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Campus Rec pursues student fees hike

By Lisa Twiestmeyer
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Campus Recreation will ask for a \$7 per student per semester increase in student fees when it presents its 1989-90 budget request to the Committee for Fees Allocation tonight.



Stan Campbell, director of Campus Rec, said \$6.76 of the proposed increase will be used to pay programming, operation and maintenance costs associated with the completion

of Phase II of the Campus Recreation Center.

Phase II of the rec center is scheduled for completion July 15. The phase includes construction of an addition to the east side of the NU Coliseum, including basketball, volleyball and raquetball courts, a weight room, equipment rental and check out area, and a renovated swimming pool.

The added \$7 per student per semester would increase Campus Rec's student fee budget to \$963,689, a 51.7 percent increase from this year's budget of \$635,346.

The \$6.76 increase would generate \$317,085 in 1989-90 for the rec center. The remaining 24-cent increase, amounting to \$11,258, would be used to increase the budget for

such programs as Outdoor Adventures and club sports.

Campus Rec's student fee allocation is part of Fund B of the University Program and Facilities fees that students pay each semester. Fund B also includes the budgets of the University Health Center, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Debt Service and the Nebraska unions. Fund B fees are non-refundable.

Campbell said he does not anticipate opposition to the proposed increase. In spring 1987, Campus Rec went to various student groups and informed them of how much student fees would increase because of the rec center, he said, and the students gave their approval.

"We have been very realistic and very up front about the costs," Campbell said. "All we are asking

for is what students previously committed to."

During the 1985-86 ASUN elections, a question was included on the ballot asking students if they supported the construction and maintenance of a rec center that would be partially funded by an increase in student fees.

According to ASUN records, 2,089 students voted in favor of the center and 1,065 voted against.

Campbell said the NU Board of Regents and the administration also approved construction of the center, and were aware of the needed student fee increases.

The 1988-89 budget included a \$3.54 per student fee increase for the rec center, Campbell said. Campus Rec had estimated a \$4 increase for

that year. The estimated fee increase for the 1989-90 budget had been between \$7 and \$8, he said.

"We have stayed within what we've been telling students all along," Campbell said. "Obviously we want to keep (fees) as low as possible and still provide what students expect."

Kevin Lytle, chairman of CFA, said he does not expect any problems in approving the Campus Rec budget. Students gave their support for a fee increase before the center was approved, he said. Even if CFA didn't approve the budget, he said, their decision wouldn't make it past the administration.

CFA Fund B recommendations must be approved by Chancellor Martin Massengale and the NU Board of Regents.

Financial aid director rectifying problems by merging offices

By Natalie Weinstein
Staff Reporter

The problems students faced this year with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid won't repeat themselves next year, the director of the office said Wednesday afternoon.

"I say this confidently. Our problems are behind us," John Beacon told about 10 students at a forum in the Nebraska Union set up by the University Program Council's Talks & Topics Committee.

Beacon said he knows some students will have to see it to believe it.

"I don't expect you to sit there and believe me," he said. "I have to buy back your confidence."

Beacon said the office will begin processing award notifications in mid-April. Last year, he said, the office did not start working on them until mid-June.

Students should receive their award notifications by the end of spring semester or in early June, he said. Students will then have the entire summer to process their student loan applications.

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ASUN passes bill to create test files in UNL libraries; ethics of bill not challenged

By Ryan Steeves
Staff Reporter

Student access to old tests could soon become a little easier at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska passed a bill Wednesday night instructing ASUN's Senate Academic Committee to work to establish a test file in UNL libraries.

The file would store tests that UNL professors have given in the past. Graduate Sen. Stan Mommaerts, chairman of the Academic Committee, said he will work to have the files available to students by next fall.

According to the bill, many greek houses and other student organizations already have test files, giving members of such organizations an unfair advantage over nonmembers.

The bill, passed by a vote of 12-7, also states that the disadvantage will continue as long as UNL professors "do not substantially rewrite their tests."

"It has been pointed out that this would be anti-academic -- that people would use it to cheat," Mommaerts said. "But I see this as pro-academic . . . because it will make professors change their tests."

But senators didn't challenge the ethics of the bill. Instead, some senators were concerned about potential costs, the extra work load librarians could incur and the worth of such a file.

Sen. Kristi Hunt of the College of Engineer-

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Scaf "folding"

Strong winds cause the scaffolding set up to remove paint from the Hardy Building at 335 N. 8 St. to collapse Wednesday morning.

Bill suggests required 'volunteer work'

By Kathy Borman
Staff Reporter

A bill introduced in Congress last week by Democratic leaders would seek to make civilian or military volunteer service a prerequisite for most federal student financial aid in the future.

The bill, called the Citizenship and National Service Act, would require young people to volunteer for one or two years to a civilian or military post in return for sustenance pay while serving in the program.

Upon completion of the service, participants would receive a voucher worth \$10,000 for civilian work and \$12,000 for military service. The money would act as a grant for college, job training or housing downpayments.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., introduced the bill in the U.S. Senate Jan. 25. A similar version was introduced by Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., in the House of Representatives.

The Senate bill was drafted in large part by the Democratic Leadership Council under the chairmanship of Nunn, according to Pam Lalonde, press secretary for the council. She said experts in military and civilian service were

among the sources contacted in drafting the bill.

Civic obligation was the "pillar behind the program," Lalonde said.

"This has become too much an entitlement society," she said.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he opposes the bill because it would discriminate against minorities. Only potential students in lower income ranges would have to participate in community services for financial aid, Griesen said.

"Thus, there would be a disproportionate effect on minorities since they fall into the lower income ranges," he said.

Griesen said he wouldn't object to a proposal to augment existing grants with community service-based grants. But requiring community service to receive most federal grants "would be the wrong move," he said.

Lalonde said the bill was designed to take care of many of the country's social problems through the community service arm of the plan. The work of the Civilian Corps would involve jobs such as day care, care of the elderly and efforts against illiteracy.

Sustenance pay while serving in the pro-

gram would consist of \$100 a week plus health insurance for those serving in the civilian corps and two-thirds of basic military pay for those serving in the military.

The basic plan of the bill would require a one- or two-year commitment to civilian work, to be decided by the volunteer, or a two-year commitment to military service.

"Military is usually the greater commitment," stated Julie Abbot, legislative director to Nunn. She said that a young person also could volunteer to the military reserve for eight years in exchange for a \$12,000 voucher.

"Essentially the voucher would replace current grant programs," Abbot said.

She said most people would not be eligible for federal loans or grants without participating in the program.

People who still qualified financially for aid after receiving the voucher would be eligible for other forms of federal aid, Abbot said.

Abbot said a few young people would be exempted from the program, including young mothers. These people would be eligible for current forms of student aid.

Abbot said about 800,000 young people per

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CORRECTION
Dora Bahr was misidentified (DN, Feb. 1). She is a junior majoring in Spanish, sociology and secondary education.

WEATHER: Thursday, windy and cold, 20 percent chance of light snow, temperatures 5-10, winds 15-30 mph, becoming gusty by afternoon causing dangerous windchills. Thursday night, bitterly cold with temperatures 5-10 below zero.

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