

LEGISLATURE Governor signs bill against tobacco

■ Bill will put \$21 million toward preventing, curbing tobacco use.

By Jill Zeman
Staff writer

Gov. Mike Johanns took a step forward in the fight against tobacco Wednesday when he signed a bill granting \$21 million for the prevention of tobacco use.

Johanns signed LB1436, which was introduced Jan. 20 by Sen. Ardyce Bohlke of Hastings. The bill was advanced by members of the Legislature on Friday.

The bill offers \$21 million to be spent over three years to help prevent people from smoking and help others quit, said Chris Peterson, spokesman for the governor.

Nebraska's Health and Human Services Department is in charge of how the money will be spent, he said.

Possibilities include anti-smoking projects in communities and schools as well as TV campaigns aimed at curbing tobacco use, he said.

The bill also creates a competition for high school students, who will be asked to submit proposals on the prevention of teen smoking. The designer of the winning proposal will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to be used at any of Nebraska's colleges or universities, Bohlke said.

"The governor believes this legislation has tremendous potential to improve the health of the people of Nebraska by reducing and preventing tobacco usage," Peterson said.

The bill is funded by money received from settlements with tobacco companies, he said.

Other states that use tobacco company settlement money for prevention projects have seen a significant drop in tobacco use, Peterson said.

"Nebraska's plan will be among the most aggressive (compared to other states) when it comes to money spent per capita," he said.

Forensics team ready for nationals

By Raymond Rinkol
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At the bottom of the stairs in Burnett Hall, performers and coaches of the Cornhusker Forensics team stood waiting to begin their final dress rehearsal before the national competition that was merely a week away.

The men wore khakis with button-down shirts, while the women wore sleek suits and summer dresses.

They dressed like a team, they listened as a team, and before they left to practice their speeches, they huddled as a team around their coaches, listened to their words of experience and then cheered in unison:

"Cornhuskers Ho!"

The Cornhusker Forensics Team is preparing for its performances in the American Forensics

Association's annual national competition, which will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this year.

The final round of speeches will be in the Nebraska Union on Monday, but the beginning rounds will start on Saturday and run through Sunday at buildings all over campus.

Christina Foust, one of two associate directors of forensics, said that the competition is the NCAA of forensics. She said it is difficult for a performer to make it to nationals.

In order to qualify for nationals, a performer must place in the top three in at least three different tournaments or qualify in the highly competitive district meet, she said.

This year's Cornhusker team is sending 14 members to nationals, said the team's captain, Sam Boerboom, who will be in five

events at nationals.

Fourteen is a high number to be going, he said, considering that in past years, the Cornhuskers have typically sent seven or eight people.

"Recruiting was good and, also, coaching was good," said Boerboom, a senior English and communications major.

Jeffrey McCune, the team's coach, along with two associate directors and the debate coach, have helped members become stronger performers in their events by engaging in dozens of 30-minute individual coaching sessions and by scheduling competitive meets, like one in Washington, D.C., in February, Foust said.

The team vice president, Katie Kock, a junior communications and psychology major, said during Saturday's dress rehearsal: "We are trying to make it as much like a

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associate director of forensics

national round as we can."

The Cornhuskers predict Foust is capable of finishing in the top 10 of the national performance.

Foust said she has been satisfied with the team's effort this year.

"The team has bonded together to overcome circumstances," she said. "Everyone has improved as a performer and improved as a person."

ASUN executives, senators inducted

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"She worked diligently to find the issues that weren't exactly mainstream," Schuerman said, referring to Hoover's efforts toward giving a voice to all minority students, including students of color and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

"Fighting for a minority sometimes takes the work of the majority and the majority giving up some of its rights," Hoover said.

After the award, Rachelle Winkle, ASUN's 1999-2000 first vice president, administered the oath of office to the 2000-2001 senators, student court members, Committee for Fees Allocations representatives and the Appointments Board members.

Later in the ceremony, Winkle swore Peterson into the office of first vice president and gave her final remarks.

Winkle said she gave up a lot during her term.

"Every sacrifice I made was worth it," Winkle said.

Trisha Meuret, second vice president for 1999-2000, also swore in her successor and gave a list of her top-13 favorite moments during her term.

Many of her favorite moments dealt with fighting with other members of ASUN, especially with

Schuerman, on topics about which she had strong opinions.

Topping her list was, "fighting with Andy when he says 'good morning' to me."

Schuerman, who swore in Schafer as president, said he felt confident about Schafer's abilities in office.

"We are indeed in good hands," Schuerman said.

After Schafer was sworn in, state Sen. Matt Connealy of Decatur gave Schafer the oath of office of student regent at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Schafer said that his being elected into office is symbolic of many things.

"The message of our election is that any student, if they choose, can be a part of ASUN," Schafer said.

"I have felt like an insignificant person in the machine of the university."

He said that now that he has been elected president of ASUN he has a different outlook on the university.

"I am humbled and honored to serve as president of ASUN and of the students of the University of Nebraska," Schafer said.

He then presented an Admiralship to the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska to Schuerman.

After receiving the award, Schuerman thanked those who

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helped, supported and inspired him through quotes from the book "Mentors, Masters and Mrs. McGregor." But Schuerman's emotions took over when it came to thanking his parents.

"There were no words in this book or any other that can describe what they did for me," Schuerman said, choked up with tears, "other than thank you."

Professor's piano recital to be aired

From Staff Reports

The sounds of UNL professor Paul Barnes' piano playing will be broadcast nationally tonight.

Excerpts from Barnes' March 19 recital will be featured on the nationally syndicated show "Performance Today," which can be heard locally on KUCV 90.9 FM.

Barnes said that this show was the most prestigious forum an artist could be heard in. The broadcast will provide national exposure for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and its music school.

Barnes' recital featured the work of Philip Glass, the well-known New York composer. Barnes said he worked with Glass to translate some of the songs in the recital.

Barnes will be featured during the second hour of the show with selections from "Orpheus" and "Monsters of Grace."

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Michael Mason made two national television appearances on TNN, and he also opened the show for many top Country entertainers, including Keith Whitley, Charlie Pride, Ty Herndon, Dolly Parton, Marti Haggard, Lisa Brokop, Jeff Carson, Toby Keith, and John Anderson.