

Officials ponder inquiry

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consecutive, two-year term on the board, said he understood the Daily Nebraskan's argument, but his board is bound by university policy.

"I see (the Daily Nebraskan's) point entirely," Hanson said. "If (the newspaper) takes that point to (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James) Griesen's office and pressures him, I'm sure the procedures could be changed."

Neither Griesen nor Blum was available for comment Monday.

This fall the campus newspaper asked UNL officials to release the names of students, the violations they were charged with and any disciplinary actions taken under Nebraska's open records law.

In 1998, Congress amended the Higher Education Act to clarify that disciplinary records pertaining to violent crimes and sex offenses should not be considered part of a student's confidential educational record.

UNL and the state attorney general's office refused the campus newspaper's request. Attorneys for the university and the state cited an exception to

Nebraska's open records law that does not require the release of a student's personal record.

Faltin said that he would be concerned if information concerning students charged with violations of the student code were released before Judicial Affairs ruled on their cases, but after the outcomes, he would support a release of the decision.

"I would have to say in that case I totally agree with (the Daily Nebraskan)," Faltin said.

Student Press Law Center staff attorney Mike Hiestand compared UNL's Judicial Affairs system to England's court of the Star Chamber, which handled cases arbitrarily and in secret.

"Nowhere in America are secret judicial systems, such as that on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, allowed to exist," Hiestand said.

Public accountability is the only way to ensure that the system is operating fairly, Hiestand said.

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Students Press Law Center staff attorney

plinary proceedings should be kept confidential for educational reasons because the office of Judicial Affairs has extended its authority beyond academic matters to crimes.

The Arlington, Va., Student Press Law Center is a national legal advocacy group for student media.

Former Judicial Board member Faltin also questioned the university's commitment to maintaining a student's privacy.

"They don't seem to care about people's privacy off campus, why do they care about it now?" he asked.

Bookstores flooded after win

It wasn't the holiday season but the Colorado game that brought hordes of people in.

BY VERONICA DAEHN

The University Bookstore was busy Friday, but not because of shoppers hitting after Thanksgiving Day sales.

Unlike other stores across the state, shoppers weren't lined up outside the doors at 7 a.m. But they did pile in before and after the Husker's home-game victory against Colorado, said John Beane, director of the bookstore.

"We were busy Friday, but it wasn't too much to do with Christmas shopping," Beane said.

Stan Vala, general manager of Nebraska Bookstore, said the same was true for his store.

"We were very busy Friday, particularly after the game," he said. "There were long, long lines."

Both bookstores offered a promotion Friday where customers received a 1 percent discount for each point the Huskers won by.

Vala attributed the 2 percent discount to the increased business after the game.

Beane said Christmas season was busy at the University

Bookstore but not any more so than any other time.

The bookstore doesn't have promotions for the holiday, he said.

"We don't need to push (customers) that much to come in," Beane said. "They do that as an automatic."

Both bookstores are gearing up for Book Buyback, which begins Monday.

The University Bookstore offers up to 60 percent of the purchase price for used books.

Nebraska Bookstore has done the same in the past.

Vala said there was a food drive in the works for the Nebraska Bookstore.

Starting later this week or next week, customers can bring in a canned food item and receive 20 percent off a piece of Husker clothing, he said.

But the big pull for the Nebraska Bookstore is following and promoting the Huskers, Vala said. Future promotions will depend on the Husker's bowl game bid.

Vala said sales were strong lately. Hot selling items are polar fleeces and ceramic Santa Husker statues.

The University Bookstore is looking forward to Customer Appreciation Days, which will be Dec. 4-5. Holiday items will be 25 percent off on those two days,

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and customers spending more than \$10 will get a free Hallmark card.

The University Bookstore's top sellers are sweatshirts, T-shirts and baseball hats, Beane said.

UNL alumni want items like that around Christmas time, he said.

Erin Alzuri, cashier supervisor at University Bookstore, said the store was always more busy on gameday.

After the game on Friday, the store was especially busy, she said.

"We had six or seven registers open," Alzuri said. "We planned ahead, so there weren't more than three people in a line at a time."

The rush wasn't unusual for a gameday, she said.

"It probably wasn't because of Thanksgiving or Christmas."

Law & Order

Infant son of 16-year-old mother found dead

A Lincoln woman awoke Sunday morning to find her 6-week-old son had stopped breathing. Later the boy was pronounced dead.

The 16-year-old mother called paramedics just after 9:30 a.m., Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

The mother told police she fell asleep on the couch on the 4600 block of Stockwell Drive with her son lying on her chest early Sunday morning. When she awoke, the boy was not breathing, Finnell said.

An autopsy was scheduled for Monday to determine the cause of death, but the Lancaster County Attorney's office did not receive any preliminary results.

Two freshmen ticketed for drug possession and paraphernalia

University Police ticketed two students for drug offenses in Harper Residence Hall on Sunday night after a resident assistant reported the smell of marijuana smoke.

The resident assistant called police after smelling the smoke during a floor check about 10:45 p.m., University Police Assistant Chief Mylo Bushing said.

When the officer arrived, he smelled a mix of marijuana smoke and air freshener in the 10th-floor hallway. Five people were in the room.

