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## CFA urged to fund gay/lesbian programming

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The Committee for Fees Allocation was urged to fund the Gay/Lesbian Program Committee by members and supporters during an open forum Thursday evening.

GLPC, which is an officially recognized but non-funded member of the University Program Council, seeks to educate students on the subject of homosexuality, said GLPC Chairman Nanci Hamilton. GLPC

has sought \$1,600, or 6.06 cents in fees per full-time student for programs during the 1989-90 academic year.

CFA, a subcommittee of ASUN, determines the amount of money to be allocated for student groups and also approves how these funds will be divided among each group.

Hamilton stressed the importance of funding for a homosexual student group.

"The only way to get rid of homophobia is to educate, and that is very hard to do without funding," she said.

"Being gay is a very scary and dangerous thing because of the rampant fear and homophobia."

Libby York, a CFA member, said results of student elections last March showed an "overwhelming" disapproval for GLPC funding.

York said she thinks she has a responsibility to allocate funds according to student wishes. One of these wishes, she said, is to lower student fees.

"It's not that we're just going out against your group," York said. "We've got to make cuts. We've got

to be fiscally responsible."

Chris Carroll, speaking for GLPC, said student disapproval is not relevant to the funding decision.

"Students had rejected it last year because of their rejection of the homosexual lifestyle, not rejection of GLPC," she said. "They're denying funding because of the morality of the issue."

Lewis Coulter, a junior finance major, said he attended the meeting because he wanted to see student fees lowered.

"I'm not arguing against this because I'm not gay," he said. "I'm arguing against this because I think my fees are too high. I'd like to see homecoming cut."

Kevin Lytle, CFA chairman, said there was a strong possibility funding would be approved for GLPC. He said it would be unfair not to fund the organization when money is given to the minority committee.

CFA will host a second open forum discussion at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the East Union.



An onlooker reads from the AIDS exhibit in Morrill Hall as a video of Martin Brunhouse, 'A Personal Look at the Biology of AIDS' plays Thursday. Brunhouse died of AIDS Oct. 22.

## AIDS exhibit draws tears from spectators

By Julie Dauel  
Staff Reporter

A young man with tears streaming down his face is one of the hundreds of people Ronald Young, curator of public programs at Morrill Hall, has seen looking at an exhibit titled "A Personal Look at the Biology of AIDS."

Young said the exhibit shows not only the medical aspects of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, but also the story of Martin Brunhouse, a Lincoln man's struggle with AIDS.

"The text on AIDS is so technical that we thought if we could marry the science part of AIDS with a personal story then we had something that could work," he said.

Brunhouse, 32, died of AIDS on Oct. 22. "He was a neat guy, very sharp and bright and a computer whiz," Young said.

"He wanted something good to come out of his struggle with AIDS," he said.

Young said Brunhouse agreed last summer to a two-hour videotaped interview from which quotes were extracted and included in the exhibit.

"The real educational value in the exhibit is Martin's side of AIDS," Young said.

"We thought it was real important to tell the story of a man (who lived in Lincoln), because AIDS is everywhere and not something that is only on the East or West coasts," he said.

Since the exhibit opened in August, Young said he has seen hundreds of people reading the information about AIDS and watching the videotaped interviews with AIDS victims and their family members.

Young said, at first, he did not know what kind of response the exhibit would get.

But, he said it has been successful with

everyone — school children to adults.

University students are the most drawn to the exhibit, he said.

"University students are the natural audience," he said, "because people who are away from home for the first time might become more sexually active while in college."

Young also credited part of the exhibit's success to a memo he sent asking biology professors to tell students about the exhibit.

Young said a part of the exhibit will be on permanent display after Morrill Hall's new health gallery is completed.

"We're also in the middle of trying to work out financing to let the exhibit travel to other universities and colleges in the state," he said.

The exhibit was dedicated in a 20-minute ceremony Thursday, which was World's AIDS Day, by Erroll Brunhouse, Martin's father.

## Roskens says student vote up to regents

By Lee Rood  
Senior Editor

University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens said Monday "there appears to be reasonable arguments" in support of student regents having a non-official vote at NU Board of Regents meetings.

