

## Increase in student fees in view if CFA approves 1983-'84 budget request

By Ward Triplett

Students can expect to pay at least \$5 more in student fees to the two UNL Unions next semester if the 1983-84 budget request presented to the Committee for Fees Allocation last Friday is passed in February.

The increase was proposed primarily because the union must pay half of its utility bills next fall, marking the first time the union has been responsible for any of its own utilities. The increase also is needed because of the additional cost of moving the Culture Center to a new location.

With the 1983-84 budget request, the Nebraska Unions are seeking their first increase from University Program and Facilities Fees funding in five years. Full-time students were paying \$12.08 per semester for Union services this fiscal year, a figure that had fallen from \$13.77 in 1978-79. The 1983-84 request is \$17.10.

Union Director Daryl Swanson said the proposed budget would be difficult for students to accept.

"It's going to be a tough budget for everyone involved," Swanson said. "It's going to be tough to get accepted by the Union Board, by CFA, and ultimately, the fee-paying student."

The Union Board, which holds its first meeting of the semester Wednesday at the East Union, briefly reviewed budget requests from the various union departments at their final meeting last semester. The board approved a request that would have increased student fees by about \$4, but since that meeting the Culture Center increase and an increase in health insurance benefits for employees were added.

A proposal to move the Culture Center from its present location at 1012 N. 16th St. to the Terrace Hall annex currently occupied by the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity was presented in 1981. The feasibility study was completed in December of 1982.

Swanson said that he and Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor of student affairs, thought the Culture Center should be included in the current budget request partly because of the poor condition of the existing building.

The increase in health insurance benefits developed from the December meeting of the NU Board of Regents. Other requested increases are in students and staff labor and operating expenses, plus the budget allowed for a reduced net income and compensation for a projected 1982-83 net loss. Utilities, however, are by far the largest cause for the increase, adding more than \$3 to the request by itself.

The request still may not cover cost since staff raises were not included and the economy is not improving.

"We're asking for a substantial request in student fees knowing we haven't incorporated salary raises," Swanson said.

"That would have some effect on those numbers. Plus, the general economic climate still appears pretty weak," he said. "Our business isn't directly tied to the economy, but we've seen a downturn in food service and our other income areas."

"Students are not spending money in our facility like they did even last year, probably because they don't have it."

The Union budget will be reviewed at the Union Board meeting Wednesday for final recommendations and then presented to the CFA on Jan. 20.



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Crowds pour into the two campus bookstores Monday. Above: Students stand in long check-out lines at Nebraska Bookstore, 12th and R streets. Below: Students search for their text books among the crowd.

## BOOK BUYING

### I could get more use out of jeans

"They're always overpriced. They always will be. UNL junior Sue Baade seemed to voice the consensus of students buying books at the Nebraska Union Monday afternoon. Comments like "They're pretty expensive" from freshman Wes Sheppard and "They're always too high" from junior Kirk Cameron were echoed by many others.

While most students seemed somewhat resigned to the costs, sophomore Heidi Ore expressed the effects of it.

"Crying shame that we have to pay so much," Ore said. "It's such a deterrent. The thought crossed my mind to drop a class because of the price of the book. I could get more use out of a pair of jeans

than out of one of these books."

Students may need to be aware that there frequently are older editions that will serve just as well and for a cheaper price, some of the students said.

"Our professor told us that we could get the third or fourth edition of a book, but the Union Bookstore listed only the fourth edition under the course number, sophomore Anna Kuhn said. "I found the third edition somewhere else and saved \$10."

When asked how the book sales at the Union Bookstore were going, manager Larry Behrends said it was "too early to tell. There doesn't seem to be quite as much traffic as usual for this time."



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## Aripoli: Now is the time to apply for scholarships and limited financial aid

By Deb Kolc

"Now's the time to apply for financial aid and scholarships," said Don Aripoli, director of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Aripoli said he is optimistic about fiscal 1983-84 and believes his office has many of last year's problems resolved.

The office faced potential cuts and did not know exactly how much money was available.

"The federal government's plan to cut financial aid for students by 50 percent was unsuccessful," Aripoli said. "The actual cut ranged from only 5 to 10 percent."

"We know today how much money for funds is available, which will resolve one of the problems we faced in the last year," Aripoli said. "Last year the office didn't know the amount until July."

"We faced major changes and the first run through is difficult," said Elizabeth Carranza, assistant director of scholarships and financial aid.

Carranza said she is optimistic about the new year. She encourages students to read forms two or three times and to be consistent and accurate. This, she said, will speed up the process.

The actual amount of aid for 1983-84 is about the same as it was last year,

although the work study program received a \$12 million increase.

The Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) program now is receiving about \$178 million compared to \$286 million in 1981. "About 11,000 GSL loans have been processed — only about 1,000 less than last year," Carranza said, "but the amount of the loans was reduced for a good percentage of borrowers."

"Financial aid and scholarships are available for the coming academic year," Aripoli said. The amount of funding for federal aid is about the same as last year.

More than 700 different funds for scholarships are available.

"It is important to meet priority deadlines," Aripoli said, "because we no longer have enough funds for everyone."

In order to receive financial aid, these requirements must be met:

- Financial Aid Form must be filed.
- Student must have good standing and satisfactory progress academically.
- Student Aid Report (SAR) turned in regardless of eligibility
- Tax forms turned in, if requested.
- Transfer students must transfer financial aid transcripts.

Financial aid for 1983-84 should be awarded the first week in July, Aripoli said.