

CFA denies newspaper Daily Nebraskan gets no increase in student funds

By Jody Holzworth
Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation denied an appeal Tuesday from the Daily Nebraskan for a \$5,000 increase in student fees.

The Daily Nebraskan was asking for 11 cents more per semester per student to help combat decreased advertising revenues.

"This increase would help pay for a paper students receive practically for nothing every day," Jeremy Fitzpatrick, Daily Nebraskan editor, said.

The increase was needed only for the 1994-95 school year until the newspaper hired a professional advertising manager to increase revenues, Fitzpatrick said.

Shawntell Hurtgen, CFA chairwoman, said the extra revenue was not needed because the newspaper's printing costs were not rising next year.

"Student fees are responsible only for Daily Nebraskan printing costs," Hurtgen said. "The allocation they

had last year is fine." Fitzpatrick said the recent eight-page newspapers were due to a lack of advertising. UNL athletic coaches, faculty and students have called and complained about the newspaper's small size, he said.

A decrease in the newspaper's quality could continue if the Daily Nebraskan was denied the increase, Fitzpatrick said.

Hurtgen said students should not have to pay for the newspaper's own mistakes.

"I have a real problem with us paying for their staff not getting ads," she said.

Fitzpatrick said student fees only accounted for \$40,000 of the Daily Nebraskan's \$600,000 budget. The remaining money is earned through advertising.

"We provide \$560,000 every year so students can have a newspaper," Fitzpatrick said.

"The Daily Nebraskan has barely received any increases in funding for the past 10 years," he said. "ASUN committees have received increases every year."

John Barrett, CFA vice chairman, said the Daily Nebraskan was a business and did not need as much support as ASUN committees.

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tioned why he did not re-read Bjorklund his Miranda Rights when he started asking about the murder.

Sorensen said he thought he did not have to re-read the rights and that it was Bjorklund who initiated the contact.

Testimony from Lancaster County Corrections officers also was admitted into evidence. The officers testified on conversations they overheard while Bjorklund was confined.

Officer Matt Rohrer said he over-

heard a phone conversation where Bjorklund said he wanted to go to trial and plead guilty.

Rohrer overheard Bjorklund say the electric chair would be better than jail, and he wanted to fire his attorney.

Prosecutors have said they would seek the death penalty against Bjorklund.

Bjorklund said he wished the state would just electrocute him and get it over with, Officer Brad Johnson testified.

Lincoln Police Sgt. Sandra Myers is expected to take the stand today at 9:30 a.m. as the suppression hearings continue.

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He also urged sportsmen to "join us in a common campaign to reduce gun violence."

The emphasis on crime follows polls suggesting that crime has become the No. 1 concern of most Americans.

The president also included a strong pitch for overhauling the nation's welfare system.

He said his welfare reform package would withhold certain benefits to pregnant teens.

"We will say to teen-agers, if you have a child out of wedlock, we will no longer give you a check to set up a separate household. We want families to stay together."

Welfare reform was given added emphasis in the speech after Senate Finance Committee Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York complained about inattention to the problem. His committee will handle both health care and welfare reform.

Clearly the centerpiece of Clinton's agenda remained his health care plan — which would extend coverage to all Americans, largely by requiring all employers to pay 80 percent of the cost.

He called for bipartisan support for health care reform and said: "For 60 years, this country has tried to reform health care. President Roosevelt tried. President Truman tried. President Nixon tried. President Carter tried. Every time, the powerful special interests defeated them. But not this time."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the president's chief adviser on health care, was seated in the gallery between AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and Jack Smith, the chief executive officer of General Motors.

Police search for missing man

From Staff Reports

The Lincoln Police Department is requesting information about the disappearance of a Pakistani man missing since Jan. 11.

Irfan Khan, 40, reportedly left his Lincoln home and never returned.

He is described as 5 feet 8 inches

tall and 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Khan often used the University of Nebraska-Lincoln library, police said.

Anyone with information on Khan's whereabouts can contact the Lincoln Police Department or Crime Stoppers.

Commission director resigns

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

At a Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education meeting Tuesday, Executive Director Bruce Stahl officially announced his resignation after three years of service.

Although Stahl declined to comment on why he resigned, he released a statement Friday detailing his ambitions as the founding executive director when the commission was officially established in 1992.

"Among the most difficult tasks anyone can begin is one which is fraught with nearly impossible deadlines, inconsistent and unreasonable expectations, and a substantial dose of old-fashioned Missouri pessimism, 'Show me,'" Stahl

said in his statement.

Controversy has surrounded the commission since its conception. The debate has focused on whether the commission should act in a governing or advisory capacity.

Stahl included a list of commission accomplishments during the past two years. Among the things he cited was the creation of the Commission's Advisory Group and reviews of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

"Everything is critically important," Stahl said. "It's a culmination of what everyone has done."

Patsy Martin, communications and special projects coordinator for the commission, said Stahl's resignation came as a surprise.

"The staff was completely unaware of this," Martin said.

Martin said she was not sure why Stahl decided to resign.

"These positions are very difficult jobs," she said. "It's a focus for a lot of controversy."

Stahl's work in launching the commission should be commended, Martin said.

"He did what he did best for the first two years," Martin said. "He was great in getting the staff up and going. He was certainly well-qualified for what he had to do."

"We've accomplished a lot in a short period of time."

Martin said Stahl incorporated high standards of work ethics, determination and inspiration in his work with the commission.

Stahl officially will leave on or before Aug. 31. He said he did not know who would replace him.

Students to get another chance to voice opinion

From Staff Reports

Students with opinions about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Strategic Plan and Vision Statement will have the opportunity to be heard in an open forum at tonight's Association of Students of the University of Nebraska meeting.

The Vision Statement sets forth long-term goals for UNL. The Strategic Plan establishes steps to meet those goals.

The Strategic Plan includes strengthening and expanding UNL honors programs; expanding research opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students; expanding an active partnership with elementary, secondary and other postsecondary institutions; and developing additional family housing opportunities for students.

John Benson, director of research and planning at UNL, and Rita Kean, chairwoman of the academic planning committee, will attend the open forum to field questions about the Strategic Plan.

Keith Benes, president of ASUN, said few students attended the Vision Statement's first open forum Jan. 11.

Anyone with opinions on the statement would benefit from today's meeting, he said.

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