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Union Board approves budget, awaits decision

By Lorna Nissen

The Union Board unanimously approved a 1982-1983 budget Wednesday night requesting a maximum increase of \$72,057 in student fees.

The increase from 1981-1982's student fee budget of \$564,213, to \$636,270 is based on the NU Board of Regents' budget guidelines which propose a 10 percent increase in the university's operating budget.

But Gov. Charles Thone proposed Monday to the Nebraska Legislature that the university's operating budget be increased by only 5.9 percent.

If the Legislature approves Thone's proposal, the Union Board will request a maximum increase of \$10,013 in student fees.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Unions, said if the budget increases by only 6 percent, the unions may not need an increase in student fees allocation.

A budget increase of more than 6 percent would require an increase in student fees, Swanson said.

"It's difficult to talk about budgeting when everything is in a state of flux," Swanson said.

Swanson said everything depends on the regents' budget request to the Legislature. If the regents' 10 percent increase is approved, each student would have to pay a maximum increase in student fees of \$11.14 for 1982-1983, Swanson said. The unions would receive \$1.62 of that amount. With a 6 percent increase, the unions would receive 23 cents more from each student in fees next year, Swanson said.

Union Board President Maynard Krantz said he will recommend at a Jan. 28 hearing that the Committee for Fees Allocation not cut services, whatever the final budget increase may be.

The unions have on reserve \$103,000, Swanson said. Regardless of the final approved budget, \$25,000 is expected to be added to the reserve next year.

Three years ago the reserve didn't exist, Swanson said

Swanson said some operations require total student fee support such as the Campus Activities and Programs office. Some income producing operations, such as the Colonial Dining Room, have lost money, but other income producing operations, such as the Union Square, are expected to add income.

It takes student fees to balance the budget, Swanson said.

Crisis center needs volunteers

By Gah Huey

The Drug Crisis Center, a United Way agency offering help to anyone with a drug or alcohol problem, needs volunteers, said Ann Naylor, the center's coordinator. The center at 1133 H St. is staffed by 10 volunteers.

"We need at least twice that many " Naylor said. "If I had more volunteers, I could expand the program to include drug presentations and drug rap groups."

She said she would also like to have a speaker's bureau of people who have gone through training, who know about drugs and who can talk to civic groups.

Because of understaffing, Naylor said the center offers only three main services a 24-hour crisis line, outreach services and drug analyzations.

The crisis line, a confidential service, advises anyone with a drug or alcohol problem, gives information about a drug and helps identify a drug problem. Depending on the problem, the line also gives referrals to specialists or other agencies.

The outreach service, a team of at least two volunteers



who are knowledgeable about drugs, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid and drug overdoses, rushes to homes to help anyone who had overdosed.

In other action, board member Laura Meyer announced John Duensing as the winner of the plaza sign contest.

Assistant Director of Operations Frank Kuhn said new

chairs were ordered for the Main Lounge in the Nebraska

Union, Swanson reported that the Union Square earned

\$7,600 in gross sales between Monday and Wednesday.

positions will be taken beginning next week.

Krantz announced that applications for Union Board

He will receive a first prize of \$25.

The third service, drug analyzation, is offered to people who want to have a drug analyzed. The agency takes the drug to a state lab, Naylor said.

According to Naylor, people use the crisis line the most

"We average about 50 calls a month," she said, "A majority of the calls come between noon and 6 p.m."

Naylor said people will call for many reasons. Parents call when they find drugs in their child's bedroom, Persons call in who are concerned about their spouses using drugs. People who have taken an overdose, on purpose or inadvertently, also call, she said.

Before the volunteers can be on the line, they must be trained, Naylor said. The training program takes four weeks, two nights a week.

In the program, the volunteers learn about pharmaceutical and street drugs, overdose aid, counseling skills, crisis intervention techniques and the "art" of making referrals.

After the four-week program, the volunteers have monthly meetings. Usually someone from the community will give a presentation, Naylor said.

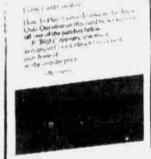
Volunteers then begin working on the line, using their own home phones. An answering service dispatches the drug crisis calls to the volunteers' homes.

Drug and alcohol use has become a more serious problem in recent years, Naylor said.

"Availability of drugs has increased," she said, "People are using drugs and alcohol at a younger age."

An agency such as the Drug Crisis Center is invaluable

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