclaimed property from the state.

The state receives money and property earmarked for cities and counties or perhaps in excess of the required amount.

The goal of the unclaimed property program is to return that money to rightful owners, State Treasurer Dave Heinaman said.

"People lose track of money after it comes to the state," Heinaman said. "Instead of keeping it in the treasury, we try to return it."

The program is being expanded to include all 532 Nebraska cities, so money will be easier to claim.

In Lincoln, the list will be available at the mayor's office and at every public library in the city.

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