

Renewal of stipends dependent on ranking

If a student receives an upperclass Regents scholarship it does not necessarily mean the scholarship will be renewed the next year if the student's grade point average (GPA) improves, according to Ron Fritz, UNL assistant director of scholarships and financial aid.

All UNL students have percentile rankings computed within their class in their college. The Scholarships and Financial Aids Office ranks by percentiles those students applying for the upperclass Regents scholarships.

Scholarships then are awarded to those students having the highest percentile rankings, regardless of their college.

In a class of 100 students in a particular college, the student with the fifth highest GPA would have a percentile ranking of 95. In a class of 200, the student with the seventh highest grade point average would have a percentile ranking of 96. Although the first student might have a higher grade point average, the second has a higher percentile ranking.

For example, Fritz said, the GPAs of students in the college of Engineering may not be as high as those students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The engineering students are as qualified academically, but because of the course demands, they have more difficulty earning a high GPA, he said.

Phi Eta Sigma scholarships now available

Graduating seniors who plan to work for graduate degrees and who are members of Phi Eta Sigma freshman honorary society should contact Leslie Hewes, Avery 318, about possible scholarships.

National Phi Eta Sigma honor society will offer 13 \$300 scholarships this year. National deadline for applications is March 1; local deadline is Feb. 22.

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to a letter sent by the committee to the firm on Jan. 28.

Existing plans call for a 75,000 square-foot Union, and so far, the Union's size hasn't been reduced because of inflation, according to Swanson.

"If any undue delays occur between now and the contract bidding time," he said, "then we may begin to inch out of the \$3 million figure." That may mean building a smaller Union or using lower quality building materials, Swanson said.

It depends on how quickly the committee and the architect can agree on preliminary plans and convert them to working drawings for bidding, Swanson said.

Construction will start in October 1974 instead of the earlier proposed date of July 1974, because acceptance of the preliminary drawings by the committee is behind schedule, he said.

The new Union should be finished by March 1976, but probably will not open until September 1976 because of inactivity on campus during summer.

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