

# UPC executives say CFA attitude is changed

By Kathy Stokebrand

Two University Program Council executives, referring to the Committee for Fees Allocation's approval of the Health Center's increased request, said they see a change in CFA's philosophy.

"A vote like that and the other increases since our hearing mystified us because the philosophy of CFA shown to us was that cuts had to be made and student fees kept down. Since then we have seen a dramatic change in that philosophy, shown by the significant increases approved since our hearing," said Greg Venburg, UPC-City president.

"One CFA member said they expect an increase in student fees of three to four dollars," he added.

The committee also approved an increased budget request for the Recreation Dept.

"We came in with a 45 percent increase and were cut back," Venburg said.

#### Able to appeal

UPC will be able to appeal the tentative allocation on Feb. 14, 19 or 21 said Steve Speer, a CFA member. An appeal schedule should be set up at the CFA meeting Tuesday night, he said.

"It hasn't been formulated how much we will appeal for," Venburg said.

"On the surface \$100-200 cuts don't look like they would harm progress very much, but the budgets were carefully planned and are very tight," Venburg said.

In 1975-76 UPC was allocated \$66,360 and this year the committee approved a \$53,324 allocation for the council, roughly a \$13,000 cut "which is significantly reducing Fund A which is the last stronghold students have on their fees," said Glenn Poppert, UPC-East president.

#### Walpurgisnacht cut

The committee reduced the request for Walpurgisnacht from \$2,435 to \$1,935. It is one of the most successful events at UNL and was cut because UNL could collect a fee at the door from non-students, Venburg said. Logistically that's impossible, he said.

Free University was limited to a one-semester program for next year again, although the budget requested funding for

two semesters. It was tried last semester on a trial basis "and we feel we're ready to expand to a two-semester program," Venburg said.

Another program that received a partial cut in funds was the College Bowl.

"This is like the king of trivia bowls, a kind of trivia quiz show where teams compete against each other," Venburg explained. UPC requested \$860 and received a tentative allocation of \$550 for the bowl.

The cuts were made for travel expenses that the winning team at UNL would require to participate in regional and national bowls, Venburg said.

#### Restrictions not included

The restrictions on spending fee money for travel were old rules of the Fees Allocation Board, which allocated fees before CFA was formed. To his knowledge the restrictions are not included in CFA guidelines, Venburg said.

Previously, the restrictions were intended to prevent the siphoning of UPC funds for UPC members' travel expenses, but CFA intends to use the travel money as a prize for winning students in the trivia bowl, he said.

UPC East primarily is concerned with the cuts CFA made in the new programs called for in its budget, Poppert said.

In the past UPC East put much emphasis on Cornstock, a large outdoor concert held on East Campus each spring. "We requested and were given \$9,300 for Cornstock last year, out of a total UPC East budget of \$14,461," Poppert said. This year we felt it was hard to justify one program using two-thirds of the budget, especially since the program depends on the weather," he said.

#### Variety and new programs

The 1980-81 budget for UPC East was planned to bring variety and new programs to East Campus, Poppert said. CFA approved the reduced request of \$4,850 for Cornstock for 1980-81.

There was much concern among CFA members that there would be no charge for these new programs. But there was no charge for Cornstock in the past, Poppert said. The requests for the new programs plus next year's reduced request for Cornstock don't come close to equalling or sur-

passing the allocation given for Cornstock alone last year, he added.

UPC East also has a travel program which received a budget cut. The money requested for this program, Poppert explained, would go for publicity only. He said the program should be self-supporting after it gets off the ground.

These trips differ from those offered by the Recreation Dept. in that they are not necessarily sports-oriented, he said, adding that a shopping trip to Kansas City was available.

#### Major cuts

The UPC Culture Center budget received "major cuts to the special events which are our major events. That's why we're here," according to Levetta Chamberlain, UPC Culture Center

president.

Special events that received cuts were Black History Month, Chicano Awareness Days, Native American Awareness Week and a Women's Panel to be held in conjunction with UPC City's Women's Week.

The funding for the Women's Panel will go to ethnic women speakers, Chamberlain explained.

"As far as the Culture Center goes, in appeals we are going to push for all the amounts we originally asked for for our special events programs," Chamberlain said.

The CFA, according to Chamberlain, sees just one figure and doesn't see the underlying planning for budget requests. CFA seems to feel that cuts have to be made but don't understand the implications of those cuts, she said.

## Church council advocates cleaner energy production

By Kevin Field

Nebraska beware.

As the energy problem worsens, pressure will increase to have large energy plants such as nuclear reactors and coal-fueled generators in sparsely-populated areas. The reasoning is that the fewest number of people would get hurt if something should go wrong.

Nebraska could have such plants in the future, according to Chris Cowap, staff associate for economic justice of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. She has led the council's program on energy issues since 1975.

Cowap was in Lincoln during the weekend to speak to several church groups and to a College of Engineering and Technology class on the ethical implications of energy production and use.

One of the greatest challenges facing our society today is how to share limited amounts of energy without poisoning ourselves by polluting the wider environment, she said.

