

CAP office supplies motivation ideas for groups

It's the end of October and students are getting worried about raising the D average they have in Spanish to a C within the last few weeks of classes. It's easy to get the blahs now. The excitement of the first days of school is gone.

It's time to get motivated, and the Campus Activities and Programs Office is taking the challenge.

Ennio Quevedo, activities coordinator for CAP, said experience has shown that student organizations are hit with the blahs during October, too.

Because the newness and excitement of membership in a new organization is starting to fade, many members start

to question the necessity of their membership.

Quevedo suggests students stop by the CAP office to get some motivating ideas on bringing their organization back to life.

He said many times groups need only value clarification on the group's needs. It may be that the group is not doing enough different activities to make meetings enjoyable. Or perhaps some members don't feel comfortable in the group. Another problem may be the delegation of duties, not matching the right task to the right person, Quevedo said.

One answer the CAP office offers is to let CAP mem-

bers consult with the organization and perhaps attend a meeting to get an outsider's view of what seems to be lacking. Quevedo said organization workshops are also available for groups to work out their problems.

Motivation decline is nothing new for UNL groups, Quevedo said. Of the approximately 250 organizations at UNL, each year there is a turnover of about 30 groups, he said.

The most active times for groups are in the early fall and spring when students are eager to get activities started.

He said it is not CAP's role to tell organizations to disband, but many times the groups decide that as a solution.

Kawasaki gift offers turn to Japan's way

An exchange program between UNL and Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan provides the opportunity to become immersed in a foreign culture, the acting chairman of Asian Studies said.

A grant from the Kawasaki Motor Company in Lincoln pays for the round trip air fare. This amounts to between \$3,000 and \$4,000 for each student, said Robert Stoddard, a professor of geography.

The student pays tuition to UNL, but attends Nanzan.

Peter Cheng, former director of Asian Studies at UNL who now teaches at Nanzan University, originally contacted Kawasaki about a possible grant program, Stoddard said. Kawasaki became interested in the idea almost immediately and the grant was first offered in 1975, he said.

Any undergraduate at UNL who maintains a grade point average of 3.0 and through course work demonstrates a genuine interest in the program is eligible.

The Kawasaki grant is awarded to three or four students each year by a committee of eight UNL faculty members involved with Asian Studies.

While in Japan, the students focus on learning the Japanese language. They usually live in the home of a Japanese family, which is great help in the learning process, Stoddard said. Students also enroll in courses that deal with Japanese art, business, culture, economics, history, and politics, which are taught in English.

Stoddard said the majority of people who attend UNL for four years have a very parochial view of the world.

Alumni throw party Saturday

The UNL Innocent and Mortar Board alumni will have a special homecoming pre-game party this Saturday at the Lincoln Hilton.

Alumni and 1981-82 student members of the two honoraries will gather in the Hilton ballroom at 10 a.m. Further information is available from the UNL Alumni Office.

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