Fees support student services programs, facilities, agencies

By Doug Forbes Staff Reporter

You can think of student fees, or "University Program and Facilities Fees" as a tax which supports non-academic services at UNL. Just like the taxes that you pay for the privilege of American citizenship, UPFF maintains services, facilities, and programs for the benefit of students. Whereas tuition revenues fund UNL's academic curriculum, student fees support student organizations and affairs. Some of the groups that receive UPFF for their budgets are the University Health Center, the Daily Nebraskan, the University Program Council, the Nebraska Unions, and the Campus Recreation program, Student fees, however, are not their only source of income. Many of these programs, facilities, and services generate their own income; others receive tuition and tax monies.

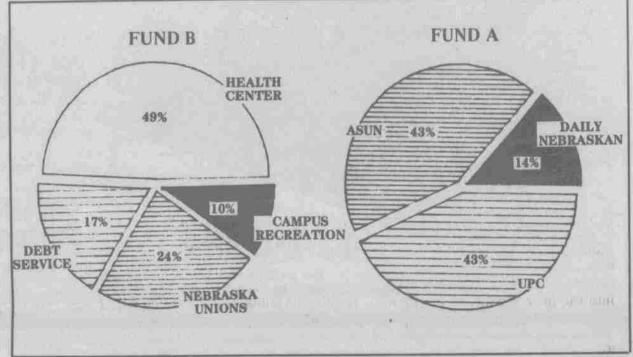
Student fees are divided into two groups: Fund A and Fund B. Fund A covers student organizations, while Fund B covers institutional obligations and student services agencies. The recently-completed addition to the University Health Center, for example, was paid for by bond revenues that are financed by Fund B fees. Fund A fees support the DN, ASUN, and the UPC. The division of fees income is mandated by UNL's Board of Regents.

Last year, the total revenue collected from UPFF was \$4,616,938 during the 1986-87 school term. A student carrying seven or more credit hours paid \$105.95. For the 1987-88 academic year, the total fees for a student carrying seven or more credit hours will increase slightly, to \$111, a 4.8% increase, said James Griesen, vice-chancellor of student affairs and advisor to the committee for fees allocation (CFA).

The CFA reviews the annual budget requests made by the various student-fees supported agencies. It consists of five ASUN senators and six elected representatives. Three members represent students living off-campus, two are from residence halls and one represents fraternity and sorority residents. This distribution of representatives reflects the actual ratio of UNL's students' residences. Three volunteers advise the CFA, including a faculty advisor, Griesen and a fiscal adviser from the budget office. Student organizations submit their budget requests to the CFA early in the spring semester. The CFA reviews them and makes recomendations to the ASUN. ASUN then endorses them or makes ammendments and sends them to the chancellor. The chancellor has the final approval of all fundings.

The CFA meets once a week in the fall semester and twice a week in the spring. Meetings are open to all UNL students.

Fund A fees, which will total \$7.02 next semester, are refundable. Information about getting the Fund A portion of your student fees refunded is available through the Student Activities and Financial Services, Nebraska Union 22.



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