One of her major goals, she said, "is to establish clarity about the theology of the subject. What is the role of people in relation to the environment?"

She added that the first book of the Bible says man shall have dominion over the world. She said she thinks mankind has mistaken that to mean domination.

#### Three main points

There are three main points to the energy policy statement developed by the council, she said. The environment must be preserved, the programs must be fair not only to today's population but also to future generations, and everyone must be given a chance to participate.

Cowap said the council supports a policy which will not depend on nuclear fission or long-term use of coal. These forms of energy have too many

health and safety risks to workers and to the general public, in addition to potential danger to the environment, she said.

The council calls for increased conservation of fossil fuels and a gradual switch to renewable energy sources. Citing a Harvard Business School study, she said that if conservation were taken seriously, 50 percent of what we are using now could be saved. It also has been predicted that by the year 2000, between 20 and 30 percent of our energy needs could be supplied by renewable sources, she said.

Conservation will work, said Cowap, a resident of New York City. For the five years before 1972, consumption of electricity was increasing at a rate of 5.6 percent per year in New York City. After the oil embargo of 1973, consumption dropped to an increasing rate of 1.1 percent per year, she said.

#### Leaders behind

"I'm coming to the conclusion that a great many ordinary citizens are way ahead of our political leaders in this area," she said.

Cowap said there is a need to assess technology seriously and to ask value questions on new developments. She added that there is a need to be selective in what is developed and the decisions should not be left up to the scientists and experts.

"There is a necessity to explode the myth common among the non-scientific community that scientists are objective," Cowap said. "We should be aware of various biases they might have in deciding what they are going to develop."

She added that non-scientific people tend to put too much credibility in scientists, and that becomes a major reason decisions are left to the expert.

"Everyone has a right to be involved in the decision-making process and should demand to be given their rights," she said.

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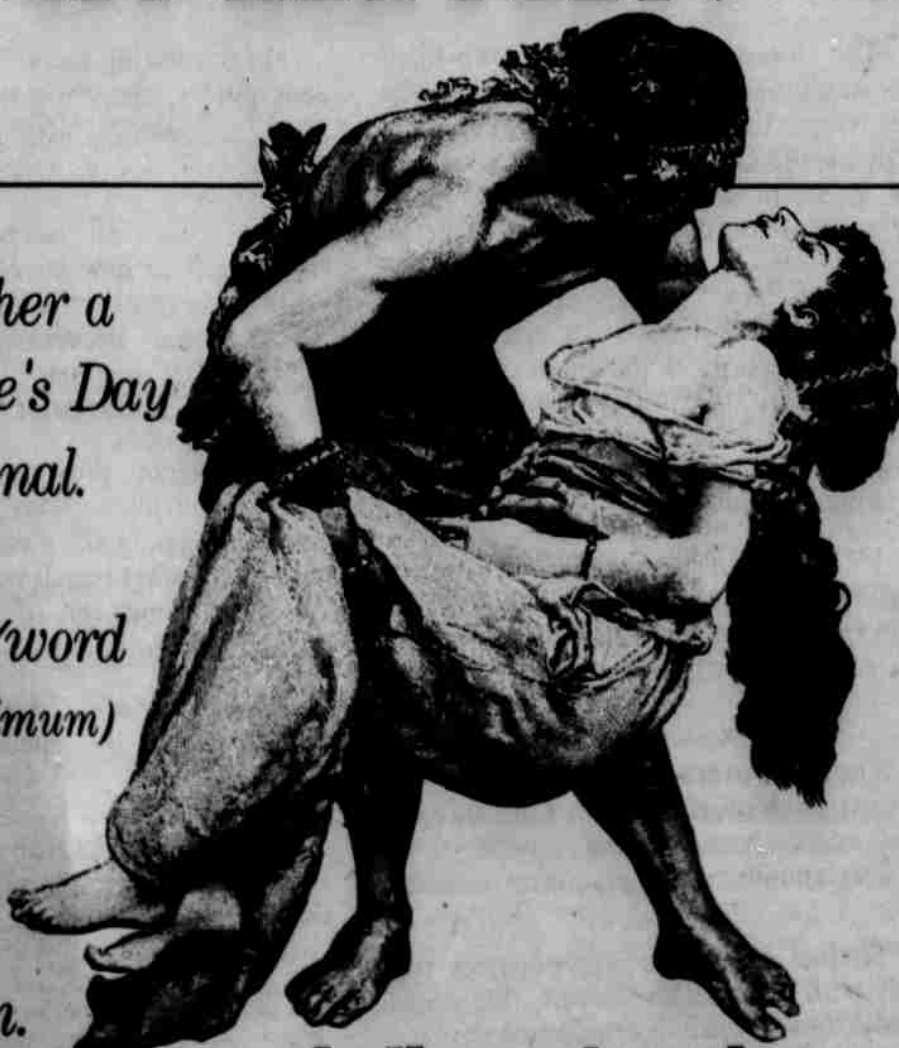
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