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# CFA trims DN request \$5,500

By Kathy Stokebrand

The Committee for Fees Allocation approved a tenta-  
tive allocation of \$28,960 for the Daily Nebraskan Thurs-  
day night—\$5,513 less than the paper requested. Last year  
the paper received \$32,900.

Specifically, the committee froze the newspaper's edi-  
torial salaries, which include salaries for editors, reporters  
and photographers, and cut staff benefits from \$3,850 to  
\$2,550.

Anne Shank, Daily Nebraskan business manager, said  
staff benefits include insurance for two full-time perman-  
ent positions and two staff dinners per year. She esti-  
mated the cost of the meals at \$7 to \$10 per person.

In the past, she added, part of the cost was defrayed by  
trading advertising space for partial meal cost with the res-  
taurant involved.

Student fees are used only for the publishing costs of  
the newspaper. The amount requested represents 7.54  
percent of the total Daily Nebraskan budget and 25.65  
percent of the total publishing costs. Last year the  
amount of fees received was 8.28 percent of the total  
budget and approximately 40 percent of the total publish-  
ing costs.

### Appeals set

The committee set up an appeal schedule on its  
recommendations. It will hear the University Program  
Council and possibly the Union appeals Feb. 19 and the  
ASUN and Daily Nebraskan appeals Feb. 21. The other  
fee users did not request an appeal.

Daily Nebraskan spokesmen said CFA should not be  
involved in setting staff salaries.

"What they should be concerned about is publishing  
costs. That's the only thing we use their money for,"  
Shank said. "With paper going up 20 percent, that is what  
they should estimate."

Rocky Strunk, editor in chief, said, "I think the UNL  
Publications Board is more qualified to make recommen-  
dations on the editorial salaries since they have more  
knowledge on the internal operations of the paper."

The board, consisting of five students, two faculty and  
two professional members, oversees the publishing of the  
paper and reviewed its budget prior to its submission to  
CFA.

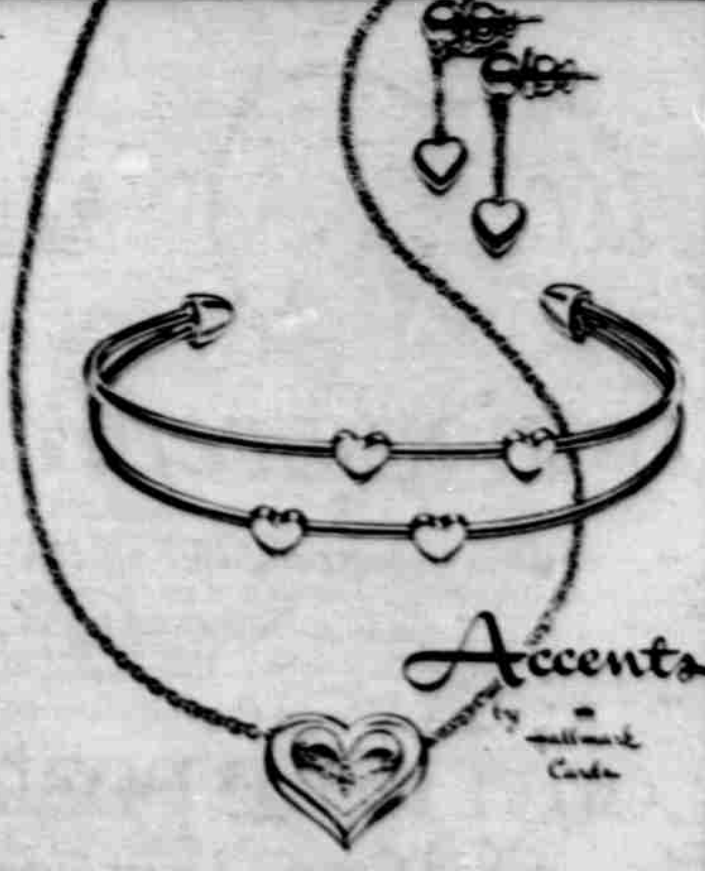
The Daily Nebraskan's request would cost students  
1.14 cents per issue and \$1.72 for two semesters. The  
CFA recommendation would lower the cost to less than  
one cent per issue and \$1.33 for two semesters.

### Cut critical

"I think that 39 cents (the difference between \$1.33

## Public hearing is canceled

Due to notification of requirements of the UNL grie-  
vance process, the ASUN Committee on Campus Life will  
not be holding its public hearing today. Notification of  
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and the amount requested) per student is not only well  
justified but critical to the editorial quality of this news-  
paper," Strunk said.

The biggest rationale behind setting salaries is the  
amount of time spent working for the paper, Shank said.  
Even so, the employees aren't properly reimbursed for the  
work they do, she said.

The editor in chief is paid \$600 per month, and the  
news editor, managing editor and photo chief are paid  
\$375. Full-time reporters earn \$130, and part-time report-  
ers earn \$65 per month. Salaries are paid by advertising  
revenue.

Rifka Keilson, a faculty advisor on the Publications  
Board, said salaries basically provide incentive to get  
people to fill the pages when they otherwise could go  
downtown and earn much more "sacking groceries."

"It's a matter of quality. We've lost people that go full-  
time to other papers with better pay and prestige," Strunk  
said. Although journalism students working for the paper  
use their story clips for portfolios when applying for posi-  
tions, Strunk said stories of that quality usually come  
only once a month or so.

### 'Freeze justified'

John Parsons, a CFA member, said after cutting ASUN  
executive salaries, the committee could justify freezing  
the newspaper editorial salaries. Some students can get  
into Fund A organizations, but Fund B users, such as the  
Health Center and Recreation Dept., are services that  
nearly all students use, and the Fund A cuts were justi-  
fied, he said.

Fund A users include ASUN, UPC and the Daily  
Nebraskan. Fund B users include the Health Center, Rec-  
reation Programs and the Nebraska Unions.

Earlier in the hearing schedule CFA member Rocky  
Yapp III protested the consistently decreasing student fee  
allocations for Fund A and increasing allocations for Fund  
B.

Keilson said it wasn't fair to compare the executive  
salaries on ASUN to editorial salaries on the paper. ASUN  
doesn't turn out an actual product like the newspaper, she  
said. The CFA cut two executive salaries in ASUN's re-  
quest.

If a cut was made in the paper's request, Shank said  
she would tell the advertising people to provide more revenue.  
However, Yapp criticized the amount of advertising in  
the paper.

"I feel the quality of the paper has gone down due to  
increased advertising," Yapp said.


### More news space

Mark Bowen, chairman of the Publications Board, said  
during the past semester the space devoted to news was  
increased, and the paper lost money.

The newspaper size is based upon 44 percent adverti-  
sing, although it is usually less, Shank said.

If the paper was based upon 30 percent advertising it  
would request \$116,800 in student fees, Shank said. If  
based upon 35 percent or 40 percent, it would request  
\$85,190 and \$53,580 in student fees, respectively, she  
said.

Twice this semester the paper has been increased in size  
to accommodate more news stories, which decreases the  
percentage of advertising and causes a loss of income,  
Strunk said.



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