# Union Board considers changes in Union services

By Denise Smee

The Nebraska Union Board Wednesday discussed issues raised in the Touche-Ross report, the fund "B" report and other reports from union management.

The issues discussed involved: elimination or restructuring rates for catering outside of the unions such as to the Faculty Club, or to the chancellor's or university president's residence; elimination or rate restructure of fund-raising events held at the union especially those involving food service; building hour changes and eliminating the Colonial Room.

Nebraska Union Director Allen Bennett said catering to places outside of the union started as a courtesy, but it has grown, he said, and is a business with a dollar volume of over \$70,000.

"Any mispricing in that is significant," he said.

Though pricing for direct costs such as food can easily be done, he said, it has been difficult to determine indirect costs such as wear and tear on union dishes and utensils as well as costs of salaried help in planning the events.

Board member, Dr. John Janovy said he did not think that anyone was trying to criticize the activity, especially in the case of catered events at the president's or chancellor's residences, but said it is time

to look at the real costs incurred.

Bennett said there is a need to do something about fund-raising events because it is is a drain on union employees.

"They're dead on their feet come Monday morning," he said.

Daryl Swanson, associate director and Nebraska East Union manager, said currently groups are assessed a \$100 fee for haveing a fund-raising activity in the union.

But, he said, this does not cover the costs involved in providing a supervised kitchen as required by state health standards.

Swanson also said there were problems with closing the union more often or keeping it open all the time.

Currently, he said, the union is open 110 to 120 hours a week.

Bennett said he agreed with the Touche-Ross report which said the Colonial Room is probably the least productive and most costly feature of the Nebraska Union.

Board Vice President Vance Colling said he thought the Colonial Room should be eliminated because it does not serve a significant number of those supporting the union with student fees.

In other business, Secretary John Kreuscher said ASUN will interview applicants for eight board positions Dec. 11, 12



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The National Public Television 90-minute program will broadcast the Oxford appearance in its entirety and there have been no restrictions placed on the subjects of questions from students.

The former president will speak for 20 to 30 minutes and the question and answer session will follow. The program, which will be broadcast live by satellite, will be shown on NETV unedited, on a tape delayed broadcast.

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#### short stuff

The Campus Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Abel-Sandoz North from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

The UNL Actuarial Club will meet today at 2 p.m. in Burnett 309. Featured speaker will be Will Kraegel from Northwest Mutual Life.

Today is the last day to apply for a Student Host Position with the New Student Orientation. Applications are due at your college dean's office by 5 p.m.

Those interested in organizing a group to support the men's and women's diving team should meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Complex conference room.

The East Campus Gavel Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska East Union. Room number will be posted.

The Student Council for Exceptional Children will meet at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Room number will be posted.



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