

RHA

RHA members increase visibility with T-shirts

■ **Senators are urged to wear the T-shirts to classes for the first two weeks of next semester.**

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Residence Hall Association members will be easily recognizable on campus the first two weeks of the fall semester.

The RHA Senate approved a proposal Sunday night by RHA Vice President Liz Ormsby to order 50 T-shirts with the RHA logo on it for \$350.

Ormsby said she will encourage the senators to wear the T-shirts to class the first two weeks after the summer.

The T-shirts would make RHA more visible on campus, she said, and she hoped students would ask the senators what RHA was about.

"We want to get students pumped up about RHA," she said.

The T-shirts are part of the RHA executive board's goal to get more students familiar with the association.

The RHA officers also want to develop an accurate Web site and stronger advertising for the association's events.

In other news, the RHA Senate decided to spend \$500 on the Harper/Schramm/Smith Beach Bash.

This dance event will take place in September.

The RHA Senate also filled four commission chair positions for the 1999-2000 season.

Marissa Carstens, a junior biochemistry and news-editorial major, was re-appointed Campus Escort chairwoman.

Thomas Parks, a sophomore advertising major and former Selleck senator, is the new Advertising and Marketing chairman.

Courtney Mears, a junior English major, will represent RHA as the Students Advisory Taskforce chairwoman.

Liz Karle, a sophomore chemistry major, will help organize RHA events as the social chairwoman.

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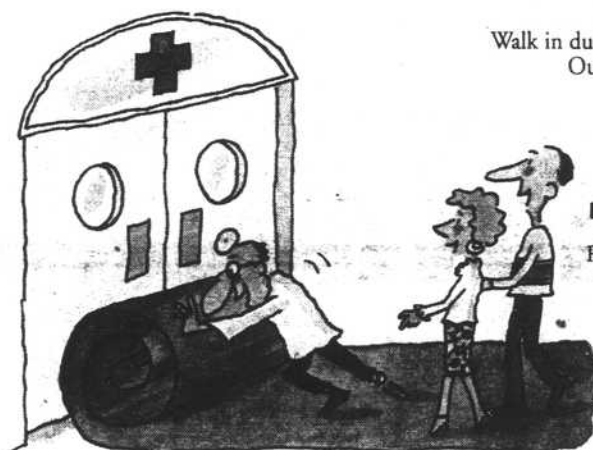
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Union computer lab stays open all night

From staff reports

Starting today, students seeking all-night computer access can use the Nebraska Union's new computer lab, as well as the usual 24-hour labs in Selleck and Burr halls, according to an Information Services employee.

The computer lab in the Nebraska Union will stay open 24 hours for Dead Week and Finals Week and won't close its doors until May 8 at 6 p.m., said Linda Roos, manager of user education for Information Services.

"Students need the access," Roos said. "They need the time to work on their projects right now."

Students can enter the lab while the union is closed by presenting their student-identification cards to a guard stationed at the lab and union's new west entrance off the 14th street cul-de-sac.

After May 8, the union lab will stay open only during the union's restricted summer building hours, but the lab will resume 24-hour access for the fall semester.

The 24-hour computer labs in Selleck Hall on City Campus and in Burr Hall on East Campus will stay open until May 7 at 5 p.m.

The Love Library computer lab will stay open until 2 a.m. today through Thursday, and Sunday through May 6. The lab is open during library

Cram sessions

Love Library and several university computer labs will stay open late this week and finals week for students wrapping up final projects and studying for final exams.

24-hour Computer Labs

Nebraska Union*, open until May 8 at 6 p.m.
Burr Hall, open until May 7 at 5 p.m.
Selleck Hall, open until May 7 at 5 p.m.

Love Library hours

Dead Week:
Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, noon - 2 a.m.

Finals Week

May 3 - 6, 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.
May 7, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
May 8, CLOSED
May 9, CLOSED

*While the Nebraska Union is closed -- between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. weekdays -- students can still enter the union computer lab by presenting their student I.D.s to a guard at the building's new west entrance.

Source: UNL Libraries Web site and Information Services

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hours, which are extended during Dead Week and Finals Week.

Love Library will remain closed on commencement weekend, May 8 and 9.

For more information on library hours, call the library's circulation desk at (402) 472-2561.

Unidentified chemical spill disrupts traffic on R Street

From staff reports

Traffic was re-routed Friday around a suspected oil spill along R Street between 12th and 14th streets.

A crew of sanitation workers dressed in white jumpsuits spent several hours Friday afternoon pumping water contaminated with an unidentified chemical out of gutters on the north side of R Street.

The sanitation crew and Lincoln parking services officers assisted in directing traffic around the area to prevent any contact with the spilled substance.

When UNL students driving down R Street along the quarantined area asked what was going on they were told, "There's a chemical in the water; we don't know what it is."

Sanitation workers hosed off the

tires of students' cars before the cars left the area.

What looked like an oily film on the water led John Steinauer, an environmental engineer with the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, to believe someone dumped oil in the gutter.

But Steinauer said he could not be sure what the chemical was, or if it was hazardous. Steinauer said he would rather take extra precautions, than run the risk of someone being contaminated.

"When they dump chemicals like this, it's an expectation that it could be anything," he said. "People might suggest that we went too far, but if I can keep anyone from getting sick I'm going to do it."

Steinauer said the health department responded to 108 emergency chemical spills last year.

Law & Order

Hearing for suspects in Allen murder delayed

Preliminary hearings for three people implicated in last month's stabbing murder of James Allen were delayed or waived last week.

Allen, 38, was found March 21 in his 1635 F St. apartment with two knives stuck in his back.

The hearing for the man charged with stabbing Allen, Lawrence Barry, 38, was continued to May 5.

The hearing for Barry's wife, Jennifer Irwin-Barry, 20, who is accused of concealing the crime, was continued to May 7.

The second accomplice, Larry Welch, 44, who is accused of helping dispose of evidence, waived his preliminary hearing, so his lawyer could view police investigative reports from the case.

At the preliminary hearings, a judge will determine whether there is probable cause to proceed to trial.

Mother arrested after guns, crack seized from child's bed

Police jailed a Lincoln woman Thursday night after finding two loaded

handguns and a rock of suspected crack cocaine under her 11-year-old daughter's bed.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force served a search warrant at the 41-year-old woman's apartment on the 2400 block of Vine Street at 6:30 p.m., Officer Katherine Finnell said.

In the daughter's bedroom between the mattress and box springs of her bed, police found the eight-ounce rock of suspected crack cocaine and the two guns.

Both guns -- 9 mm and .22-caliber semi-automatics -- were loaded, but one had a round in the chamber and the hammer cocked.

The 9 mm was reported stolen from Omaha last year, and the .22-caliber was stolen from a Lincoln car last September.

The woman's daughter was taken into protective custody.

The woman was arrested for felony child neglect, possession of a stolen firearm and being a felon with a gun.

Drug charges could be filed pending lab results.

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