

Fees support programs that enhance campus life

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Although student fees temporarily deprive the individual student of some bucks, the entire university community benefits.

Students have been charged such fees since 1938, according to Bryan Hill, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Today, student fees, technically known as University Program and Facilities Fees, subsidize the University Health Center, Campus Recreation, ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council.

UPC sponsors foreign films, brings in national speakers, major performing artists and coordinates many other events. Information on services provided by other student-funded programs appears throughout this special issue.

Who will get money and how much is first determined by ASUN's Committee for Fees Allocation, Hill said. The committee is made up of five ASUN senators and six students elected at large.

The CFA budget is sent to the ASUN senate for approval. Groups that object to the budget can appeal CFA's decision there, Hill said.

If ASUN and its president approve the budget, it then goes to James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Griesen and Chancellor Martin Massengale have final say on part of the budget, known as Fund A. Griesen, Massengale and the NU Board of Regents must approve the rest of the budget, known as Fund B.

ASUN, UPC and the Daily Nebraskan all belong to Fund A. Students can obtain refunds for the Fund A portion of their student fees by going to Nebraska Union 222 and asking for a refund. About 900 students asked for refunds last year, Hill said.

Fund B subsidizes the health cen-

ter, campus recreation programs and facilities, Nebraska Unions and the debt service.

"It'd be hard to have the health center or campus rec with refunds," Hill said.

Last year, student fees were \$124 per semester, but according to Griesen, the fees are going up.

Maintenance and operating expenses for Cook Pavilion, racquetball and handball courts and the east addition to the Coliseum will cost each student \$6.85, Griesen said. Fees will increase in a few years when the Coliseum is completely renovated, he added.

In addition, the Nebraska Legislature approved a 10.43 percent raise for office and staff employees and an 8.22 percent raise for managerial and professional employees. This also will increase student fees.

In 1989-90, each UNL student will pay \$2.91 for ASUN, \$4.25 for UPC and 94 cents for the Daily Nebraskan, Griesen said. Fund A has been completely approved, but Fund B is pending approval from Massengale and the regents.

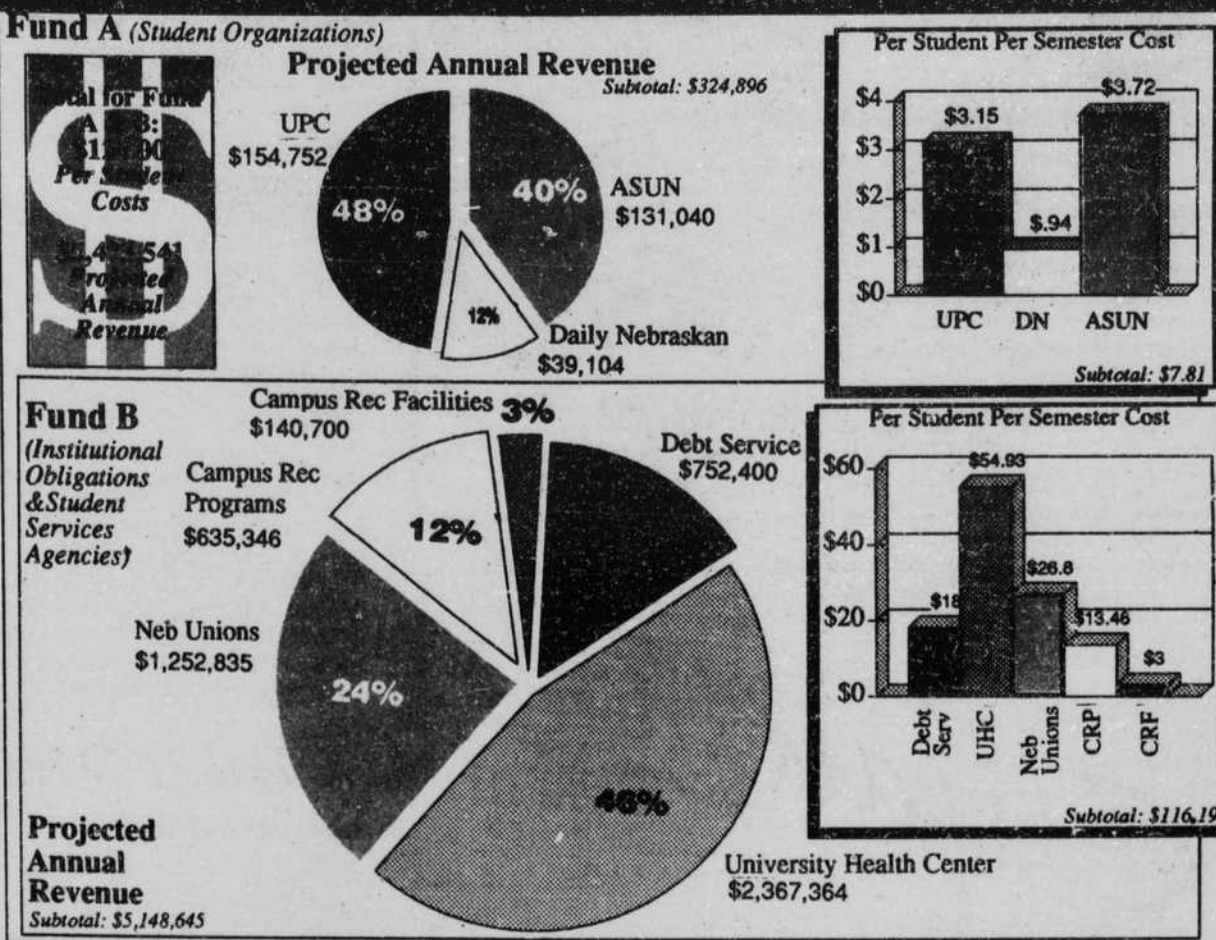
Student fees for 1989-90 should not be more than \$140 per semester for each student, Griesen said.

Fund A 1989-90 allocations are \$121,102 for ASUN, \$176,525 for the University Program Council and \$39,193 for the Daily Nebraskan.

The recommended 1989-90 Fund B budget is \$2,371,934 for the health center, \$963,689 for recreation programs, \$140,700 for recreation facilities, \$1,240,849 for Nebraska Unions and \$752,400 for debt service. These figures do not include salary increases.

By comparison, 1988-89 fees were \$131,159 for ASUN, \$154,904 for UPC, \$39,193 for the Daily Nebraskan, \$2,367,364 for the health center, \$635,346 for recreation programs, \$140,700 for recreation facilities, \$1,252,835 for Nebraska Unions and \$752,400 for debt service.

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