

RHA to clarify its role in spending floor funds

By Lesli Thorn
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association's role in determining how floors use their funds must be decided, RHA officers said Sunday.

"As student leaders, what kind of community do we create?" asked Matt Hammons, Cather Residence Hall president. "Do we just hand out money?"

Floor funds are apportioned to the halls from the housing budget each year to promote floor unity and a feeling of community, Hammons said.

Peggy Horton, Pound Residence Hall president, said the only housing policy concerning floor fund usage states that common area damage in the halls could be paid for with floor funds.

Hammons added that floors have purchased VCRs and food for residents with floor funds, and in doing so, did not return funds to the floor.



"Free food does not promote community," he said.

Because floor funds come from housing, RHA needs to determine its role in deciding floor fund usage, Horton said.

"Do we need to change?" she asked. "What is RHA's role? If we have a role, what stand will we take?"

But Giles Schildt, Harper Residence Hall president, said, "We should be leery of trying to make any sorts of dictates to halls."

"If the only way we give money is with conditions, then we will have a worse relationship with the halls," he said.

Schildt said the Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Association discussed this issue two years ago, but representatives were concerned with deciding what to do with funds, not restricting funds.

Mike Lewis, RHA president, said RHA shouldn't try to answer questions for which they don't have the answers.

He suggested RHA members discuss the issue with local governments.

Diamond

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New Zealand, she can be found in the classroom or behind a desk in Morrill Hall.

As a curator of public programs at Morrill Hall, her job includes working on a project renovating exhibits and expanding educational programs for the museum. She also teaches a graduate course in museum studies.

Diamond said she wanted to modernize and expand the museum's education programs so they would help schools throughout Nebraska.

For the next 15 years, she said, a new exhibit hall would open every other year in Morrill Hall.

Work on a new exhibit hall on the "Age of Dinosaurs" will begin next year, she said. The exhibit will be a model for innovative technology for university museums around the country, she said.

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involve the Teachers College, the biology, physics, geology and psychology departments, the Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Nebraska Medical Center in the museum's expanded exhibits and educational efforts.

"I believe that university museums have been isolated from resources of the university in the past," she said.

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Morrill Hall officially has been designated to house a university-wide math, science and technology demonstration center to open in early 1993, she said.

For the next three years, Diamond and Bond will travel to New Zealand to finish their research on Kea parrots. They plan to write a book on the bird's behavior, she said.

The two also plan to continue their studies on the social behavior of birds, she said, but they eventually want to study a species of birds in the United States.

"We want to stay in the U.S. for a while," she said.

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ganization" in 1991.

Through the program, university employees receive discounts if they go to physicians who are participating in the program, Clayton said.

The university also implemented the "Prescription Drug Program" Jan. 1, Clayton said.

Instead of filing a claim for a prescription, employees can go to participating pharmacists and get their medications at a lower price, he said.

Because these programs are new, he said, figures showing their effectiveness are not available yet.

In addition to these new programs, Clayton said the university was stressing a wellness attitude to help employees stay healthy.

MBA

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Both colleges require 36 hours of graduate courses.

Bateman said students would choose to go with either program for different reasons.

"Students may choose Chadron State because it requires fewer requirements and may better meet their individual needs," he said. "UNL may be preferred for more analytical and quantitative management training or to receive their MBA from a different school."

"This cooperative program draws resources to focus on the needs of the student," Bateman said. "Hopefully it will have an impact on their managerial skills and have a positive effect on important businesses in the Panhandle."

Bateman said he hoped students in western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming would take advantage of the higher education programs. He said 10 to 15 students expressed an interest in the first year.

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