

# ASUN proud of accomplishments

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ASUN

A new group of ASUN members means a new set of goals, but that doesn't mean the effects of Curt Ruwe's presidency won't still be felt on campus.

Some of the goals set and met by the outgoing Association of Students of the University of Nebraska class include researching advising policies, lobbying for a fall break and for a NU Board of Regents bylaw change and addressing safety concerns in the 14th and Vine streets area.

Ruwe said ASUN surveyed students and 90 percent said they wanted a fall break.

ASUN also supported a regents bylaw change allowing student organizations to apply for funds from the University Program Council once every two years rather than once every four.

Government Liaison Committee efforts to increase safety in the 14th and Vine streets area resulted in a speed limit reduction and several signs prohibiting right turns on red lights.

Also, Erik Hoegemeyer, chairman of the Academic Committee, said his committee completed a report of 11 colleges' advising policies and found that the advising was not terrible, but could be improved.

A 3-year study that will be released to colleges includes suggestions such as stressing student-adviser relationships, offering check sheets and having outstanding adviser awards.

Although Ruwe considers these goals a success, he said a lot of them can't be measured by a street sign or a piece of paper.

Last semester, ASUN strove to increase diversity programming and increase its communication with the campus community.

Sara Russell, chairwoman of the Human Rights Committee and ASUN president-elect, said ASUN also passed a bill protesting hate speech chalkings on UNL sidewalks last semester and sponsored a forum to discuss Assistant English Professor David Hibler's alleged racist e-mail.

ASUN and student organizations brought speakers such as Coretta Scott King, diversity speaker Marlon Smith and speakers for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19. A coordinating commission for the 1999 holiday also has been set up.

Besides increased diversity, Ruwe said, communication lines are more open than they were in years past thanks to senators attending student organization meetings and bringing concerns to ASUN.

"One of our biggest successes this year is that we have been able to

get out to the campus community," Ruwe said.

Last semester, ASUN pledged to improve interaction among student groups like the Residence Hall Association. Last year RHA and ASUN cleaned up the campus together after October's winter storm and this year worked to encourage UNL to rehire visiting chemistry instructor Bill McLaughlin.

Hoegemeyer said although written course evaluations haven't changed, people are now more aware thanks to ASUN.

Jim Ford, president of the Academic Senate, said Ruwe came to a meeting with ideas on changing the evaluation process.

Ford said it was his understanding that ASUN was going to do more research and talk to some experts because "this is not the kind of thing you can do without expert help."

Another ASUN goal that was a good idea, but will require more research, is the implementation of a parking education class.

Tad McDowell, manager of UNL Parking and Transit Services, said he met with Ruwe several times, but McDowell was not ready to commit to anything.

"They have taken a good look at this," he said, "but I am waiting for information before I commit to propose any changes."

ASUN also pledged to create a more-integrated campus community through the implementation of the Student Impact Team.

SIT has a membership of 300 students, Ruwe said, and has been working on fund-raising and forming committees to work toward campus beautification, which is another ASUN goal that Ruwe said has been accomplished this semester.

But not everything went so smoothly for ASUN this year.

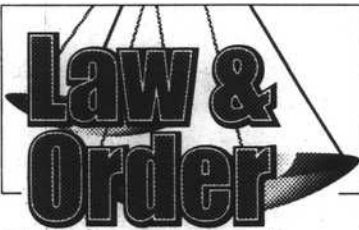
Ruwe said ASUN failed to reconstruct the Outstanding Educator Award. Ruwe said things such as the ASUN elections and the Hibler e-mail incident took priority over this goal.

Last semester Ruwe created the University Leadership Community, a meeting of student organization members to discuss university issues.

Ruwe held two meetings, but low attendance rendered them ineffective, he said.

But above all, Ruwe said, reaching out to more students was a goal ASUN met and absolutely succeeded in.

"That's the biggest benefit to ASUN and what we do," he said. "That reaches a ton of our goals."



## Housekeeper burned

A housekeeper sustained first-degree burns to her face while trying to light a gas stove in a south Lincoln apartment.

Fire engines responded to calls of an exploded gas stove in an apartment at 1340 B Street after the woman tried to light the gas stove with a cigarette lighter, Lincoln Fire Department Capt. Bob Weddington said.

The woman was treated by paramedics at the scene for the burns to her face and singed hair.

## Stadium trespassers cited

Police caught two men climbing the fence into Memorial Stadium to see the field early Thursday morning.

Freshman Kevin Borgeson and Alan Robinson of Omaha, who is not a UNL student, climbed the fence at Gate 24 because Robinson had never seen the field, they told police.

They were cited for second-degree trespassing, UNL Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

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## Student caught making IDs

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A University of Nebraska-Lincoln student was caught making fake IDs in his Schwan's Residence Hall room Monday.

A tip from his roommate led University Police to John Stevens' 10th-floor room, where they found images of drivers' licenses scanned into his computer and his roommate's computer, Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

Stevens was scanning the licenses into his computer to change the birthdates and names before printing out the new IDs, police said.

Police also found some official Department of Motor Vehicle laminates, which cannot be bought by the public, in his room.

Stevens' roommate discovered the scanned licenses in his computer

and asked Stevens about them.

When Stevens ignored his roommate's requests to stop making the IDs, he reported Stevens to the police.

Police found several of the scanned licenses saved on the computers in Stevens' room.

When police contacted the people whose licenses were in the computer, the police were told the fake licenses did not turn out.

Police are unsure how many licenses Stevens produced before he was caught, but the investigation is continuing.

Falsifying identification for minors is a misdemeanor that carries a penalty of up to one year in jail or a \$1,000 fine or both. The county attorney could charge Stevens for each ID he made.