The officer got permission to enter the room, and on request, one of the students produced a small bag of suspected marijuana, and another pulled cigarette-rolling papers out of his pocket.

Two freshmen, both from Omaha, were cited. Patrick Prendergast, 18, was cited for possession of

marijuana less than an ounce. Michael Iacabazzi, 19, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fan caught with marijuana, paraphernalia at football game

A Texas man was ticketed for drug possession at the Nebraska-Colorado game Friday after police spotted him smoking marijuana.

A community service officer stopped the 25-year-old man after he was seen smoking a small pipe on one of the stadium ramps near gate 24 at 11:30 a.m., Bushing said.

Police escorted the man out of Memorial Stadium and found the pipe and a film canister containing suspected marijuana, Bushing said.

Tadd Balfour was ticketed for possession of less than an ounce of the drug and drug paraphernalia.

Pipe sets off courthouse metal detectors, spurs arrest

Lancaster County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Lincoln man Wednesday after he tried to pass through the county court metal detectors while carrying a small metal pipe and narcotics.

Sheriff Terry Wagner said the 20-year-old man, Nathan Anton, was trying to make a court date but set off the metal detectors on the way in.

When deputies swept over the man's body with a hand-held metal detector, they found a small pipe in his back pocket, Wagner said.

After the man emptied his pockets, deputies found small amounts of suspected marijuana and methamphetamine concealed in a hard pack of cigarettes.

Anton was jailed last week. Compiled by Josh Funk

Constitution reform on horizon

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picked randomly from a list, said Public Affairs Sen. Elizabeth Elliott.

"Basically it will be pull-out-of-the-hat spot," she said.

Gamez said he wants people who put their name on the list to be knowledgeable about ASUN's current constitution.

"Hopefully they already have an idea about what they want to change in the ASUN constitu-

tion," he said.

The only prerequisites for the people chosen is that they be able to make the set meeting times - 6:30 p.m. on Fridays - for the convention.

To be put on the list of names to be picked from, students should go to the ASUN office in Nebraska Union, Elliott said.

After the bylaw passes, ASUN won't be tied up with the remodeling of the constitution, said

"As a body, the only part ASUN will have in the convention is passing the bylaw," he said.

Trees won't smell like holidays

UNL's Landscape Services uses fox urine to deter thieves from campus "Christmas" trees.

BY VERONICA DAEHN

Those hoping to save money this holiday season by chopping down a University of Nebraska-Lincoln evergreen tree for Christmas won't like what they find - or smell.

UNL's Landscape Services sprayed almost 150 "Christmas" trees with fox urine last week to deter would-be thieves.

Kirby Baird, City Campus manager for Landscape Services, said the university has been spraying the trees with fox urine for the past 10 years. But despite the smell, trees are still stolen just about every year.

"I don't know what else we can do," Baird said.

A Landscape Services team sprayed all pine, spruce and fir trees under 25-feet tall with the fox urine, glycerin and water mixture.

On an average winter day, the smell isn't detectable. But when the temperature reaches 50 degrees, the urine really starts to stink, he said.

Inside a warm house, the smell would be terrible.

There haven't been any problems with missing trees this

year, Baird said. But there's still time for thieves to act.

"It can happen any time before Christmas," he said. "It just depends on when people get in the spirit of cutting down a tree."

Baird didn't want to blame just students. It could be anyone, he said. In fact, on-campus students aren't likely culprits because they have no place to put the tree, he said.

About 12 to 15 years ago, two students who lived in Abel Residence Hall were caught chopping down a 20-foot tree, Baird said. The two had brought the top eight to nine feet of the tree into the residence hall and were caught by the residence director.

The students worked to pay off the expense of the tree.

Anyone caught stealing a tree will be prosecuted, Baird said.

UNL isn't the only place that protects its trees by spraying them with fox urine.

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department uses it on some of its trees, Baird said.

Kathy Smith, an employee at Turkey Creek Furs and Recycling in Crete, where UNL buys its fox urine, said the substance was a big seller with golfers, farmers and hunters.

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who need to keep things away," Smith said.

A gallon of fox urine from Turkey Creek Furs and Recycling costs \$21, she said.

This year, UNL used a little more than a gallon, Baird said.

"It goes a long ways," he said.

Jeff Culbertson, East Campus manager for Landscape Services, said he checked on Sunday and didn't see any missing trees on that campus.

He said he would look again today.

It doesn't make sense to steal UNL's trees, Baird said.

"They don't get to enjoy the tree after they do it anyway," he said.

"You wouldn't want to have that in your house very long."



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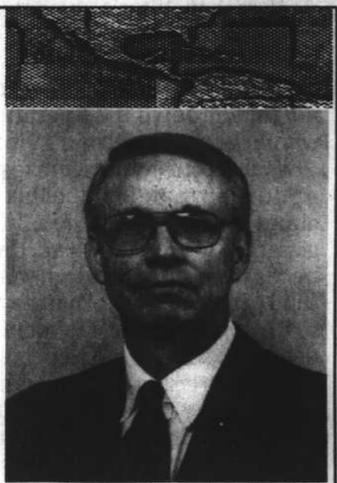
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