

RHA defeats Nestles education program proposal

By Betsy Miller

A motion which would implement an education program on the effects of the Nestles Company baby formula which is sent to underdeveloped nations was defeated at the Residence Hall Association meeting Thursday.

Harper Hall Representative Bill Flack introduced the motion which called for RHA to "urge" hall governments to adopt the program on Nestles.

The halls boycotted Nestles products last year, but this semester RHA tabled action on whether to renew the boycott.

Negative reaction to Flack's motion came from RHA members who felt that the university does not use a large amount of Nestles in residence halls.

Cather Representative Mike Kratville said that the

World-Herald Organization which had criticized Nestles for their baby formula distribution, had dropped their protests against Nestles.

Cather and Pound Hall President Scott Nelsen said that he felt the program Flack proposed was a form of propaganda.

The RHA bylaws prohibit the residence halls from participating in any activities that could spread propaganda, Nelsen said.

Final approval of RHA's bylaws took place at the meeting.

Flack approved a motion to reconsider an amendment he proposed which passed at the last meeting.

That amendment established a sergeant-at-arms for RHA.

The amendment originated at the last meeting because of the walk-out of some RHA members who felt the meeting was lasting too long.

The sergeant-at-arms' purpose would be to prohibit voting members from leaving meetings.

The provision for a sergeant-at-arms was repealed.

The association also approved a resolution calling for the "no radial" option of the Northeast Radial Highway question to be adopted by the association.

The "no radial" option means that RHA does not consider the radial highway a feasible idea and does not favor any type of highway project.

Abel President Marcie Hagerty served on an ad hoc committee of ASUN, RHA and other students groups which studied different alternatives to building the highway.

ASUN passed the "no radial" resolution at its Wednesday night meeting.

City officials currently are looking at the "no build" option and other plans which would call for construction of the highway at different Lincoln locations.

In other action, Cather Representative Rick Schmid said that the Boy Scouts will begin picking up paper in the residence halls to be used for recycling.

The university had been collecting the paper but had to discontinue the service because of rising costs.

Halloween figures can save birds

Halloween may do more this year than just provide treats for the kiddies; it may help reduce the dead bird problem around campus.

The birds die after flying into windows and doors in an area they are unfamiliar with. This happens during the fall migration season, which is near Halloween.

Putting silhouettes of hawks and owls in the windows may "scare" the birds away from their fate, suggests one UNL professor. The Halloween figures put in windows may stop the birds.

The birds are usually found around campus sidewalks during the fall and spring, and Paul Johnsgard, UNL professor of zoology and life sciences, said that during October, the Lincoln bird population will rise considerably.

"When the birds are in unfamiliar territory, they tend to bump into buildings and windows. This is especially

true in situations where they can see through them and see sky on the other side," he said.

The professor also said quite a few birds can be found every year around Burnett and Hamilton Halls. The best way to prevent the birds confusion, according to Johnsgard is to put silhouettes of hawks and owls in windows.

Ross Lock, non game specialists for the Lincoln Game and Park Commission said the recent bird deaths were definitely not the result of pesticides, since those kinds of mass-deaths usually result in 15 to 20 dead birds in one area. He said when a few dead birds are scattered the deaths are harder to evaluate, but they have probably died from flying into something.

The head of UNL Grounds Department, Don Shew said sightings of the dead birds have been reported on campus and throughout the city.

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