

CFA proposes \$2.9 million student fee budget

By Pam George

After weeks of reviewing funding requests from UNI agencies supported by student fees, the Committee for Fees Allocations has proposed tentative allocations for fiscal 1980-81.

The allocations would require collection of about \$2.9 million in student fees. This would mean a per semester cost of \$72.50, an increase of 5 percent from the current fees of \$69 per semester.

The organizations involved are designated as either Fund A or Fund B recipients. Fund A is composed of student-run organizations that directly benefit the majority of students, according to Eric Torrison, chairman of CFA.

ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and University Program Councils receive allocations from Fund A.

Fund B agencies include the Health Center, Recreation Department and Nebraska Unions. These agencies serve the students but include in their budgets more major salary payments and expenses.

International Educational Services, which was part of Fund B in 1979-80, was dropped from the category.

Proposing tentative allocations is only the first step in a "ladder" process of budget reviews before the allocations are given final approval by the NU Board of Regents.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, CFA will have a public hearing at which any student may ask questions about the tentative allocations and speak on what the final CFA recommendations should be.

The Budget and Fees committee within ASUN will then review the CFA proposed budget, which eventually will be debated by the ASUN senate. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Richard Armstrong and Chancellor Roy Young will study the proposal before presenting it to the regents.

The original requests of Fund A and B organizations were reduced \$65,349 by CFA, according to Armstrong.

The cuts made in budget requests were done "line by line", Torrison said.

"We did not take the total monies requested and cut it a random amount," he explained.

ASUN requested \$39,963 from CFA, and tentatively has been allocated \$38,908. Cost per student for this funding for one semester is \$.89. Last year ASUN was allocated \$39,502 at a cost of \$.91 per student.

Student fees provide all ASUN's support. According to this proposed allocation, the ASUN president would receive a monthly salary of \$160, or \$1,280 for eight months. This is the same as the 1979-80 salary. Both vice-presidents received a pay-cut from the current year's salary of \$1,120 for eight months.

The new allocation would allot \$880 for the first vice-president and \$760 for the second vice-president for an eight-month period. ASUN's full-time secretary would receive a yearly salary (including summer work) of \$4,600.

A large portion of the ASUN budget is designated to finance Student Legal Services. Allocations to retain an attorney have been tentatively set at \$14,800. This portion of ASUN's budget request totals \$18,726.

Another Fund A recipient, the Daily Nebraskan, requested \$34,473 from CFA, but was tentatively allocated \$28,960. All of the Daily Nebraskan's allocation

from student fees is used for publishing costs. For 1980-81, publishing costs have been budgeted at \$144,757.

The other Fund A recipient is the University Program Council, which requested \$75,883 from CFA. CFA's recommendation for the coming fiscal year was \$68,324.

UPC funds are used to support City and East Campus UPC efforts. City campus UPC by far takes the biggest chunk—\$28,445 allocated for programs such as Model United Nations, concerts, Walpurgisnacht, speakers, Free University, films and general administration.

East UPC has tentatively been budgeted \$11,590 for dances, Cornstock, novelty acts, visual arts programs, video and speakers digest, main events and general administration.

The Culture Center also is supported by UPC funds. CFA allocated \$8,289 for that program. The Culture Center's original request was \$9,948. Also included in the UPC budget was \$5,000 for CFA, and \$15,000 for major performing arts.

Cost per student for UPC allocations would be \$1.57, making Fund A allocation costs per student per semester a total of \$3.13.

Fund B allocations comprise \$69.15 of the proposed individual student fee cost of \$72.50. The University Health Center, which tentatively received its original allocation request of \$1,386,275 from CFA, would receive \$32.62 of each student's fee payment. That is nearly 50 percent of student fees, according to Torrison.

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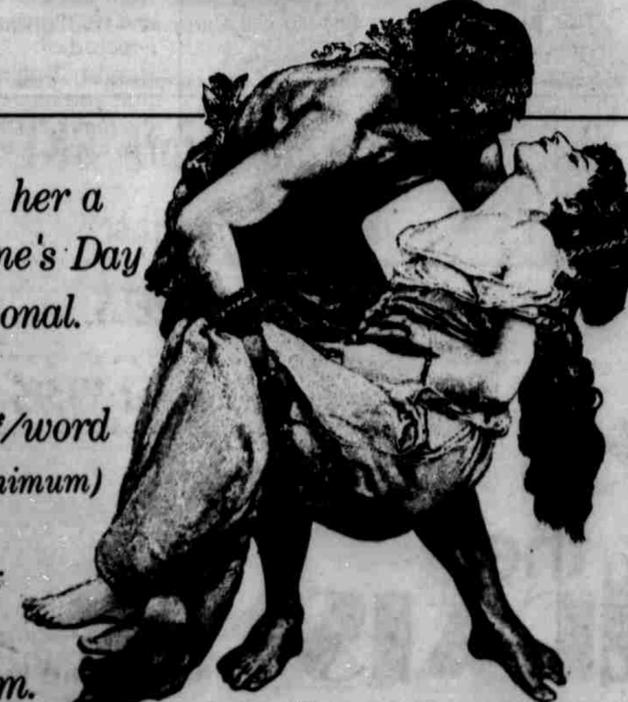
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