

# Better service, cost cuts push CSO, Rec merger

By Betsie Ammons

The UNL center for Students and Organizations (CSO) and the Recreation Dept. have been combined this fall to provide more efficient service to students and to cut operation costs, said Dan Steller, CSO director.

The combination is a result of discussion between officials from the Office of Student Development and Student Affairs, Steller said.

The CSO, Nebraska Union 200, plans freshman orientation and operates the Student Organization Bank, which handles all student organization business transactions, and the Community Involvement Services. It also advises officers of chartered student organizations on operation procedures, and helps people begin new student groups.

### 'Too specialized'

Steller said he thinks the CSO and the Recreation Dept. alone were "too specialized." He said he hopes the merger will end that specialization and give the students a central location to learn about all campus activities.

He added that other campus activity offices may merge if this proves successful.

Although the Recreation Dept. staff still is located at 17th and Vine streets, the staffs of the two offices were combined and their jobs redefined, Steller said.

The consolidated offices makes the employees' jobs easier, he said. Instead of the Recreation Dept. handling its own accounts and then placing money in the organization bank, the CSO now can handle all bookkeeping for the Recreation Dept., he said.

### No new staff hired

No additional staff members were hired when the offices were combined this fall, Steller said. In addition, he said, no new facilities were needed to accommodate the enlarged department.

The Flights and Study Tours and Overseas Student Association offices, formerly located in the CSO office, were reassigned to Nebraska Union 345 and combined with the International Educational Services office.

People from the reorganized CSO office are looking for a name to describe the services they provide to students.

Steller said he is "not entirely satisfied" with the separate titles of the offices.

In addition to restructuring their office, CSO officials also devised a new plan to assist student organizations. Groups now can take material they need mimeographed to CSO and employees will reproduce them at no charge to the club. The organization must provide paper.

Information brought to the CSO office by 10 a.m. probably will be printed by 3 p.m. the same day, he said. He added the groups must prepare their own stencils.

# Bicentennial accents Women/Speak

Women's Perspectives on the Bicentennial" will headline this semester's Women/Speak series sponsored by the Student Y. The programs, ranging from the "Native American Woman" to "Women's Historic Culture," begin Sept. 14, according to Carole Gourlay, director of the Student Y.

Various speakers are slated to talk at the programs held every Tuesday at noon, Gourlay said. Admission is free.

Other programs offered this year include a Family Speakers Bureau, which uses student volunteers for speaking engagements on matters of sexuality, she said.

A sexuality workshop is planned for Oct. 8 and 9 at the Downtown YMCA, sponsored by the Student Y and Planned Parenthood, she added.

Programs involving volunteer work in prisons and programming to deal with racism are still in the planning process, according to Gourlay.

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