

Roskens says his proposal reflects task force report

By Brenda Moskovits

A member of the Task Force on Student Fees says NU President Ronald Roskens' proposal on mandatory student fees "completely ignores" the force's recommendation.

Dennis Martin said Roskens' proposal "makes the task force's job almost worthless."

"They don't call for any student input," Martin said.

Roskens said he felt "our proposal fairly represents the basic thesis" of the task force report.

In response to Martin's allegations that the proposal neglected student input, Roskens said "the primary responsibility is delegated to the chancellors. They will be expected to consult the appropriate student groups."

Hans Brisch, task force chairman dis-

agreed with most of Martin's interpretations. "By in large," Brisch said, "I'm very happy that President Roskens has accepted as many recommendations as he did suggested by the task force."

Brisch said the regents 1973 position on fees already "allows students to have an input."

"It changed the other recommendation into kind of a policy statement," Brisch said.

The task force recommended a program of mandatory and optional fees. Student government would allocate Fund A money to broad-based organizations (ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and UPC), provide seed money on a one-time basis for initial programming of other groups and establish a system of "user" fees and "voluntary" fees supporting other officially recognized student organizations.

Also recommended was an audit and review of Fund B money next year and a required student referendum for additional capital construction debts and non-inflationary increases in student fees.

Roskens will submit a proposal to the NU Board of Regents Saturday, Feb. 18 stipulating that Fund A money be allocated to seven broad-based student organizations, but differing with the task force recommendation in the following areas:

-Requiring the chancellor's approval for redistributing Fund A among major programming categories of UNL's Union Program Council and UNO's Student Programming Organization by student government.

-Eliminating the task force's requested audit of Fund B. Fund B is allocated to cover contractual agreements.

-Eliminating the force's recommenda-

tions for student referendums for fee increases.

In addition to a lack of student input, Martin objected to no audit of Line B.

"They're not even going to be reviewed," Martin said. "Fund A once again gets the big dive. Maybe it's time we take a good look at Fund B."

In response to no audit of Fund B, Roskens said that a "recommendation from a task force is precisely that."

"Granted there are a few variations on the task force, but they are minor," said Roskens. He said that not everybody on the task force agreed with all their final recommendations.

Martin also objected to language describing user fees, reading, "Any such fees . . . may only be used in support of the service or activity for which the fee is charged."

"You can still sell cookies (according to the wording)," said Martin. "But if they have a user fee, like admission to a dance, it can't be used for anything but that particular program (the dance). It will reduce the ability of all groups on campus to program."

Concerning user fees, Roskens said that Martin's interpretation was "too narrow."

"What we were saying," Roskens said, ". . . the fund should not be used for purposes vastly different than the purposes of the organization."

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Sports Complex joins UPC as major concerts promoter

By Georgene Cetak

If John Denver brings his down-home country music to UNL in April, the concert set-up probably will be similar to concerts at the Sports Complex last semester, but the promoter will be playing a different tune.

John Denver's possible booking by Sports Complex officials has spurred recent discussions between members of the Union Program Council and Union Board and Complex officials.

In the past, UPC has sponsored concerts at the complex, splitting gross profits with the Sports Complex. Although UPC still may book concerts at the complex, Sports Complex officials now plan to exercise the privilege they always have had to book concerts independently.

Sports Complex Manager Jim Ross said the 10 percent share of the profits given to concert promoters will still apply for any concerts UPC has at the complex.

However, John Janovy, Union Board member, questioned what effect the Sports Complex's scheduling may have on UPC.

"What happens if UPC plans a concert and the Sports Complex books a competing concert?" Janovy asked. "I'm not sure what effect this might have on UPC's budget, but I can see a potential negative one."

Janovy speculated that close concert scheduling might cause competition "likely to cut into the attendance at a UPC concert."

But Gary Gilger, UPC adviser, said that coordinating concert dates with the Sports Complex would not present a problem. He described the problem as an ethical situation.

"They (Sports Complex officials) have given us an agreement on that (concert scheduling)," Gilger said. "We'll try not to get in each other's way."

The concert controversy peaked at last week's Union Board meeting. Union Board members got upset because they did not have accurate information, according to Gilger.

Ross is a manager, not a promoter, Gilger told board members.

"His job is to make income for that hall," Gilger said.

But Janovy protested, saying that the situation represented a "damaging kind of intracommunity situation." He was concerned about possible competition on booking concerts at the Sports Complex.

"I see a problem that goes well beyond John Denver," Janovy said.

At the meeting, Union Director Al Bennett said that UPC always has had the opportunity to be a promoter. He urged UPC to be careful not to instill a sense of competition through its promotional role.

Ross said Friday that relationships between UPC and the Sports Complex have been good. The two organizations jointly sponsored the Crosby, Stills and Nash and the Fleetwood Mac concerts last semester.

Keith Wagner, UPC concerts committee chairman, said the two concerts together grossed approximately \$9,716.

UPC has been a local producer for the concerts, according to Gilger, arranging concert advertising and working on seating and backstage arrangements.

Gilger said if UPC could find a promoter for future concerts, they would arrange to reserve the complex. He said the situation will not affect concert prices.

Wagner said UPC plans to book concerts at the Sports Complex, but has no immediate plans.

