## Health Center budget includes more health aids

By Lori McGinnis

Officials from the University Health Center appeared before the Committee for Fees Allocation Tuesday night and requested a budget requiring more than \$2 more per semester of individual student fees.

Steve Blom, administrator of the health center, requested almost 1.5 million in 1981-82 student fees. The request would require \$35 from each student per semester in fees. The 1980-81 amount was \$32.62 per student.

"We feel that a 7.3 percent increase is a realistic budget request," Blom told the committee.

One of the areas highlighted in the budget was a request of 50 more healtiaids, making a total of 150.

A health aid is a student living in a residence hall or Greek house who has taken a health course and is trained in first aid and minor health care.

Increasing the number would give each

floor a health aid. A need for this exists because about 85 percent of the visits to a health aid come from the floor that the aid lives on. Bloom said fifteen percent of the visits are from another floor.

Dr. Garland Bare, medical director of the health center, agreed that more health aids are needed.

"We found out a female student would not go to a health aid on a male floor and vice versa," Bare said.

Health aids receive \$5 a week for their services and increasing the number of aids would add more than \$10,000 to the health center budget.

If the number of health aids wasn't increased, however, Blom said more professional staff would have to be added at the health center.

Another highlight of the budget is a \$30,000 request for capital expenditures. These expenditures, which were not included in the 80-81 budget, would be used for new technology, fund equipment depreciation, contingency equipment needs and bond fund support.

Pharmacy services in the health center, which have used fees for the past eight years, will not use fee money in 81-82. Blom said. Last year \$20,000 was budgeted for this service. Eliminating a position and raising some prices have taken away the need for fee money, he said.

The request for \$518,307 in operating expenses is more than \$74,000 over the 80-81 budget allowance. These expenses include utilities, health aids, supplies and capital expenditures.

"The medical field is really going through the ceiling in expenses," Blom

Bare said the use of the health center has increased, especially during January because of the incidence of flu.

"We indeed have Bangkok flu on this campus," Bare said.

When asked by CFA member Becky Stingley whether all health center programs are necessary, Bare said it depends on what programs the students are willing

Nearly all the programs have support, he said, adding that cutting some of them might harm the health center's accreditation as one of the top in the nation.

"I believe excellence in Nebraska ought to go beyond athletics," Bare said.

In other action, the committee accepted a subcommittee recommendation for a tentative allocation of \$82,278.70 for the University Program Council budget. The recommendation is \$525 lower than UPC requested.

The \$525 was requested by UPC for a regional performing artist in the UPC-City budget. It was thought by CFA members to be a duplication of services provided through a performing arts assistance subsidy.

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They include accepting retainer fees on a permanent or yearly basis as a professional consultant, accepting employment requiring an average of more than two days per month other than weekends or offduty hours, charging fees for work done in university buildings with university equipment and materials or providing professional services for pay to departments or agencies of state government.

Wood said that if an employee fails to comply with the procedures as outlined, he could be subject to university disciplinary measures, although Epley will not be disciplined.

Wood said he doubts that many misuse of state property violations occur. He emphasized the necessity of faculty research which would utilize university facilities such as typing pools or computers or equipment in an attempt to have something published.

"Publication is very much expected,"

Wood said. "Faculty members are expected to do that. It's a condition of employment. Having a secretary do typing as an extra activity I don't think constitutes a

"The important thing is that any member should obtain permission required under the bylaws."

Larry Andrews, assistant to the chancellor, said grant and contract reports are made regularly to the regents.

He said the majority of consulting contracts are approved directly by the campus chancellors rather than the regents.

Andrews said some departments do more consulting work than others and that in many instances it is done in such a way that it is unnecessary to report it.

"In my capacity as an education professor, I used to go to high schools for teacher's meetings in the afternoons," Andrews said. "It did not occur to me to report that. I doubt it is a violation, I just thought it was part of my job to do things Let your old jeans help you buy new ones

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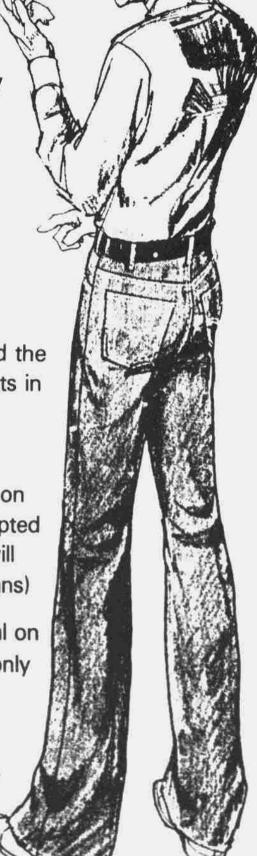
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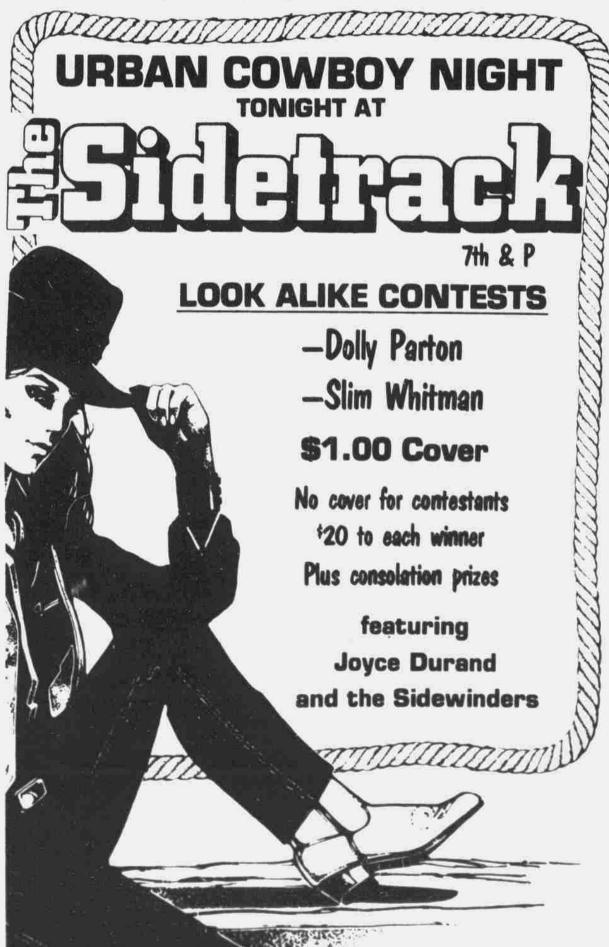
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