

# Record number of students get Fund A refunds

By Vicki Ruhga

Fund A student fee refunds totaling \$1,622.84 were given to 334 UNL students this semester, said Doug Metzger, accounting manager of Student Activities and Financial Services.

Fund A fees, which are for student organizations, account for \$4.94 of the total \$80 student fees paid by each student every semester. ASUN receives \$1.26 per student per semester; Nebraska State Student Association, 50 cents; Daily Nebraskan, 90 cents, and the University Program Council, \$2.28.

Fund B student fees amount to \$75.06 and are for institutional obligations and student services agencies, such as the University Health Center, Nebraska unions and recreation facilities.

The NU Board of Regents adopted the refund policy for Fund A student fees on May 17, 1980. Students receiving Fund A refunds are not eligible for ASUN free legal services, a student discount on classified ads in the Daily Nebraskan and free classes, speakers, films or other programs sponsored by the University Program Council. They also are not eligible for student-priced tickets for Foreign and American classic films, concerts, dances, trips or contests sponsored by UPC, said Sara Boatman, of the Campus and Activities Program Office.

Metzger said the application period for refunding was from Aug. 23 to Sept. 24, and the refunding period was from Sept. 27 to Oct. 8.

Refund information was placed on the instruction sheet for tuition payment, and two ads were placed in the Daily Nebraskan to inform students of the refund opportunity, Metzger said.

## 650 apply

He said that 650 students picked up application forms, but only 384 completed and returned them.

Of these, 50 students did not pick up the refund check. Metzger said the unclaimed money goes to the organizations it was collected for, as if the refund had not been requested.

In previous years, the number of students requesting refunds was not as large, Metzger said. He said this year more students probably were aware of the service.

In 1980-81, the first year of the refund policy, about \$670 was returned to 220 students in the first semester. In 1981, \$972.82, about half of the year's total, returned to 228 students in the first semester, Metzger said.

ASUN President Dan Wedekind said that general questionnaires were put out with the refund applications. Questions such as the student's sex, class, living unit, college and reason for getting a refund were asked, he said. Wedekind said the results were being tabulated and would be completed the middle of November.

"Many of the people getting refunds didn't realize that they would no longer be eligible for some of the services," Wedekind said. "We included the questionnaire to see whether or not we are reaching the largest amount of students in the best way possible."

## Students need every penny

Boatman said the UPC executive board believed that students request a refund because they need to get every penny possible. Although the amount of the refund is

pretty small, it may make a difference to some students, she said.

Other students may believe they don't use the services, Boatman said. In previous years, she said she knew of students who lost money on the refunds because they had to pay regular price for tickets to a UPC speech or play.

Metzger said identification cards of students who received refunds were marked to indicate their ineligibility for some services.

However, Metzger said there are services which are impossible to enforce, such as the Daily Nebraskan.

## Shorts

Sociology students interested in internship opportunities for the spring semester should attend an informational meeting Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in 707 Oldfather Hall.

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C.Y. Thompson Library will now be open until midnight for the rest of the semester.

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The Non-Traditional Students Association will have a meeting Friday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

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The International Folk Dancers will be teaching a short session on dancing, followed by request dancing in 119 Mabel Lee Hall on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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## Kerrey denounced for stance

Nes W. Forde, a professor of history at UNL and vice president of the Committee to Oppose Special Rights for Homosexuals, held a press conference Friday afternoon to denounce gubernatorial candidate Bob Kerrey's stance on gay rights.

As a member of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, Kerrey voted in favor of a resolution to the City Council recommending that the city ordinance prohibiting discrimination because of race or religion be extended to gays as well.

Forde said he thinks Kerrey's views on the issue are "extremely important. I was hoping it would become a campaign issue. I

realized a month ago it wasn't going to become an issue. So I talked with some former members of the committee and decided to take this action."

Forde said the Committee to Oppose Special Rights for Homosexuals formed last spring to fight the Gay Rights Ordinance on the May ballot but has since disbanded. The press conference was not an official action of the committee, nor was it an action to endorse Gov. Charles Thone, he said.

"I'm just trying to get Kerrey to fish or cut bait," Forde said. "I would like to see him (Kerrey) disavow his previous stance in support of homosexual rights."



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