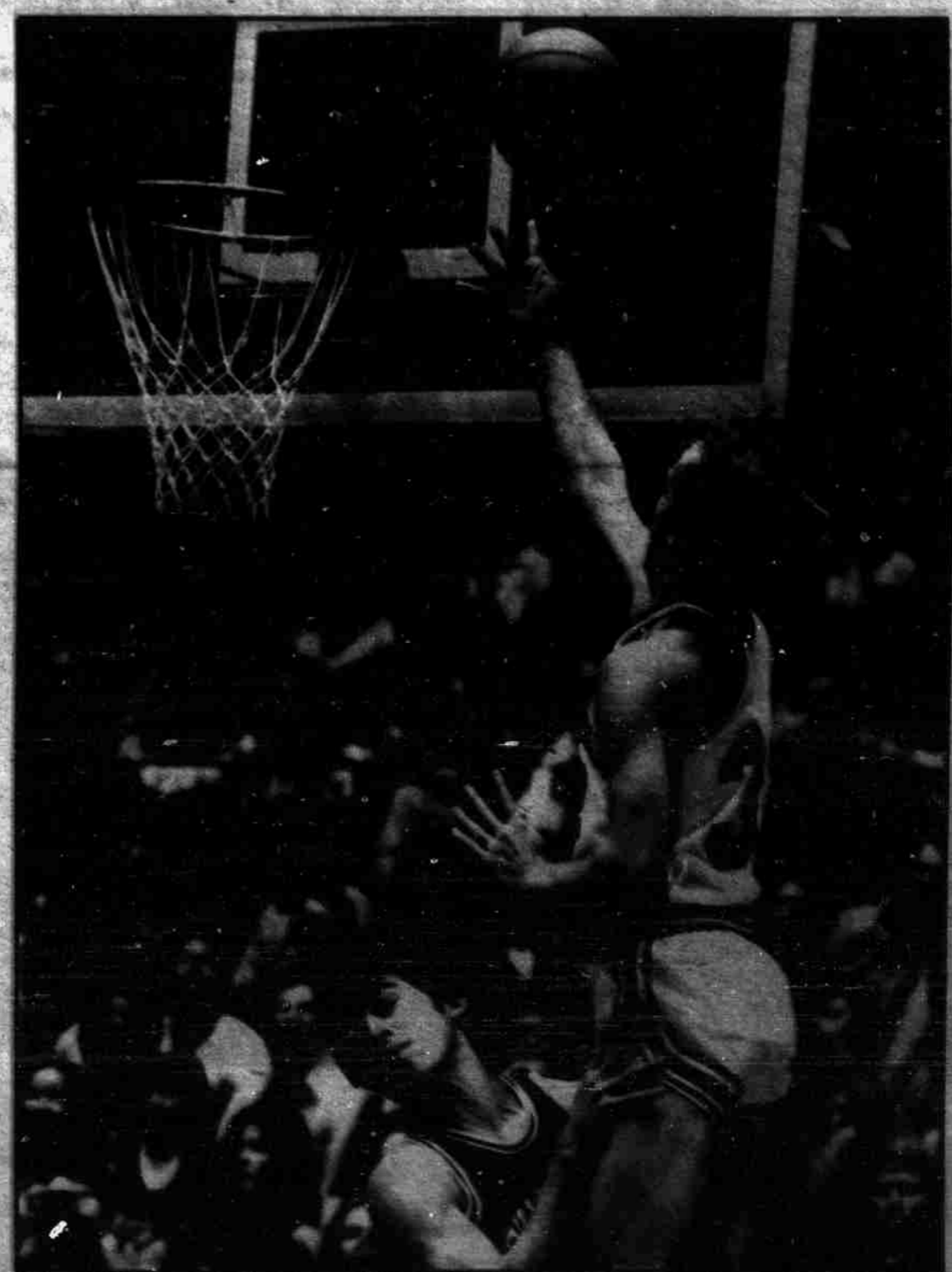


Photo by Bob Pearson

Senior Husker forward Terry Novak started his last home game in the Sports Complex last night. Earlier this week sports writer Jim Hunt talked to Terry about his four years at UNL and his role on the basketball court. See the story on page 10.

Some pledges still get hell, Greeks say

By Robyn Ginn

A Northwestern University fraternity pledge was tied to a dock in Lake Michigan in 1943 and the tide came in. Two Florida Psi Upsilon were digging a hole on a beach two years ago. That hole became their grave.

Although such hazardous hazing practices have not been reported at UNL, some say hazing does exist in some fraternities.

Jayne Wade Anderson, coordinator of fraternities, sororities and cooperatives, said national fraternity rules and UNL's Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic forbid hazing.

"Rough tactics likely to prove injurious to the pledge or any other form of activity that may bring discredit to the fraternity or the organized fraternity system as a whole is prohibited," accord-

ing to IFC's constitution and rules.

The week prior to initiation known as Inspiration or Help Week is often called "Hell Week." At the end of this week, pledges become actives, or permanent members of the house.

Such pre-initiation activities vary from house to house according to a survey of six fraternities and five sororities.

At Sigma Alpha Epsilon, pledge trainer Jim Meyer said pledges participate in positive activities such as trust exercises. In trust exercises, a pledge falls with his eyes closed, trusting that one of his brothers will catch him. He is passed around the room in this manner.

A pledge accidentally sprained his ankle doing trust exercises this year, Meyer said.

In another exercise, the Johari window,

Meyer said the pledges divide into pairs and describe a person in the group, without using his name. The person usually can guess who it is and may realize that he has some faults which need improvement.

"The pledges go into hell week really nervous, hoping they'll make it through," Meyer said. "Then they definitely think it's the best week they ever went through."

Scott Trofholz, Sigma Chi pledge trainer, hesitated to answer any questions about Inspiration Week.

"Hopefully we try to make it as meaningful as possible," he said. "It's the highlight of the pledges' training."

He admitted there are some rough edges.

"I won't say yes or no (about hazing), but we do try to prohibit it," Trofholz said.

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