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Recreation and union budgets reduced by CFA

By Mike Patras

The Committee for Fees Allocation recommended that the 1982-83 student fee allocations for the Nebraska Unions and the Recreation Department be reduced from their 1981-82 student fee allocation.

CFA last week recommended a \$118,764 reduction of the recreation department's budget request. CFA also recommended a \$194,460 reduction in the union's budget request. That does not include the proposed reductions from Student Activities and Financial Services.

Included in the recommended reductions are the student recreation supervisors' salaries for the following facilities: the Coliseum weightroom, Mabel Lee Hall gyms 301 and 313, Men's Physical Education Building, Schulte Fieldhouse, East Campus Activity Building and East Campus and Harper/Schramm/Smith tennis courts. The courts are supervised during summer school.

Stan Campbell, intramurals coordinator, said if super-

visors are not provided for these facilities they will be closed to students.

The only facilities that would be available for open recreation in 1982-83 would be the Coliseum main floor, swimming pool (if repaired) and the Mabel Lee Hall swimming pool.

Dan Steller, director of the recreation department, said that if this recommended budget is approved it would mean the complete elimination of recreation programs for students.

The committee also recommended cutting the requested additional dollar of student fees which would have been used to light the East Campus playing field.

Mark Ebel, coordinator of outdoor programs, said the committee also recommended a 75 percent reduction of student rental equipment. The recreation department had requested to replace the equipment, he said.

The Recreation Advisory Board is circulating a petition protesting the recommended allocation. The petition will

be available in all of the buildings affected by the recommended allocation. It also will be available at all fraternities, sororities, residence halls, co-ops, and at a booth in both unions. The petition will be presented to the committee when the recreation department appeals the recommended allocation Feb. 23.

According to Campbell, UNL already had the lowest number of hours per student per week for indoor recreation among Big Eight schools. Campbell said that during the recreation department's presentation to the committee, no questions were asked in the areas that were cut.

Jim Frohman, CFA committee chairman, said the fee determination process allows each fee user the opportunity to appeal the recommended allocation.

"The appeals give the fee user a chance to correct our mistakes," he said.

The recreation department is a Fund B user. For Fund B users, the committee serves in an advisory role. The NU Board of Regents makes the final decision, Frohman said.

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TRUE party 'not affected by any red tape'

By Ward W. Triplett III

Sometime last December, junior Michael Ford and senior Dan Hohensee got into a conversation about the ASUN Senate and what it had done for them and other UNL students during the last three years.

"Basically, it was like ASUN was off in the distance. They never directed anything toward the students, nor tried to get students involved in the issues," Hohensee said.

"Really, we couldn't think of anything at all they had done for us," he said.

Sunday, Ford announced his candidacy for senate president, with Hohensee running for first vice president and junior Ronda Granger for second vice president. The three belong to the TRUE party, which is not an acronym, but represents what the group will give UNL student government, Ford said.

"We don't feel ASUN is truly representative of student interest. We don't feel it goes after the student opinion... members of ASUN don't have a lot of interaction with students and don't try to," Ford said.

"We feel that we can offer a fresh, new approach. Our opinion is that the government should go to the people, not wait for the people to come to it. With our interaction of new ideas, we can bring a fresh look to ASUN that people can look at and see what it's doing for them," he said.

One reason Ford is sure TRUE can bring new ideas to the government is that neither he, nor any of his party members so far, have ever been senators.

"We feel that's to our advantage. We don't know the ASUN system, so we won't be affected by any red tape the others will. We will be there voicing opinions as students, not politicians, and we won't act like politicians," he said.

Ford said that TRUE will sponsor open forums to allow more student input, as well as issue bi-weekly reports about the issues students should be concerned with. The report would include columns by the senate president and chairpersons of important student groups, so students will have an idea of what their leaders are thinking and doing. TRUE also will try to begin an off-campus organization that would parallel the Residence Hall Association and Panhellenic organizations, and form a minority commission composed of minority students and senators to insure that their opinions will be voiced as well.

"We also want to form a regent's committee, which would try to get regents here to speak or communicate with students. We think we can develop a good working relationship with the regents that way," Ford said.

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Photo by D. Eric Kircher

Michael Ford

Candidate Stonecipher runs without party

By Betsy Miller

Two UNL juniors who said the ASUN Senate party system does not work and that party acronyms "are a joke" are running for senate president and first vice president.

Brian Stonecipher, 20, an industrial engineering major from Hastings, is running for president, and Stephen Schlachter, 21, a chemistry major from Hastings, is a candidate for first vice president.

Stonecipher said they will be identified only by the title of Stonecipher and Schlachter and will not seek a second vice presidential candidate. He also said they will not have students align with them to run for senate seats.

Stonecipher, currently a senator from the College of Engineering and Technology, said the party system doesn't work. He said even though students run for office as members of the same party, they soon forget their party ties after they are

elected.

Stonecipher plans to remove the party system, he said. A change in the electoral commission rules could eliminate parties, he said.

He said too many candidates for senate executive offices urge students who have campaigned for them to run in their party as senators. Students who are dedicated to serving well as senators are overlooked," he said.

Parties also tend to obscure the opinions of candidates, Schlachter said.

"The people never have to say anything about their individual stands; they can hide behind the party platforms," he said.

Senate committee roles also should be strengthened so they can screen bills before they reach the senate floor, Stonecipher said. Currently, the senate can still consider bills that were killed in committee.

The two also said they are committed to dealing only with issues that directly affect the university.

Stonecipher called El Salvador and nuclear disarmament "garbage issues" for ASUN because they don't deal with the concerns of senators' constituents.

"It's a political science playground," he said.

He said some senators also have secondary motives for running for office, such as improving their resumes.

"It's a social-climbing stop for them," he said.

His campaign may have problems, Stonecipher said, because he is not the "designated Greek candidate." He said he has heard some Greek leaders don't approve of his campaign because they feel the vote will be split between REAL Party candidate Dan Wedekind and himself. Stonecipher is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Wedekind, who is married, is an out-of-house member of Ag Men fraternity. Stonecipher said Wedekind has the Greek support.

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Photo by D. Eric Kircher

Brian Stonecipher

Party runs again with STUPID platform

By Betsy Miller

The STUPID Party has been revived for the 1982 ASUN Senate election. The party favors mandatory alcohol consumption in residence halls, electing senators according to zodiac signs and housing some students in parked train cars, among other things.

The Students Taking an Unlimited Part in Democracy Party II candidates for senate president, first vice president and second vice president sponsored a press conference Friday in the Harper Hall basement and presented their platform for the 1982 election.

Mike Frost, 20, a junior from Omaha majoring in political science and sociology, is the STUPID candidate for president.

Ben Miller, 20, a junior from Pender majoring in music and psychology, is the party's first vice presidential candidate. Jeff Rushall, 21, a junior from Scottsbluff, majoring in math and music, is the second vice presidential candidate.

The STUPID party was unsuccessful in last year's election, but Frost said he has determined why.

"We just didn't get enough votes. I felt that was a real deterrent to winning," he said.

Frost said the mandatory alcohol

consumption policy in the residence halls will mean student assistants won't have to cite as many students for violations.

He said the STUPID budget "is one the Unicameral will understand," and includes the addition of generic classes.

The party also wants the administration to be paid minimum wage.

To reduce library costs, all the books could be sold and replaced with Cliff's Notes, Frost said.

He said bribery might be used by the student regent to work productively with the NU Board of Regents.

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Mike Frost