

Workshop develops leadership

Editor's note: Janie Erdenberger is an ASUN senator from Arts and Sciences.

A student leadership experience is not just for those members of the academic minority who already are leaders. Nor is it just for those students aspiring to such heights.

Instead, a student leadership conference, such as the one sponsored by ASUN and the UNL Student Alumni Board this Thursday through Sunday, serves a much more personal, worthwhile purpose.

The conference, to be held in the Nebraska Union, with representatives from an 11-state region, is composed of two parts. The first of these, conducted by Student Leadership Services of Minneapolis, covers a variety of leadership skills.

These range from exercises dealing with group participation, cohesion and decisionmaking to learning and practicing skills of discussion, leading and directing. These abilities are useful not only in government leadership roles, but also apply to any part of a student's academic career.

The second half of the conference is sponsored by ASUN and will use a wide variety of campus and out-of-state resources. It will involve a series of workshops and presentations dealing more specifically with individual student concerns. Topics such as the political inference of student government, student groups and student fees, concerns of women and minorities as related to student government and goal decision making will be offered.

An experience such as the leadership conference offers could be of value to any student. It will pertain not only to the student interested in the rolls of various university institutions, but also to the student interested in his personal contribution to the academic community.

It is through opportunities such as this that the calibre of student groups and student leaders may be raised. Even more necessary, skills of individuals can be improved as well. Couldn't you benefit from such an experience? Wouldn't the university gain from your improvement?

Janie Erdenberger

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Alumni fees defended

UNL students Don Waiters, Betsy Anderson, John Erickson, Sara Leroy, Dave McBride, Leanne Merrell and Judith-Anne Sadler are members of the Student Alumni Board.

In last Thursday's *Daily Nebraskan* (Oct. 10), Mary Jenkins' letter criticized the allocation of student fees money to the UNL Student Alumni Board. She stated that "I, for one, resent the fact that student fees are supporting an alumni organization, not to mention some of the programs it funds."

We are glad to see her concern for the way the money is spent, but as an ASUN senator, she should realize this is the same group that granted ASUN \$2,500 for its Student Leadership Conference, helping to cut the cost of the conference for UNL students.

In all of the literature and in two out of three letters ASUN sent to students, the Student Alumni Board was never mentioned. This points out that, on the one hand, ASUN is concerned about the money the board got, but on the other hand, it is the first to come to the board for money.

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The goals which board members have agreed to seek are:

—To provide and encourage student programming and activities which strengthen UNL as an educational and cultural institution.

—To promote awareness and cooperation among students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Student alumni associations have enhanced other universities in the United States, and we hope to follow their example. In the Oct. 4 *Daily Nebraskan*, Iowa State's increased enrollment was mentioned. At a recent convention there, the administrators pointed out that their student alumni group was mostly responsible for the increase.

We hope to build an organization that is just as strong and effective. Therefore, we hope ASUN, as well as other students, will seek more information before criticizing us.

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