

Fund A refunds increase

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Staff Reporter

The number of students filing for full or partial Fund A refunds increased by 50 percent from last year.

During fall semester last year, 205 students filed for full refunds. The number increased to 310 this fall, with \$1,967.57 in refunds mailed to students, said Kim Underdahl, accounting manager for student activities and financial service.

In 1980 the NU Board of Regents adopted a policy requiring all students to pay Fund A student fees, but allowing students to file for refunds, she said.

Fund A refunds include student fees that finance student organizations. The full refund is \$6.18. ASUN would receive \$1.85, Daily Nebraskan, \$.94; UPC, \$2.89; and State Student Association, \$.50, Underdahl said. She said students lose no services by filing for the SSA portion of the refund.

This semester ASUN lost \$500.15 through refunds, Daily Nebraskan, \$302.68; UPC, \$916.13; and SSA, \$161, according to Underdahl.

Students receiving refunds filed forms from August 26 to September 27 at the Student Activities Financial Services office in the Nebraska Union. Student identification cards were punched to indicate what privileges a

student has forfeited by accepting the refund. She said there are different marks for students who receive partial refunds so they can still receive the services they paid for.

Students who receive refunds forfeit ASUN free student legal services, student discounts on Daily Nebraskan classified ads, and services from the University Program Council, she said. Students receiving refunds cannot attend free university classes, UPC programs, speakers, films and performing arts programs. Nor can they buy student-priced tickets for foreign and American classic films, model United Nations delegate films, concerts, dances, trips, contests and tournaments.

Neighborhood gatherings important

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Social get-togethers are important in neighborhoods. Kitty McGinnis, vice-president for the Hartley Neighborhood Association, said many of the group's programs acquaint people with their neighbors. Many people work all day, she said, so they don't get a chance to know their neighbors.

McGinnis said the Hartley Group has sponsored educational programs in weatherization of homes, as well as various self-help projects. This year, she said, the project will provide money for lower income residents to buy materials for home improvements.

Joan Higgins, a community resource specialist in the Community Resource Office, administers \$35,000 in federal

funds for neighborhood self-help projects. The office also administers a smaller fund to help neighborhood organizations plan fund-raising events and membership drives.

"I am the liaison between the neighborhood organizations and the city agencies," she said.

Higgins said she helps with projects and acts as advocate for the neighborhood organizations with city government.

Neighborhood organizations also give residents a voice in decisions affecting their lives.

"If you have one pencil and you try to break it, it'll break, but if you put two or three pencils together, you can't break them," said Bernice Polivka, a member of the South Salt Creek Com-

munity Organization.

The voice of neighborhood organizations has been quieter in recent years, Gulick said. He attributed that to the conservative political climate in the country and a negative image of neighborhood groups as a threat to the city.

But the negative image is unfounded, he said.

"The perception of neighborhood organizers as wild-eyed radicals is about as far as you can get from the truth," he said. Most people work at their job from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and then work for their community, he said.

While neighborhood groups may not be as political now as in the past, they are committed to improving life, Higgins said.

Transition group to help students cope with shyness

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Students who have problems making the transition from high school to college can find support in the Shyness-Transition to College Support Group, a UNL counseling official says. The UNL Career and Counseling Center formed the program.

"This group is geared toward students at any grade level who would like to feel less shy in their college life or as they anticipate encountering the job market," said counselor Clark House.

House said some problems students encounter are a lack of student interaction in classrooms, especially large lecture classes where students can feel lost in the crowd.

House said students' natural response to the new college environment is to seclude themselves. The support group's goal is to make them feel more comfortable in a social setting, he said.

The group will be "a supportive environment for the practicing of social skills," he said. Shy people think "the risk associated and the anxiety produced by communicating with others outweighs what they feel they can gain from the situation," House said.

The group meetings will begin Oct. 15 with a two-hour session each week for six weeks.

Shorts

In observance of World Food Day Wednesday, United Ministries in Higher Education is sponsoring a "Can-It" canned goods drive for Lincoln area food pantries. "Can-It" boxes will be distributed to all UNL Greek houses and most residence halls. Students are asked to donate canned goods between today and Thursday. For more information, call CORNERSTONE-UMHE at 476-0355.

Students who received tuition statements that showed a credit balance can pick up refund checks at the student accounts window, Administration Building 204, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, refund checks will not be available until about Nov. 6 for credit balances resulting from late scholarships, grants and awards that were not printed on tuition statements; courses dropped after Sept. 24, but before the end of the refund period, and overpayments. Students must present a valid UNL identification card to pick up refund checks. For more information call 472-2887.

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