

Board considers longer hours for the city union

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would take action on the issue at the next meeting Nov. 30.

In other business, the board unanimously passed a motion recommending a cooperative effort with Information Services in providing more computer access.

The idea, proposed by Membership Coordinator Cody Northrop, stated that the union would provide a number of laptops for check-out by students.

This would alleviate some pres-

sure placed on the computer labs by a growing demand for computers.

With a joint effort, the computers - if approved by the Technology Fee Advisory Board, whose chairman is Northrop - would be bought by Information Services.

The union would increase the number of Internet access ports and furniture around the perimeter and would run the process of checking out the computers.

If approved by all parties involved, a trial run could be implemented at the start of next semester.

Johanns heads to China

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Gov. Mike Johanns and a delegation leave today on a 12-day trade mission to China.

Johanns on Tuesday said the trip could give Nebraska businesses a competitive edge in trade with the world's most populous nation.

"We're looking to develop more and better relationships," Johanns said.

He said he and the delegation would tour many sites in China and have meetings with Chinese officials responsible for trade.

Merlyn Carlson, director of Nebraska's Department of Agriculture, said the trip would include many firsts.

"This is the first time a governor will visit with a high-level Chinese official," Carlson said. "This trip will be the first to include a state senator."

State Sen. Roger Wehrbein, chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, will accompany the trade mission.

Carlson said the delegation will visit a hog farm in China modeled after a Nebraska hog operation. He said the state would export about 300 pigs later this year to start the Chinese operation.

Barry Kennedy, director of the state Chamber of Commerce, said Johanns' presence would make the mission more profitable.

"We know from previous experience that when the governor is along on a trade mission, many doors get opened much more quickly," Carlson said.

He said even repeated trips by business leaders were not as productive as a single trip by the governor.

Johanns said Tuesday he would not address human rights or religious rights violations by China while in the communist nation.

"We do not have independent commerce policies," Johanns said, explaining that Nebraska could not set trade policy independent from the federal government.

"We are not free to reach independent agreements with foreign powers," he said.

Johanns said it was better to let federal officials set overall trade policy for the United States.

He also said he would make it clear during the trip that he supports China's entrance to the World Trade Organization. The international organization that develops trade rules for nations is considering making China a member.

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WTO," Johanns said.

Kennedy said the delegation included representatives from Nebraska's corn, soybean and livestock growers. He said a smaller part of the delegation represented manufacturers like Lincoln-based Centurion, a manufacturer of communications equipment.

He said one-on-one communication between Nebraskans and Chinese officials was the backbone of increased trade.

"Exports from Nebraska have grown and grown," Kennedy said.

Donation to provide professorships

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on Friday.

A portion of the money will go to improving academic programs that have the potential to be competitive nationally and internationally.

The plant sciences initiative in the agronomy department is an example of such a program, Brinkerhoff said.

"Our investment in Sally Mackenzie and the plant science initiative has been under way for some

time," he said. "That's one of the programs we're interested in lifting up."

Brinkerhoff said a process is under way to determine other programs that have the potential to have national stature.

Programs that benefit from the funds could vary from year to year.

"These funds will be fluid in a sense," Brinkerhoff said.

Along with the professorships, the regents also approved using the money for the establishment of a Great Plains Regional Humanities Center.

UNL is currently in competition with other Midwest schools for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to become the home for the center.

The regents have approved other

uses for the endowment funds over the past year.

Seventy-five percent of the endowment was ear-marked for improving the library and chemical engineering facilities.

The regents approved a planned addition to the Walter Scott Engineering building, Møser said.

Plans to enhance Love Library by adding classrooms and making it more high-tech are also in the works, Brinkerhoff said.

As money continues to be allocated, students will begin to see visible results of the money.

"We're just beginning to make decisions," Brinkerhoff said. "We've got quite a bit of work ahead of us. It takes a while to hire and recruit."

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Search results in arrest for possession of marijuana

Lincoln police searched a north Lincoln home Monday evening, confiscating 6 kilograms of marijuana, \$7,685 in cash and two firearms, one of which was stolen, Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

Police arrested Alan Good, 47, at his home at 5617 Kearney Ave. for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and possession of a stolen firearm.

A Ruger .22 automatic pistol found in Good's home was stolen in Arapahoe County, Colo., Dec. 1, 1997, Finnell said. Police also confiscated a .22 rifle.

Police search for man who abducted Lincoln girl

A 13-year-old girl was abducted and sexually assaulted Monday night, Lincoln Police Capt. David Beggs said.

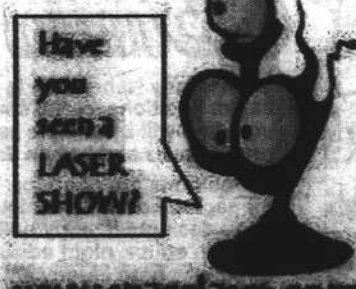
The girl was abducted near the intersection of 33rd and Holdrege streets at about 9:50 p.m., Beggs said. A man in a car drove next to her, demanded she get in the car and, when she walked away, got out of the car and forced her into the passenger seat, Beggs said.

They then drove to an unknown location momentarily before driving to an apartment building at 41st and Huntington streets, Beggs said.

The man then took the 13-year-old into the building's laundry room and sexually assaulted her, Beggs said.

Before the man attempted to have sex with the 13-year-old, she escaped from the laundry room and was able to locate a man walking nearby, Beggs said. Police were called at 10:59 p.m.

Police are looking for a 5-foot-5 black male in his late 20s with short black hair, weighing about 150 pounds. His car is a small brown four-door, Beggs said.



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