

\$7.88 increase in student fees recommended

By Wes Albers

If the Fee Allocations Board (FAB) has its way, UNL students will be paying more in student fees next fall than ever before.

The board voted Sunday to recommend a \$7.88 per student, per semester increase in fees. It also recommended that six programs no longer be fee supported, according to FAB chairman Dave Morrison.

A full-time student now pays \$51.50 per semester in fees. If approved, the

increase would be the first since 1968.

The board's recommendations go first to Ken Bader, vice chancellor of student affairs, and to UNL Chancellor James Zumberge before final consideration by the Board of Regents.

According to Morrison, a \$4.49 increase is designated for the University Health Center (UHC), 48 cents for the Nebraska Union, 91 cents for the Recreation Dept. and \$4.63 for unallocated fees.

A FAB subcommittee had recommended a \$4 per student, per semester increase for UHC, \$2 for the Nebraska Union, \$1 for the Recreation Dept. and \$3 for unallocated fees.

"The only place we actually asked a fee increase to increase services was in the unallocated category," Morrison said Tuesday. "Everywhere else the increase is needed simply to maintain present programs in the face of inflation."

He said the 48 cent increase per student per semester for the Nebraska Union is misleading because the Union Program Council (UPC) now is being funded separately.

According to Morrison, the board also has recommended that \$185,389 of the fees collected be allocated to the A-1 funding category (covers UPC, the Daily Nebraskan, ASUN and student organizations.)

Such funding would depend on approval of the proposed fees increase, he said. Only \$118,000 would be available for the A-1 category if the increase is not approved, he said.

Forty-two student organizations applied to the FAB for funding by student fees. The organizations will be contacted by mail by Friday as to how

much, if any, they have been appropriated, Morrison said.

Final approval of the appropriations will be made by Zumberge. Appeals by student organizations must be made to the Council on Student Life.

The board also recommended that fee support for six programs be discontinued because "they could be self-sufficient or are organizations which perhaps are not a legitimate function of student fee funding."

Programs recommended for discontinuation of funds are the Overseas Opportunities Center, the Travel Flight program, the New Student Program, the Placement Office, the Alumni Assoc. and the Health Education Program.

"It's not that we have anything against any of these programs," Morrison said. "It's just that we felt there are probably better methods of funding them."

According to Morrison, cutting the six programs from fee support will save \$119,850. An increase in fees of \$10.51 would be needed if those programs were left in, he said.

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Finals week—pressure's on

By Rebecca Britz

For most Lincoln citizens, next Monday will be simply the beginning of another working week—possibly exciting, probably ho-hum and nothing to think twice about.

But for more than 20,000 UNL students, May 6 is Black Monday, and its advent is dreaded almost universally. May 5 begins a week of final exams at UNL.

Wondering how different students prepare for the week, a Daily Nebraskan reporter roamed the streets and sidewalks of the city campus Tuesday and questioned a variety of haggard, bleary-eyed individuals.

Answers to the question, "How do you study for finals?" were diverse and sometimes surprising.

The *modus operandi* of the upperclass student appears to differ considerably from that of the freshman. Of the more than 20 students interviewed, all of those in their junior and senior years said they preferred the "procrastination method," which involves putting off till the last minute everything which should have been done earlier in the semester.

"I have a research project due in a week, which was assigned at the beginning of the semester," one senior woman said. "I'll probably start work on it over the weekend."

In contrast, most freshman students and some sophomores said they had kept up on course reading and projects fairly regularly through the semester.

However, one freshman and two sophomores said they were beginning to wonder if it was "really worth the hassle."

"It seems like I miss out on so much, busting my ass over those books every night," the freshman said.

The two sophomores concurred.

"I'm beginning to discover that I do just as well, if not better, on the exams that I cram for (as opposed to those consistently studied for)," a sophomore woman said. "So I'm starting to wonder if I shouldn't just spend most of the year having fun."

One graduate student professed to be a wholehearted supporter of the procrastination method.

"The only course I've studied for regularly this semester is one in which I had to turn in weekly assignments," he said.

A junior and a first semester senior were the only upperclassmen interviewed who disagreed with their fellows' endorsements of procrastination.

"You just don't learn as much by cramming," the senior said. "And I really question the idea that you can make just as good grades by cramming."

The junior, an engineering student, agreed.

"Maybe they can get away with it over there (in the College of Arts and Sciences), but you just can't make it in a professional field unless you keep up with the work," he said.

All the students interviewed were asked whether their study habits took any peculiar turns during finals preparation. Almost all said the increased stress produced some idiosyncrasies in study methods.

The smokers in the group said their cigaret consumption increases by anywhere from 1/2 to two packs a day. Chain-smoking seemed to crop up during particularly heavy study sessions.

"Especially when I'm typing," one graduate student said. "I always have a cigaret burning in the ashtray by the typewriter, and sometimes I have two."

"I chew gum," said a nonsmoking junior woman. "I'll go through as many as three big packs a day during finals."

"Juicyfruit is my favorite," she added, "but I'll chew Doublemint in a pinch."

Another graduate student said he often talks to himself while studying, and "I write little notes to myself on any scrap of paper I can find. I usually lose them, but it helps to write things down."

One junior woman said that, as finals near, she becomes "a compulsive listmaker."

"I have to sit down every two or three hours and write down all the things I have to do for the next two or three hours, or I get completely lost," she said, with a slightly ragged edge to her voice.

The use of "speed," or amphetamines, to stay awake while studying has nearly disappeared, according to four seniors who have been at UNL at least three years.

"It used to be, in the dorm, that everyone was strung out on diet pills for two weeks straight," a senior woman said. "Now most people I know just use No-Doz or Vivarin."

"I prefer yoga, myself," she added.

The four seniors also agreed that, since the University changed to shorter semesters and more concentrated final exam weeks two years ago, pressure during finals has increased considerably.

"It's easier in the spring, I guess," one man said. "You know that once those exams are over, you've got three months to lie around in the sun and never look at a book."

"Unless, of course, you're going to go to summer school," he added.



Staff's carpools set up

Following the leads of legislators and employes at the Capitol, UNL has set up a carpooling system. Originally initiated by the Nebraska Jaycees, the Energy Conservation Carpool Operation (ECCO) is a movement by local citizens to clear congested streets and conserve fuel.

"When we became aware of the program being carried on at the Capitol, we thought we'd try to put one into effect here," said Gai Gade, director of Campus Security and Traffic.

Gade said about 4,500 letters, explaining the carpool operation, and forms were sent out to University faculty and staff.

"Two thousand people responded," said Ray Coffey, assistant business manager of business and finance;

"however, when we finished the computer processing only 1,101 forms were valid.

"There were a lot of simple errors made on the data to be programmed. For example, 150 forms lacked addresses, so we were unable to send the printouts back," Coffey said.

The printouts showed the names and phone numbers of other interested carpoolers who live in the recipients' neighborhoods and park in the same area at UNL.

Gade said the program now would be left up to people who received printouts.

Gade said there are two incentives for carpoolers to consider beside high gas prices: reduced cost when sharing the

price of a \$25 parking permit and priority for desirable parking spaces given to carpools.

Coffey said a similar carpool program also had been considered for students. At the same time forms were being sent to University faculty and staff, a booth advertising a separate student carpool was set up in the North Union.

"If I was a bit disappointed with the adult carpool, this second attempt was disastrous," Coffey said.

"We placed an ad in the Daily Nebraskan and two meter maids were in the booth for three mornings. Out of 20,000 student on this campus, do you know how many were interested in carpooling?" he asked.

"Seventeen."