

# Hearing scheduled for Nebraska Union renovation plans

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Nebraska Union renovation plans for next year that could include a delicatessen, a plant and gift shop and a travel agency will be presented for student scrutiny at the March 29 Union Board meeting, according to Frank Kuhn, assistant director of operations for the Nebraska Union. The open hearing will be at 7 p.m. Kuhn said plans to move the present barber shop and lease the basement space, remodel the North Desk area and open a plant and gift shop could bring in a \$16,000 revenue increase for the union. Other changes include establishment of a travel agency, a delicatessen and a variety store, expansion of the bakery store and renovation of the Harvest Room entrance. All plans are tentative except the Harvest Room entry. The entry plan has been

passed by the Union Board. Al Bennett, director of Nebraska Unions, said the changes will be aimed at public acceptance and increased union income.

Kuhn said the union needs more money. "We need to lease out areas to make them more productive, to fight inflation and keep down student fee increases," he said.

The Union Board has passed a \$1.31 a student fee increase for next year, subject to Fees Allocation Board approval.

Kuhn said the barber shop in the union basement would be moved to the room across from the South Desk where the now-defunct record lending library was located. The basement room would be leased for rental space or turned into a meeting room, he said.

"It should be much more advantageous to put it (barber shop) on the first floor," Kuhn said.

A travel agency also is in next year's plan. The agency would be located in a section of what is now the first floor ladies lounge near the South Desk. Part of the lounge would remain, Kuhn said.

The small television lounge on first floor may be converted into a plant shop, where green and flowering plants, cards and gifts would be sold, according to Bennett. The other TV lounge would not be affected.

Bakery store expansion could include a candy and ice cream shop where hard ice cream would be sold, Kuhn said.

Remodeling of the North Desk area will include a new Harvest Room entry and a possible delicatessen and store. Kuhn said that delicatessens have been a recent trend

in student unions across the nation.

The deli would be located in the northeast corner of what is now the North Crib. The store, which probably would be similar to a variety store, would extend from the present North Desk area to near the bakery.

Bennett said costs for all projects have not been determined, but the board will finalize plans as soon as possible after the hearing.

He said he hoped to present board recommendations to the administration in late April. Project money will come out of the union's bond equipment replacement fund.

## FAB chairman: fee increase possible

Despite the Fee Allocation Board's previous calculations that no increase in student fees would be needed, chairman Nate Eckloff has admitted the possibility of an increase.

A \$2 per student per semester fee for recreational facilities was not considered in FAB's original tabulations.

This possible fee will be discussed at a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. The board will also hear appeals to its decisions and draft the final report to Richard

Armstrong, vice chancellor of student affairs.

When the tentative recommendations for 1978-79 budgets were added at FAB's Monday meeting, the total was \$2,835,257.

Armstrong asked FAB in a February 14 letter to restrict Fund A allocations to \$148,950 but the board has tentatively decided to recommend allocations totaling \$175,929.

Bob Brandt, board member, said many students supported a petition drive not to cut Fund A fees.

FAB recommended that ASUN receive \$35,739, Daily Nebraskan receive \$41,000, Union Program Council receive \$41,975, East Union Program Council receive \$17,215, Cultural Affairs Committee receive \$30,000, FAB receive \$1,000, and \$10,000 be set aside for emergencies.

Tentative Fund B allocations total \$2,659,328. This includes \$600,991 for unions, \$744,000 for bond debts, \$1,444,100 for Student Health Center, and \$170,237 for student development.

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