

UPC winds up budget requests to CFA

By David G. Young
Staff Reporter

Despite a surplus of more than \$5,000 in last year's budget, the University Program Council-American Minority Council requested a 2.56 percent increase in student fees Tuesday night.

AMC asked the Committee for Fees Allocation for \$18,271 in student fees, or 44 cents per student per semester. The 1989-90 request is \$455 higher than funding received by AMC this year.

Candace Howard, president of AMC, said the slight increase is necessary to obtain additional speakers for several AMC subcommit-

tees. CFA members expressed concern over the \$5,445 surplus which AMC accumulated last year. Howard said this surplus was the result of a number of structural problems within AMC. One of these problems was the existence of vacancies in subcommittee chairperson positions.

"I get very upset," CFA member Keith Malo said. "I don't understand in my heart why this committee wasn't restructured earlier and why you have all this money -- it just boggles my mind."

Ed Munoz, chairman for Chicano Special Events and Chicano Entertainment, said AMC could not be restructured because of a vacancy

in the position of coordinator for AMC. A task force currently is being organized to study restructuring possibilities, he said.

Part of this restructuring will include combining Chicano Entertainment with Chicano Special Events and Black Entertainment with Black Special Events, Munoz said. Part of the reason for this effort is to prevent the periodic vacancies in the committee chairperson positions, he said.

Malo said: "Here I see four people controlling all this money. I am curious to know why you can't get chair(persons)."

Tim Moore, program coordinator for Campus Activities and Programs, said these vacancies reflect a campus problem where a small

number of minorities hold positions on several minority committees.

UPC-East and two remaining organizations within UPC-City also presented student fee requests. UPC-East requested \$22,301 in student fees, or 54 cents per student per semester. This is a 10.91 percent increase from this year.

UPC-City requested \$59,317, or \$1.43 per student per semester. This is an increase of 13.75 percent. UPC's overall request for student fees amounts to \$183,238, or \$4.39 per student per semester. This is a 17.87 percent increase from this year.

UPC is a Fund A organization. Student fees paid out of Fund A are refundable upon request, while Fund B fees cannot be refunded.



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Bryan Peterson, a sophomore criminal justice major, checks out his throat in UNL's self-help cold clinic.

Vacation germs increase sickness

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

Calling the University of Nebraska-Lincoln a "hot-bed of germs," Dr. Gerald Fleischli of the University Health Center blamed many of the recent student illnesses on germs contracted during winter break.

Fleischli, medical director at the health center, said although he doesn't have exact figures on the number of students who have been treated for cold and flu symptoms at the health center this January, he has noticed there's been an increase from previous months.

Fleischli said many students pick up "exotic germs" while vacationing. It takes a couple of weeks for those germs to spread throughout the UNL community, he said.

As a result, Fleischli said, the increase in illnesses at UNL since break

probably has come from germs that students contracted during winter vacation and passed on to others.

Similar occurrences happen after spring and summer breaks, he said.

Fleischli also said the increase in colds and flus every January can be attributed to the cold weather.

Cold weather seems to keep people indoors and closer together, thus increasing the chances for germs to spread, he said.

Although there are hundreds of viruses which cause colds and flus, Fleischli said people can help prevent their spread by covering their mouths when coughing or sneezing.

Coughing and sneezing releases particles containing germs that can fly onto other people, he said.

Some of the common symptoms of colds and flus include nasal congestion, watery eyes, fevers, slight coughs and aches and pains, he said.

Fleischli said students can help

prevent winter illnesses by washing their hands before they eat, not sharing drinking glasses, not chewing on their fingernails or pencils, and by getting plenty of rest and eating good nutritious meals.

"The older I get, the more I found out that what they told you in kindergarten is true," Fleischli said.

Fleischli said the health center offers a cold clinic where students can conduct a self-assessment to determine if their illnesses warrant professional attention.

During the self-assessment, Fleischli said, students check themselves for such things as fevers and sore throats.

If students are suffering from a high fever, lung congestion, an extremely sore throat or an unusual presentation of symptoms, Fleischli said they should come to the health center.

Center aims to improve manufacturing

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Also, Rajurkar said, the center is developing better adaptive control systems so machines used in manufacturing could be able to adjust themselves without human supervision.

"As for accomplishments, we have improved the productivity of one machine by almost 40 percent by developing a better adaptive control system," Rajurkar said, "and a company in England is using some of

our research conclusions in brochures to sell equipment."

The research center is involved with projects across the country and Rajurkar said he hopes to get more research equipment from Washington and Pennsylvania.

He said center officials also are negotiating with the National Science Foundation and the National Center for Manufacturing Science for funding of more new equipment.

Rajurkar said he hopes the center

will provide learning opportunities in the emerging field of non-traditional manufacturing to faculty and students of UNL and also to practicing engineers and scientists.

The laboratory is located in the Walter Scott Engineering Center. The research center is organized within the Industrial and Management Systems Engineering Departments with participation from the College of Engineering and Technology.

Historical society's support to speed burials

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Peregoy praised Baack for his involvement with the measure, which was discussed in a Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee hearing last week, AP said.

Hanson made a practical decision,

Chambers said, because support for the bill is too widespread for any opposition to interfere.

"Mr. Hanson, being a pragmatist, saw the handwriting on the wall," he said. "He saw that the bill was going to pass with or without his support."

AP reported that Hanson said his

decision to compromise was based on a letter he received from the widow of former Head Chief of the Nebraska Pawnees, Garland Blaine. Blaine's "eloquent and convincing" letter explaining her husband's beliefs about Pawnee burial traditions influenced Hanson, the report said.

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NEWS

Talks & Topics to host forum on financial aid

The University Program Council's Talks & Topics Committee begins its Wednesday open forums today at 1:30 p.m. in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union.

This week's topic is financial aid. John Beacon, interim director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, will be available to answer questions and hear comments from students during the forum. On Feb. 8, faculty salaries will be discussed.

Booth named distinguished sociology professor

Alan Booth, professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was named College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Sociology early this month at the NU Board of Regents meeting.

UNL professors awarded science fellowships

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors have been elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Theo Sonderegger, psychology professor, and Lowell Moser, agronomy professor, were among 316 individuals to receive such recognition for "efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications," during the association's recent meeting in San Francisco.

Sonderegger has been with UNL since 1976; and Moser since 1970.

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