

## FAB report recommends no student fee increases

By Pat Gentzler

In an attempt to keep student fees "within political limits," the Fees allocation Board recommended no increase in mandatory student fees in its final report drafted Thursday.

Richard Armstrong, UNL vice chancellor of Student Affairs, originally had asked the board to restrict its Fund A recommendation to \$148,950. This includes funding for Union Program Councils, Cultural Affairs Committee, and a contingency fund.

However, after the regents voted to drop speaker funding from mandatory fees, the suggested total dropped to about \$129,000, said Nate Eckloff, FAB chairman.

Board members said they felt a responsibility to both the students and the regents in finding solutions acceptable to both groups.

"I want to vote what I think is best for the students," said Larry Williams, board member.

Eckloff said, "We have needs on one side and politics on the other." He added that he thought the final report was the "most politically feasible."

Jack Guthrie, Coordinator of Program Planning in the Office of Student Activities, suggested that the board make as many cuts as possible to avoid forcing the regents or Armstrong, who are not as well informed as FAB about the fee situation, to make those cuts.

FAB's final recommendation for 1978-79 Fund A totals \$150,879, more than \$20,000 more than Armstrong had requested. However, due to cuts in Fund B, student fees as a whole will not increase according to FAB's recommendations. The amount still will be \$66.50 per student each semester.

A \$2 fee collected in the past for recreation facilities was left out of next year's fees budget and accounted for the decrease in Fund B that offset the Fund A increase.

The board chose to freeze the recreation facilities budget for one year because it would not be used next year.

The fund goes for the construction of outdoor recreation facilities, none of which are planned for next year. There also is a substantial amount, collected from previous years which has not yet been spent in the recreation facilities account.

There was some concern among FAB members that the regents would not accept the Fund A increase. Several motions were made in an attempt to restrict Fund A to the \$129,140 requested, but all were defeated.

"This (final recommendation) is what we came up with, and I think we should stand by it," said Jane Matzke, board member.

FAB, wading through the sketchy issue of speaker funding, recommended that \$10,000 be set aside for speaker funding when the regents define who the term "speaker" includes.

Should the regents decide not to fund

speakers of any kind, FAB recommends that \$6,000 of the \$10,000 be shifted to the Cultural Affairs Committee and \$4,000 go to seed money.

UNL's Talks and Topics Committee and East Union Program Council's Academic Relations Committee, which have funded speakers in the past, are not otherwise funded in FAB's recommendations.

The board recommended UPC get \$14,465 in student fees for the 1978-79 school year.

The Cultural Affairs Committee was allocated \$15,000. The board will recommend that UNL help CAC find financial aid from outside sources.

Seed money for cultural and minority programs and co-programming between ASUN, UPC, and other organizations was allocated \$5,000.

FAB recommended \$35,739 for ASUN, \$41,000 for the Daily Nebraskan, and \$1,000 would remain in a contingency fund for FAB operations.

Under Fund B, the board recommended \$1,187,500 for the University Health Center, \$600,991 for the Unions, \$32,654 for International Education Services, \$137,583 for the recreation department and \$783,000 for bond debts.

The report now goes to Armstrong and the regents, who have final approval. "Will the regents buy it?" Eckloff said. "I don't know why not."



Photo by Ted Kirk

No strings attached . . . well, perhaps. Young and old kite flyers participated in a contest at Holmes Park Sunday.

## East Union plays catch-up in effort to recover losses

By Amy Lenzen

After being open more than a year, the Nebraska East Union "is not as sound financially as we would like it to be," according to Daryl Swanson, East Union manager.

East Union opened in January 1977 in the midst of an inflationary spiral, Swanson said, and has never recovered \$20,000 in opening costs for labor and supplies. The inability to catch up on those losses can be attributed to several factors, he said.

"We're open when any enterprise in its right mind would be closed," Swanson explained. If the union could close during the Christmas vacation slump or the summer drop-off it could "break even or break out," he said.

However, East Union must remain open because "our commitment is to the university community including faculty and alumni," he said.

Another problem is the large number of students who eat at East Union instead of residence halls on city campus, he said. The unexpected numbers have increased labor and food costs - the largest expenses for the union, Swanson said.

The greatest net income comes from the East Union recreation area, Swanson said.

Despite the current problems, Swanson said he is more optimistic than pessimistic about the East Union's financial future.

"The community has been very supportive," he said. "The need for the union is very apparent."

He also said he thinks East Union has not reached its peak traffic, although "we are just about where we thought we would be 13 to 14 months after opening."

"We expected it would take three to four years to determine Union traffic," he explained. The opening of East Union probably did not change habits of last year's seniors or juniors, he said.

"We are much more likely to establish the habits in their (students') freshman year," he said.

Swanson said he is looking for ways to cut East Union costs by perhaps by reducing labor hours and building a larger summer business.

The operating deficits are supported by B-line funds, Swanson said, which go to non-income producing areas such as maintenance.

## UNL officials dim the costs of lighting campus hallways

By Tod Hegert

Educators might say a university's purpose is to spread as much illumination as possible through the dark halls of ignorance.

But UNL energy conservation officials see the metaphor in a different light.

"Most buildings at UNL are 100 percent overlit," said Jim Hines, an energy conservation officer for the UNL Physical Plant.

Hines said the Physical Plant hired students last summer to conduct a lighting survey inside all campus buildings. The survey indicated that most buildings used twice as much light as needed, he said.

"These buildings were built before energy conservation was a big item," Hines said. "The lighting systems were designed on the old principle that the more light you have, the better."

Before the survey, Hines said, the Physical Plant received requests to reduce lighting in some offices because employees were getting headaches from glare.

Light fixtures are being changed or modified in buildings where the survey showed light reductions could be made, he said. Of the 19,000 fixtures to be changed, about 5,000 are done.

Hines said when all changes are made, the bill for lighting university buildings will be reduced by \$56,000.

In about three months, the \$56,000 savings will pay back investments in the survey and the changes in lighting, he said.

Hines said he has received few complaints about reduced lighting.

"Most university employees and students realize that there is an energy crunch causing energy cutbacks," Hines said. "And they realize that any fuel savings made help prevent cutting back educational programs."

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