FAB approves additional \$1.50 fees increase

By John Minnick

The Fees Allocation Board (FAB) approved a student fees increase of \$1.50 for 1977-78, Thursday night. This increase is in addition to the already approved \$6.32 increase.

Nate Eckloff, FAB chairman, said student fees will be increased \$7.82 next year. He said \$3.50 of the increase will be used to pay off a union debt.

Eckloff said an additional 35 cents will cover a deficit from last year. This deficit was caused by changing enrollment when the 1975-76 FAB estimated that there would be more full-time students than part-time students this year. Two cents of the increase will go into the contingency fund, Eckloff said.

The rest of the increase will go toward funding student organizations.

Eckloff said he is in favor of recommending to the vice chancellor that next year student funds go only to fund the three largest fees users, the *Daily Nebraskan*, ASUN and the Union Program Council.

FAB recommended that \$243,530 be spent to finance the clubs and organizations requesting funds at the university.

"We were trying to aim for \$200,000 this year, but we just discovered it was too late to do anything to stop an increase," Eckloff said.

FAB was unable to meet an April 30 deadline to send its recommendations to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Richard Armstrong and was granted an extension to May 7.

The board also did not take action on board member Skip Walter's recommendation to cut the budget for ASUN from \$67,609 to \$32,156.

"We didn't take any action on the ASUN allocation because we would not have allowed ASUN due process," Eckloff said.

The board listened to several student group appeals Thursday night and made the following changes; \$420 to Soccer Club, from a previous allocation of \$0, \$400 to the Gay Action Group, from a previous allocation of \$0, \$500 to International Club, from a previous allocation of \$300.

The board also approved an increase for the Women's Resource Center from \$1,725 to \$3,497, \$400 to Delta Sigma Rho from a previous allocation of \$0, \$600 to the Nebraska Public Interest Research Group (NUPIRG) over a previous allotment of \$250 and a \$150 increase to the Society of Women Engineers over a previous allotment of \$0.

The board refused to change the allocations of the Horticulture Club, Rugby Club, and the Engineering Board E-Week Committee.

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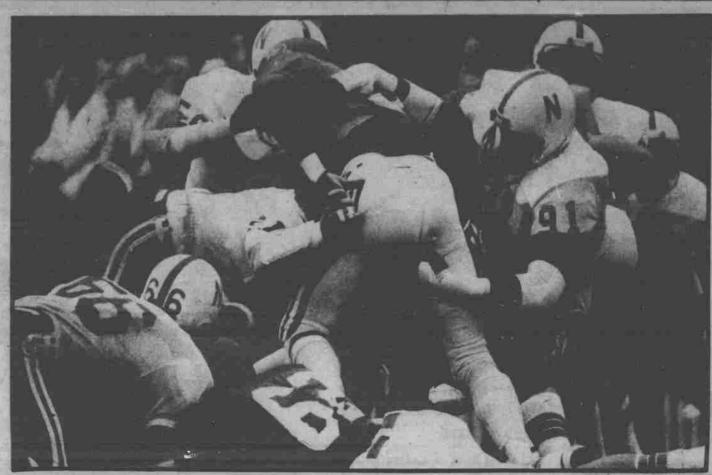


Photo by Kevin Higler

Who says football players don't have a sense of humor? During one of last year's scrimmages Ron Pruitt broke everyone up when he playfully pinched redshirt Elmer Goins. Goins has since left football and joined the Vienna Boys Choir as lead soprano. For more humor, see the Daily Halfasskan joke issue starting on p. 7.

Grade posting alternatives given

The practice of posting UNL students' grades, even if by social security number, is in most cases a violation of the Buckley Rights to Privacy Act passed in 1974, according to UNL's ombudsman.

Allan Dittmer said the Buckley Act means that at no point is a student to be indentified when student records are involved, including both grades and social security numbers.

Dittmer suggested instead that teachers give the students their grades individually, or use code names. At the least, he said teachers should only use partial social security numbers. Dittmer said the law defines addresses, names of parents, social security numbers and anything else that could be "easily traceable" as indentifying characteristics. These are not to be used when educational records are involved, he added.

While the law appears to be clear on the subject, there is no university policy concerning how grades are to be posted.

Dittmer said the closest thing to a policy statement was written in 1975 by then Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader. Dittmer said it was more or less a summary of the Buckley Act and did not include specific recommendations.

Butz says he prefers exchanging bushels, not bullets

By Dawn Baxter

Food is the most powerful tool in development of world peace, according to former secretary of agriculture Ford Butz

In a Thursday press conference at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, Butz said he preferred the "exchange of bushels to the exchange of bullets.

"When countries are dependent on the U.S. for food, we've got them where it hurts," he said.

At UNL as part of the Distinguished Lectureship series sponsored by Beatrice Foods, Butz said he advocated a market system for foreign exchange, where there would be no minimum price for grain and no grain reserve. "We're becoming a residual storehouse of grain for the

world," Butz said. "We say we won't sell grain below a set price. Other countries are selling large quantities of it at a lower price and we're left with grain to store."

Butz said that in making food the tool for world peace, the farmer should not be used as a pawn by creating export embargos.

"Bureaucrats love to be able to shut off food to a country to get it to comply," Butz said. "We can't ask the farmer to invest a lot of money in raising crops and then put a limit on his access to the market."

Butz said he wanted most to be remembered for the "sense of pride and belonging that he brought to the farmer.

"If the new secretary of agriculture had to be a Democrat, I'm glad it was Bob Bergland. He's very perceptive and well-informed. I'm pleased with his initial recommendations. They're very moderate," he said.

He added that the "moderate budget recommendations by Bergland have been doubled in the House of Representatives' version of the Omnibus Farm Bill.

He said that while he built a personal political power base in the Midwest, he doubted that a Democrat could do so because of the Midwest's predominantly Republican politics.

Butz said that since Bergland is a believer in government intervention in farming, the government will get a firmer hold on the farmer.

Butz is now professor emeritus of agricultural economics at Purdue University. He will be in Lincoln until this afternoon, speaking at seminars and attending agricultural economics classes. He also filmed a segment of Agriscope, which will be broadcast on the Nebraska Educational Television Network at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.



Former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz

Photo by Kerin Higley

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