However, Roskens said, the final decision "is a policy decision that the regents need to make."

Roskens and Regent Don Fricke spoke to a group of about 35 students in an open forum in the Nebraska Union sponsored by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska and the Government Liaison Committee.

Roskens said that whether or not the vote is approved, student regents have "not only been permitted, they have been encouraged to speak

out" on student issues.

Jeff Petersen, UNL's student regent and president of ASUN, and two student regents from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center said they plan to announce the non-official vote at next Saturday's regent meeting.

Petersen said student regents want themselves to be more accountable to NU students.

Fricke said NU's three student regents do not necessarily have to be citizens of Nebraska or the United States, but by Nebraska's constitution, regents do. Student regents who are not citizens of either, would not be able to vote because of that, he said.

Fricke, from Lincoln, also said that theoretically, student regents could all be from the same Nebraska district. Regents are elected to

represent geographical regions of the state.

On the issue of minorities, Roskens said there has been more and more networking and recruiting to increase the number of minority faculty and students.

Roskens said, however, that the population of qualified faculty the university has to choose from is small.

"But we can't keep using that argument," he said.

Roskens said the same effort is being used to increase women and minorities in administrative positions.

Roskens would not say whether he was in favor of Kearney State College becoming a part of the NU system, a proposal that probably will be voted on in the Nebraska Legislature's January session.

Friday

CORRECTION

In a story about ASUN (DN, Dec. 1), the day of the next NU Board of Regents meeting was wrong. The next meeting is December 10.

Friday, sunny and mild, high in the low 60s with SW winds at 10-15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy, low in the lower 30s. Saturday, mostly sunny and cooler, high in the mid 50s.

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## RHA encourages extra polling places

By Victoria Ayotte  
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The Residence Hall Association passed a resolution Thursday night encouraging the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska to hold joint elections with RHA.

The resolution states that the goal of more voter turnout would be helped by holding joint elections, with additional polling places in Harper-Schramm-Smith, Abel-Sandoz and Cather-Pound-Neihardt dormitories.

RHA representatives will attend Wednesday's ASUN meeting and propose a joint election and additional polling places.

"We are taking a huge step in asking for this," said Bart Vitek, president of Abel Hall.

Doug Breuer, director of residential enhancement, said that extra polling places will create a "larger awareness of the ASUN elections and will encourage a larger voter turnout."

RHA Speaker Marlin Bergmann said that since one-third to one-fourth of the ASUN constituency is from the residence halls, if ASUN does not accept the resolution, it would "question the legitimacy of ASUN as a representative body."

Breuer said he has talked with some ASUN senators and their response so far has been negative.

"If we do not produce a strong resolution, they will not adopt this," Breuer said.

Stan Mommaerts, a graduate student senator from ASUN, was invited to the meeting to give advice on the document.

Mommaerts encouraged members to think carefully on the wording, saying "there are people on the senate who are going to fight you tooth and nail on this."

Breuer said he expects some opposition.

"They need to look at the big picture," he said.

## GLC lobbyist asks students to push for appropriations

By Eve Nations  
Staff Reporter

Tebbie Fiddelke, student lobbyist for the Government Liaison Committee, told about 10 students attending a financial aid meeting Thursday to write letters to Gov. Kay Orr, asking her to approve requests for increased appropriations to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"Writing letters to Gov. Orr will help bring attention to the problems in the financial aid office," she said. "We need to let her know that we appreciate her efforts for the university."

Fiddelke also asked students to write letters to their hometown newspapers.

According to Fiddelke, GLC is approaching the Legislature to ask them to approve the money appropriated for the financial aid office to 1989-90 instead of waiting until the 1990-91 budget.

"We need to get the money now for the financial aid office to do their job effectively," she said.

John Beacon, interim director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, also stressed the importance of permanent money for the operation of the financial aid office.

"Our salaries are way under par," Beacon said. "We have some temporaries (staff members) who need to be made permanent. We can't function effectively without an appropriate staff."

"It is important to keep the attention up front," Beacon said. "We need to keep the administration aware of the situation."