

ASUN, AUF join to raise funds

By Jeff Unger

For the first time, students will be given the chance to decide on the support of selected campus organizations.

Calling it a "one year shot with ASUN," Pam George, president of the All University Fund, said ballots listing five on-campus and six off-campus organizations will be circulated in the Greek houses and residence halls.

The balloting, which will be conducted in the fraternities and sororities, will ask students to choose three on-campus and three off-campus organizations they would like to see supported by money contributed to AUF.

Students living off-campus will be able to vote in the ASUN office, located in room 115 of the Union, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. today through Friday.

In the past, money donated by the AUF, the university's fund raising organization, went only to off-campus groups, but this year a change was made.

She said AUF was approached by ASUN with the idea that the money donated be split between the two groups and that AUF donate its half to the off-campus groups and ASUN would give money to on-campus organizations.

Also proposed by ASUN was the formation of a Student Foundation which could help support campus organizations in the future.

Not competing with AUF

Ken Marienau, ASUN president, said ASUN saw the Student Foundation as a good project and that they wanted to raise funds for it and the campus organizations, but that they didn't want to compete with AUF.

He said ASUN is hoping the NU Foundation will match the money given to them by the AUF so it can be used to start the Student Foundation.

"The money would be invested in a high yielding account, and the interest could be used in future years to support organizations such as these (those on the ballot)," he said.

George said the AUF Publicity Committee researched a number of organizations and chose those on the ballot.

The on-campus organizations on the ballot will be the Political and Ideological Speakers, sponsored by the Talks and Topics Committee; a child care project, sponsored by the University Child Care Center; a typing lounge in Love Library; student research grants, sponsored by ASUN, and new black student orientation, sponsored by the Afro-American Collegiate Society.

Off-campus organizations on the ballot will be Birthright; the Lincoln Multiple Sclerosis Chapter; United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska; People's City Mission and Family Shelter; WICS Residence for Girls, and the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc.

Had second thoughts

George said she had second thoughts about the speaker

idea.

"I was very scared to include this (speakers) at first because I was advised by a former administrator (name withheld) not to get involved with Talks and Topics," she said. "But since the regents took that money away last year, I thought we should get involved."

"We're (AUF) just the middlemen in this. If the students don't want to support the Talks and Topics they won't vote for it."

Protest over some of the speakers chosen last year prompted the regents to stop the use of student funds for such speakers.

Since the money will be split evenly between AUF and ASUN, George said she hopes to top the nearly \$15,000 made last year.

"We could stand to lose money by splitting this, but we're hoping to raise enough that it won't make a difference," she said.

The results of the balloting should be known by Thursday, she said, and that organizations raising and donating the money to AUF will be able to know where it is going.

She also said this is the last year such a joint effort will be made between the two organizations.

Open positions for the following ASUN committees:

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Carpool parking permits are being stolen at an average rate of one a day this semester, according to University Police.

Sgt. Joe Wehner said the first suspect of the semester was cited Monday after a stolen permit was found hanging from the rear view mirror of his car. UNL student, Howard V. Fisher, 19, 1235 S. 22 St., was charged with possession of stolen property, a misdemeanor.

Wehner said the permit was stolen from a car belonging to a UNL staff member and the same staff member allegedly discovered the permit hanging in Fisher's car and turned him in.

Wehner said as of Sept. 12, eight permits have been stolen from cars sitting in university parking lots. He added that three have been recovered.

Wehner said all of the stolen permits were carpool permits, which hang from a rearview mirror so police can see them, and are easily transferrable to another car. The vehicles must display another sticker on the rear windshield in order for the sticker hanging from the rearview mirror to be valid.

Wehner said most of the stolen permits were taken from unlocked cars. He urged everyone with a carpool permit to lock their cars.

The permits cost \$40 for two cars, and an additional five dollars for each additional car. They also cost \$10 to replace if lost or stolen.

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