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RHA is condemned for inactivity and persuaded to support show

By Roger Aden

Urging the Residence Hall Association to become more active in university affairs, Homecoming Committee representative Margaret Johnson persuaded RHA at its Thursday meeting to donate \$350 to co-sponsor a concert the Friday of Homecoming week.

The concert will be partially funded by the University Program Council, said Johnson. But she said it does not have enough money to fully support a concert, which will probably feature a local band.

Originally, Johnson requested \$500, but a motion was introduced by Pound Hall representative Ane Jensen to limit the support to \$350.

In presenting her case, Johnson repeatedly berated RHA for what she termed its lack of involvement in university matters.

"I've been here four years," she said, "and you guys (RHA) haven't done anything to help support the university. Well, here's your chance."

Support halls

Bill Flack, Harper Hall president, reiterated his position of last week when RHA voted not to sponsor the Scarlet and Cream Singers by setting up risers for them to stand on when performing on Homecoming morning.

"I believe the purpose of RHA is to support the living

environment in the residence halls," he said. "I do not see how this (co-sponsoring the concert) fits into that purpose. Personally, I could think of a lot better things to do with \$350."

Jensen disagreed, reminding the group that one of its goals is to improve the visibility of RHA.

"Besides," she said, "it's time we do something for a change."

In other action, RHA voted against changing by-laws in the group's constitution regarding the appointed position of executive assistant.

The executive assistant, according to RHA President Robin Lynch, manages the RHA office and is the communications coordinator, corresponding with other universities in the nation.

Split position

Lynch proposed splitting the position into two posts in order to increase the efficiency of RHA.

"The amount of communication going on is not enough," she said. "The amount of communication I would like to see would probably keep one person busy. We need to get support and input on issues from other schools."

"The person in charge of the office could spend more time there," she said. "We could have better organization and then the execs would be able to spend more time on other matters."

An affirmative vote of two-thirds (27 members) is needed to pass by-law changes and only 29 voting members were present. The motion received the support of 25 RHA members.

RHA also decided to accept a list of uniform rules for ASUN elections that would apply to residence halls.

The list, prepared by Jennifer Fager, ASUN Electoral Commission director, and Doran Matzke, ASUN second vice president, will be given to the halls as a guideline to follow. Each hall may add rules of its own, but no rule may be deleted.

RHA was given a welcoming address by Douglas Zatechka, director of the Office of Housing.

He told RHA members the relationship between their organization and his office has historically "been one characterized by cooperation, goodwill and trust."

Zatechka reported there were 5,253 people in the residence halls as of Sept. 21. He also said there were fewer contract cancellations this year compared to past years.

According to Zatechka, most fire and life safety requirements for the halls have been met and over the summer, energy saving mechanisms were installed in the dorms.

Zatechka also said a fast food-type meal line is being planned for the Cather-Pound-Neihardt complex to draw some of the crowd away from the Selleck Quadrangle.

New procedure lets UNL faculty review policies


The UNL Faculty Senate has instituted new proposals for handling policies by the NU Central Administration which pertain to faculty members, a representative of the group said Thursday.

James O'Hanlon, president of the senate, said policies of the administration will be reviewed by the entire UNL faculty before they are put into effect, rather than being reviewed only by the senate as in the past.

UNL faculty members will have the opportunity to see copies of all administration proposals which affect them, O'Hanlon said.

O'Hanlon said the new procedure will mean policies will take longer to initiate than before.

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