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Photo by Rex Henderson

Waterfights, pie-eating contests, frivolity and wholesome fun were the order of the day in Seward last Monday at the city's Fourth of July bash. Area fire departments sent squads to vie for the waterfight championships. Only one team, an entry from Malmo, went home with the first place trophy. They all went home tired, wet, and with a smile on their faces. For more photos and the story, turn to page 6.

## Regent's decision forces FAB to slash allocations

by Rex Henderson

The Fees Allocations Board (FAB) lowered the fiscal ax on 46 student organizations Wednesday morning.

FAB, an appointive body responsible for doling out student fees money to student organizations, was forced to rewrite the budget because the Board of Regents refused a \$4 student fee hike.

Student fees finance the Nebraska Unions, the Health Center, debt service on both Unions, University Offices and Activities, such as the Placement Office and Career Counseling, as well as the student organizations.

Dr. Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs, told FAB that the budget for student fee-financed services other than FAB controlled organizations had been cut to the bone. FAB controlled organizations would have to absorb the rest of the budget cut, he said.

Last year student organization's budget totaled \$199,200, about \$4.36 of the \$63 fee for a full time student. After the Regents voted down a fee increase student organizations were left with \$133,950.

FAB drew up three budgets. One based on the present student fee level, one based on a one dollar increase and another based on a \$1.50 increase.

The Cultural Affairs Center took the biggest cut. The center was originally given \$28,500 in 1977-78 to be used in the 1978-79 school year.

In the revised allocation the center was given nothing. FAB board members explained that because the center is the only organization budgeted a year in advance, and because it has other sources of money, they could most easily absorb the cut.

In the budgets based on a one dollar and a \$1.50 fee increase, \$15,000 was restored to the center.

The organizations that serve all University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) students were given top priority by FAB. Most organizations serving only their own members were cut.

Most of the small international and sports clubs got no money at all in the zero-increase budget. In the other two

budgets, FAB lumped those clubs together in the Multi-Cultural Affairs Office and the Sport's Club Council.

The Multi-Council Affairs Office got \$5000 in the zero increase-based budget, and \$10,000 in the other budgets.

FAB gave the highest priority to the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (ASUN), the *Daily Nebraskan*, and the Union Program Council (UPC).

The ASUN budget was cut from \$53,000 in the original budget recommendation to \$32,160 in the revised budget. The *Daily Nebraskan* allocation was cut from \$37,500 to \$30,000.

The UPC appropriation was cut the least of the three big money getters. Its budget went from \$58,142 to \$55,000.

UPC requests have decreased every year for the past three years.

FAB board member Jay Manske said, "We are cutting them less because they have a good track record."

The UNL Child Care Project, the target of much criticism at the last Board of Regents meeting, was granted \$7,500 in the revised budget, down from \$16,000.

Regent James Moylan of Omaha had told the *Summer Nebraskan* that the project should not be supported by student fees.

"We're not a child-care institution," he said, "we're an educational institution."

FAB board members granted the \$7,500 because without support from student fees, the Child Care Project would close.

Other student groups affected by yesterday morning's meeting and the appropriations are listed below.

| Organization            | Appropriation |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| NUPIRG                  | \$0           |
| Student Alumni Ass.     | \$500         |
| Master's Week           | \$500         |
| Engineering Week        | \$1,790       |
| Student Bar Ass.        | \$500         |
| Contingency Fund        | \$0           |
| Women's Resource Center | \$1000        |

## Completion of Plant Sciences Building marks end of boom

It has been a long time since members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln community have been able to walk completely through either of the campuses without stepping over, around and through some new major construction project.

By this time next year the building boom that has been going on at UNL should be over.

Harley Schrader, director of the Physical Plant, said most of the major construction projects are winding down.

Schrader said the building boom began in 1962 with the Cather-Pound dormitory complex. It is ending now, 15 years later, with the completion of the Life Sciences Building and a new Plant Sciences building on East Campus.

The Life Sciences Building should be open for classes in the fall, according to Schrader.

The building was about six months behind schedule, he said, because the contract with the plumbing sub-contractor was terminated, and has

since been recontracted.

Some parts of the building have already been occupied.

Ray Craig, a plumber working on the Life Sciences Building said some of the materials, such as sinks and pipe fittings have not arrived yet.

"It'll be close," he said of an August completion date.

The Life Sciences building was begun three years ago, and cost about \$6.2 million.

The Plant Sciences project on East Campus will be done next May, Schrader said. The greenhouses are slightly behind schedule because of a six-week strike, but the laboratory facilities will be done sooner than expected.

When current construction projects are finished, Schrader said some of the old buildings will be renovated.

Scheduled for renovation are Beattie Hall and Bancroft Hall, Schrader said.

Although Bancroft is structurally sound, water has been leaking through its walls, he said.